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Female Ancestor Number: 028

Name: Chew, Anne (Ayers)

Dates: (ca. 1635-13 Apr 1695)

Colonial Society: MD

Date added to ROA: 9-16-2017

Service: Quaker Minister and land owner

Authority: Kelly, J. Reaney, *Quakers in the Founding of Anne Arundel County, Maryland* (Baltimore: The Maryland Historical Society, 1963), 43-44; Maryland Patents, Book Q: 99-100; Maryland Warrant Records, Book WC4: 374.

Biography:

Anne Ayres was Born in Nansemond County, Virginia ca. 1635. She was the only daughter and heiress of William and Sarah Ayres. The Ayres family relocated to Maryland before June 1652 from England.

In 1658 aged 22, Anne married Colonel Judge Samuel Chew (Chewe) II, a notable figure in Maryland's colonial administration. Samuel was born in 1634 in Jamestown, Virginia. The couple settled in Herring Creek (now Deale and Town Point.), Anne Arundel County, Maryland, where they raised their family of nine children. Samuel was a planter owning upwards of 1,800 acres as well as serving as a Judge, a Colonel, and a Member of the Governor's Council of Maryland.

Anne was a devout Quaker and prominent Quaker minister in colonial Maryland. She played a significant role in the religious community. Her home at Herring Creek served as a central meeting place for Quaker monthly gatherings in Maryland. Her dedication to the faith influenced the Chew family for generations, fostering a strong Quaker tradition.

In her will, dated shortly before her death in 1695, Anne bequeathed her plantation at Herring Creek to her eldest son, Samuel, along with specific provisions for her other children and grandchildren. This document highlights her role as a matriarch and her commitment to the well-being of her family.

Anne Ayres Chew's legacy as a Quaker minister and community leader left an enduring impact on Maryland's religious and social landscape during the colonial period.