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Female Ancestor Number: 135

Name: Brooke, Mary (Mainwaring)

Dates: c.1615-29 Nov 1663

Colonial Society: MD

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Service: Historic Founder, arrived in Maryland 30 Jun 1650

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Biography:

Mary was the daughter of Roger Mainwaring, Doctor of Divinity & Dean of Worcester, later Bishop of St. David's. She was born at Giles-in-the-Fields, London.

She married Robert Brooke 11 May 1635. Robert graduated from Wadham College Oxford in 1620. His first wife and mother of four children died in 1634.

Robert and Mary arrived in Maryland 20 June 1650 with ten children, three of whom were by his first wife, and twenty-eight servants all transported at his own cost and charge. He had an agreement with Cecilius Calvert that he was to receive 2,000 acres for every ten persons he transported. Normally he would have received 500 acres for transporting ten persons. Robert served in many Provincial offices and was a Protestant. He cooperated with the Bennett-Clairborne Puritan Faction from 1642-1654 which caused him to lose his proprietary offices. Robert owned 8,000 acres of land in 1655.

Robert died 20 July 1655 and was buried in Brooke Place Manor, Calvert County. Mary and Robert had eleven children including twins born 28 Nov. 1655. Mary died 29 November 1663.