

CANDLE OATH (CIVIL & CRIMINAL)

(A lighted candle is placed on the ledge of the witness box. The witness places his right hand over the heat. The Clerk says:)

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME:

I WILL TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, AND IF I DO NOT MAY MY SOUL BE EXTINGUISHED AS I QUENCH THIS FLAME.

(The witness then extinguishes the candle.)

PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL NAME AND SPELL YOUR LAST NAME FOR THE RECORD.

SAUCER OATH (CIVIL & CRIMINAL)

(The witness, on taking the stand, kneels down, and the Clerk places in his hand a china saucer; whereupon the witness strikes it against the box. The Clerk then administers the following oath:)

YOU SHALL TELL THE TRUTH AND THE WHOLE TRUTH; THE SAUCER IS CRACKED AND IF YOU DO NOT TELL THE TRUTH, YOUR SOUL WILL BE CRACKED LIKE THE SAUCER.

PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL NAME AND SPELL YOUR LAST NAME FOR THE RECORD.