

Protocol of torture of Katharina Lips – 1673

„She should be thrown on the ground and beaten to death“

She has been reminded to tell the truth.

But she firmly denied, undressed herself heartily and willingly, after which the executioner roped her up and down on her hands, and the accused shouted: Alas! O woe!

Again she is roped and called loudly: Alas! O woe! Lord in heaven come to my rescue!

The toes have been roped, she called for vengeance and her arms broke.

The spanish boots were put on, the screw on the right leg has been tightened and she was coaxed to tell the truth. But she did not answer.

The screw on the left leg is tightened as well. She has shouted, she was aware of nothing, she knew nothing, she asked for the last judgement, she would not know anything, talked gently to herself that she was not aware of anything and knew nothing.

The left screw is turned, the accused raised, she called O dear Lord Christ come to my help! She would not know anything even when she would be worked to death. She was raised higher, became silent and said she was no witch.

The screw on the right leg was tightened, sh shouted O woe. She has been persuaded to tell the truth!

Soon after that she has become totally quiet. They set her down and have opened the screws. All present tried to convince her to confess, but she has stood and said she knows nobody and cannot say anything.

The screws were put higher and tightened. She has cried out loud: Her mother under the earth should come to help her.

Then she has turned totally quiet and did not want to talk any more.

The screws have been tightened much more. She started sobbing: She knew nothing.

On both legs the screws have been set higher and then they have hammered upon them and she cried: My beloved mother under the earth, Oh Christ, come to help me!

They tightened the screw on the left leg and she has cried and said: She would not be a witch, the beloved God would know it, and it is all lies that they are talking about her.

The screw on the right leg has been tightened harder. She began to cry but from one moment to another she stopped and became quiet. She has been removed from the torture chamber by the master and her head has been shaved.

Afterwards, the master has come and referred that he has found the stigma, into which he has probed a needle which she has not felt and and no blood was coming out of the wound.

After they shaved her hair, she has again been bound by hand and foot and they have again raised her up. She has cried out loud and then become totally quiet as though she was sleeping.

Afterwards she was condemning the torturers. The screw on the right leg has been tightened again and she cried out loud. The left screw has been tightened.

She has cried out loud and then become quiet again. And then her snout has closed. The screw on the left leg has been tightened and she said she didn't know anything even if they would make her dead.

Better tightening the screw on the right leg and finally said she couldn't say anything and they should lay her on the ground and beat her to death.

The screws on the left leg have been tightened, they have hammered on them and then made them tighter, raised her up once again and finally released her totally. □

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Quelle:

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Video zum Folterprotokoll der Katharina Lips aus Betziesdorf 1673

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Der Hexenprozess gegen Katharina Lips

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