



## FOUNDING FEMALES Female Qualifying Ancestor Index

**Female Ancestor Number: 018**

**Name:** Flowerdew, Temperance

**Dates:** (—-Dec 1628)

**Colonial Society:** VA

**Date added to ROA:** 7-10-2013

**Service:** Historic Founder; Passenger on the “George” 1619

**Authority:** *Adventurers of Purse and Person, VA 1607 - 1624/5*, 4th Ed., Vol. 3, p. 487, 712, 862 – 4.

### **Biography:**

Temperance is believed to have been born in 1587, the daughter of Anthony Flowerdew from Heathersett, Norfolk, England and Martha Stanley of Scottow, Norfolk, England. On April 29, 1609, Temperance married Richard Barrow at St. Gregory by St Paul’s, London. This was a month before she sailed to Jamestown, Virginia.

A “Mrs. Temperance Barrow” is listed on the passenger list of the *Faulcon* which arrived in Jamestown in August of 1609 having left Plymouth, England June 2, 1609. It is not known if her husband Richard accompanied her. Temperance survived the “starving time” in Jamestown the winter of 1609-1610. Temperance next shows up in the records as having survived the 1622 Indian attack.

On October 18, 1618, Temperance and George Yeardley were married. This is the accepted date by genealogists. One month later, Yeardley was appointed Virginia Governor for a three-year term. He was also Knighted by James VI and I on November 24, 1618 in London. Three children were born of the marriage: Elizabeth, Argall and Francis. Sir Yeardley died on November 13, 1627.

Sir George Yeardley was known to be the wealthiest man in colonial Virginia at the time. He owned vast amounts of land, one of which is known as the famous Flowerdew Hundred. The plantation still exists today and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register in 1975 and is not open to the public.

On March 31, 1628, Temperance married Frances West, Yeardley’s successor as Governor of Virginia.

Temperance died nine months later in December of 1628 leaving her three young children orphans. The estate Temperance had inherited from her second husband, George Yeardley, was divided between her children with George’s brother Ralph being appointed as their trustee.