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Female Ancestor Number: 003

Name: Calvert, Jane (Lowe) Sewall

Dates: (-1700)

Colonial Society: MD

Date added to ROA: before 2009

Service: Lady of the Maryland Manor with Seignior Rights

Authority:

Biography:

Jane Lowe was baptized on October 14, 1633 in Denby, Derby, England as the daughter of Vincent and Anne (Cavendish) Lowe. She was born into a distinguished paternal gentry family, and her mother was a relative of the Earl of Shrewsbury.

Jane married first the Hon. Henry Sewall of Warwick & St. Mary's, in 1654 in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, England. Henry was "Secretary of the Province of Maryland". She had four daughters and one son with Henry. The family emigrated to Maryland in 1661. In 1665 Henry died leaving Jane a widow. Jane's brother and two nephews had already successfully settled in Maryland and had established prosperous families.

In 1666 Jane married Lord Charles Calvert (1637-1714/) 3rd Baron Baltimore, and one-time Governor of Maryland. Jane and Charles had two daughters and three sons. Fortunately for Charles as Governor, Jane's children and their spouses formed the bulk of his loyal Council members. The Calvert family is considered to be the founders and proprietors of the colony of Maryland. The 1st Baron Baltimore, Charles's grandfather, was granted the Maryland Charter by King Charles 1 in 1632.

Lady Jane was the patent holder of numerous tracts of land in Maryland. In total, she patented over 9,000 acres which was extremely unusual for the day. At the time most land grants were made to men.

Jane died on January 19, 1701 at the age of 67 in St. Giles-in-the-Field, London, Middlesex, England. She died intestate, and there is no record of how much her personal estate was worth.