

# Colonial Court Records

## Individual Rights and Accusations

Defamation Complaint Against Mary Jennings, 1691	<a href="https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8761/rec/1">https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8761/rec/1</a>
Petition of Ann Steward, 1692	<a href="https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8825/rec/650">https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8825/rec/650</a>
Insult of King William by John Philpott, 1694	<a href="https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8864/rec/177">https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8864/rec/177</a>
Deposition of Thomas Boucher (Witchcraft Accusation), 1703	<a href="https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8799/rec/1">https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8799/rec/1</a> , <a href="https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8800/rec/1">https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8800/rec/1</a> , <a href="https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8801/rec/1">https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8801/rec/1</a>
Information of John Blacknall, 1725, <b>AND</b> Information of William Whitfield, c. 1720 (Interracial Marriage)	<a href="https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8324">https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8324</a> <b>AND</b> <a href="https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8812/rec/1">https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/8812/rec/1</a>

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## Reflect & Discuss

Consider that most of the documents in this selection involve women. What can you infer about their role in society from this group of documents?

These documents are records of individuals being taken to court and individual complaints against others they believed to be misbehaving. Could such behaviors warrant a court's attention today?