



FOUNDING FEMALES Female Qualifying Ancestor Index

Female Ancestor Number: 121

Name: Hynson/Hinson, Grace ()

Dates: (c. 1625 - aft 20 Jan 1667)

Colonial Society: MD

Date added to ROA: Before 10-2024

Service: Historic Founder, arrived 1651 **Town:** Kent County, became Talbot County

Authority: Johnston, Christopher. "Hynson and Smith Families." Maryland Genealogies, Vol. II (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., Inc., 1980), 100-101.

Biography:

There is no documentary evidence of Grace's parentage.

Grace came to Maryland with her husband Thomas Hyson, age 31, and their three children, John, Grace and Ann in 1651 from Isle of Wight County in Virginia.

Grace was not named in the records until 1662 when Thomas made a claim for transporting "his wife Grace in 1651". Thomas appears in *Cavaliers and Pioneers* in 1646 for 209 acres for transporting five persons not named but probably mostly his family. He served in the Maryland General Assembly in 1654. His biography states he was literate and a Protestant so they were probably part of the Puritan/Dissenter group that left Virginia for Maryland because of religious persecution beginning in 1649.

Thomas supported Fendall's Rebellion in 1659/60-1660 for which he was fined 2,000 pounds of tobacco and barred from office for seven years. He never served in any office after 1660.

Thomas died in 1667/1668 having amassed substantial wealth. Grace predeceased him. His personal property was valued at 80,679 pounds of tobacco and included one slave and four servants. He owned over 4,000 acres of land. Grace and Thomas had two sons, John and Charles and two daughters, Ann and Grace all of whom married.