

*Married woman | Lived in Kiberg outside Vardø |  
Denounced by Synøve Olsdatter and Berigette  
Edisdatter | Summoned to the court in a series of  
linked witchcraft trials during which 13 women  
were sentenced to the stake*

## Lisebet Poulsdatter

Brought before the court in Kiberg on 17 February 1653

Denied knowing any witchcraft

Was brought before the court at Vardøhus Castle on 28 February 1653

ACCUSED

of practising witchcraft

CONFESSED

that she learnt witchcraft from Murette, Torsten's wife

that she received her powers in a piece of bread and butter

that the Evil One, who called himself Jermund, appeared shortly after

that she first tested her powers on one of her sheep, which she cursed,  
whereupon it died

that she helped cast the spell on Anders Hess's ship from Bergen

that she was, then, in the likeness of a swan and in the company of others from  
around Vadsø

that she took part in setting fire to Hans Christensen's house in Kiberg

that she, Guri and Anne started the fire by throwing hemp on a lit lamp

that she, Guri and Anne cast a spell on Peder Michelsen, who died hunting seals  
in the East

that, on that occasion, she, Guri and Anne wore the shapes of a swan, a goose  
and a falcon

Brought before the court again, in Kiberg on 20 March 1653; confirmed her  
confession

Convicted of practice of witchcraft

Sentenced to death in fire at the stake