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Female Ancestor Number: o68

Name: Svensson, Lydia (Ashman)

Dates: (- bef. 28 Jan 1731)

Colonial Society: DE

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Service: Historic Founder Town: Wicaco

Authority: Craig, Peter Stebbins, 1671 Census of the Delaware (Philadelphia, PA; Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1999), 14, 16; Craig, Peter Stebbins, The 1693 Census of the Swedes on the Delaware (Winter Park, FL: SAG Publications, 1993), 34.

Biography:

Lydia, Martha and Hannah, birth order unknown, were daughters of Robert Ashman and Catherine Jeacox. Lydia's sister Martha (Ashman) Cock was born in August 1650 in Long Island, New Netherland and married in 1669. Sister Hannah married Thomas Flewellyn.

The Ashman family moved from Long Island to Passyunk by 1666 when Lydia's father and his associates received a grant of 1,000 acres in what is today South and West Philadelphia from the New York Governor. The grant was part of New Sweden that was taken over by the Dutch in 1655 and then the English in 1664.

The 1671 census listed Lydia and her husband Olof/Olle Svensson with small sons Johan born 1667 and Peter born 1668.

Lydia's husband Olof/Olle had been born at sea on the Kalmar *Nyckel* in 1640. He died in the Wicaco congregation area on the west side of the river, just south of Philadelphia, during the summer of 1692 leaving his wife, Lydia, three sons and five daughters all living at home. Ollle served as a justice on the Upland Court 1673-1680.

Lydia was identified as "Lidiah Swanson", wife of "Wooly Swanson", in a deed by their husbands for property in Jamaica, Long Island in 1690 as was her sister "Martha Cokse" wife of "Lasse Cokse" of Philadelphia. Both were identified as daughters of Robert Ashman, deceased. Both Lydia and Martha are living in the same area "Wicaco Congregation" in the 1693 *Census of the Swedes*.

Lydia died shortly before 28 January 1731 when the Gloucester County case in which she was a plaintiff was discontinued.