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Female Ancestor Number: 119

Name: Green, Anne Catherine (Hoof)

Dates: (bef. 1722 - 23 Mar 1775)

Colonial Society: MD

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Service: Woman of Distinction: Business Owner/Printer, 1767-1775

Authority: Worth, Lawrence C., A History of Printing in Colonial Maryland 1686-1776 (Baltimore: Typothetae of Baltimore, 1922), 75-77, 83, 90-93; Dexter, Elisabeth Anthony, Colonial Women of Affairs, A Study of Women in Business and the Professions in America before 1776 (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1924), 174-176.

Biography:

Anne was born in Holland around 1720. She married Jonas Green in Christ Church in Philadelphia April 25, 1738. He was the son of Samuel Green the printer in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Anne and Jonas had six sons and eight daughters, eight of whom died in infancy. Their first born son was baptized in St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, Maryland in October 1738.

Jonas died in 1767. His obituary said he had been the Provincial Printer for twenty-eight years. The notice of his death in the newspaper was accompanied by the following statement from Anne: *"I presume to address you for your countenance to myself and numerous Family, left, without your Favour, almost destitute of Support by the Decease of my Husband, who long, and I have the Satisfaction to say, Faithfully served you in the Business of Provincial Printer; and, I flatter myself, that with your kind Indulgence and Encouragement, Myself and Son will be enabled to continue it on the same Footing . . . Your grateful and faithful humble servant A.C. Green"*

Anne was probably about forty-five at the time of her husband's death. With the assistance of her son William she completed some work that Jonas had not finished for which she was paid \$948.50 by the Province. She served for eight years as the Provincial Printer which consisted primarily of government papers.

Charles Wilson Peale painted her portrait holding a printed sheet in 1769. During some of the eight years the *Gazette* listed her as working with her son William Green who died in 1770 and later with son Frederick Green. She also printed an annual almanac, an occasional political pamphlet and one or two satirical pieces.

The *Maryland Gazette* published a notice of her death on March 30, 1775. Her three sons and several grandsons became distinguished printers.