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**Female Ancestor Number:** 017

**Name:** Chapman, Joan(e) (Bennett)

**Dates:** (—-—)

**Colonial Society:** VA

**Date added to ROA:** 4-20-2013

**Service:** Historic Founder and Ancient Planter

**Authority:** Dorman, John Frederick, *Adventurers of Purse and Person*, Fourth Edition, 2004, pp. 242, 250.

### **Biography:**

Joan (Joane) is believed to have been born in 1585 in England.

Joan first married Samuel Bennett sometime before 1622. They sailed together to Jamestown, Virginia on the *Providence* arriving just before the Indian Massacre of 1622. The Bennetts survived the massacre. They had a daughter named Hannah who was born about February 2, 1625 in Jamestown, Virginia and a second child.

The Muster of 1624/5 lists Joan and Samuel (age 40) as servants in the household of William Tiler of Elizabeth City. They earned their freedom from indenture by 1630, and on June 17, 1635 Samuel patented land on the Poquoson River. Samuel died before May 6, 1636 when “Widow Joane Bennett” was granted “450 acres of land in Charles River County, upon the Poqueson River, east toward the bays, west into the woods, north upon the Pinye Swamp (River), and South upon Robert Thrasher, 50 acres for eight persons: Ann Winter, John Roote, Jon Marshall, Thomas Prewitt, Andrew Chant, Jon Morris and Pole Carplights”.

Joan next married Thomas Chapman who arrived on the *Tyrall* in Jamestown in August 1611. He took over the Bennett farm that came to the marriage through Joan’s inheritance. However on November 1, 1639 after Joan’s death, her daughter Hannah Bennett patented the land. Joan’s patent enables her to be called an Ancient Planter.

Joan died after 6 May 1636.