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Female Ancestor Number: 078

Name: Cock, Martha (Ashman)

Dates: (August 1650 - aft. 1724)

Colonial Society: PA

Date added to ROA: August 29, 2023

Service: Historic Founder Town: Passyunk (New Sweden), present-day Philadelphia

Authority: Craig, Peter Stebbins, 1671 Census of the Delaware (Philadelphia, PA: Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1999), 13, 16; Craig, Peter Stebbins, The 1693 Census of the Swedes on the Delaware (Winter Park, FL: SAG Publications, 1993), 29, 30.

Biography:

Martha, Hannah and Lydia, birth order unknown, were daughters of Robert Ashman and Catherine Jeacox. Martha was born in August 1650 in Long Island, New Netherland.

The Ashmans moved to Passyunk by 1666 when Robert and his associates received a grant of 1,000 acres from the New York Governor for land in what today is South and West Philadelphia that was originally part of New Sweden that was taken over by the Dutch in 1555 and then the English in 1664.

Martha married Lars Petersson Cock on 15 May 1669. He served as a justice on the court and in the Pennsylvania legislature. Martha was identified as "Martha Cokse" wife of "Lasse Cokse" of Philadelphia and daughter of Robert Ashman, deceased, in a deed in Long Island in 1690 with her sister Lydia. Martha and Lydia both lived in the "Wicaco Congregation" area per the 1693 *Census of the Swedes on the Delaware*.

Martha and "Lasse" had eleven children by 1693, three of whom died in childhood. He died in October 1699. Martha died after 1724.



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