

*Lived in Vadsø | Denounced by Karen Edisdatter | Summoned to the court in a series of linked witchcraft trials during which 12 women were executed*

## Anne Lauritsdatter

Brought before the court at Vardøhus Castle on 16 February 1621

ACCUSED  
of practising witchcraft

Was subjected to the water ordeal and floated

### CONFESSED AFTERWARDS

that Satan came to her when she was working in the turf pits and told her to come with him  
that she asked who he was and was told he was the Devil  
that he was with her half that day, after which she felt very heavy  
that he next came to her on a Christmas Eve, hairy and with horns  
that she went with him and 40 other witches to Vardø, and they drank on Ballvollen  
that she recognised the houses and outhouses in Vardø and knew who owned them  
that Kirsten Sørensdatter was their admiral, leading them with pipe and drums  
that she was in the likeness of a raven, whereas other women were shaped as wolves  
that Elsebe Knudsdatter, in the likeness of a falcon, served them beer on Ballvollen  
that as she reached Vadsø on her way home from Ballvollen, bells chimed for service  
that once on a Sunday, she brought salt to church and cured a sick cow with it  
that she could not weep or confess her sins before she was cast into the sea  
that this was because the Evil Devil had tongue-tied her

Convicted of practice of witchcraft

Sentenced to death in fire at the stake