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Female Ancestor Number: 033

Name: Dalbo, Elisabeth

Dates: (1622-1700)

Colonial Society: DE

Date added to ROA: 2020

Service: Historic Founder, arrived 1641

Authority: Craig, Peter Stebbins, 1671 Census of the Delaware (Philadelphia, PA: Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1999), 21, 22; Craig, Peter Stebbins, 1693 Census of the Delaware (Winter Park, FL: SAG Publications, 1993), 66, 67.

Biography:

Elisabeth (surname unknown) was born in 1622 in Ljusnarsberg Municipality, Örebro County, Sweden.

She first married Matts Hansson at the age of 19 and emigrated with him to New Sweden (present day Pennsylvania) from Stockholm on the *Charitas* in 1641. Matts had been hired as a gunner at Fort Christina and was required to do five years of service before becoming a freeman on December 1, 1646. Matts quickly became unhappy with Governor Printz's harsh treatment of settlers and joined with other freemen in filing a complaint against the Governor who branded these settlers as compliant in a "mutiny" and then he promptly left for Sweden abandoning his Governorship. Elisabeth is not known to be compliant in the complaint against the Governor.

Printz left New Sweden's rule to his son-in-law John Papegoja. The "mutineers" and their families, including Elisabeth and two small sons, fled New Sweden in the fall of 1653. Papegoja hired Indians to bring them back, dead or alive. Two men were killed by the Indians. One of the two was Matts Hansson.

Elisabeth was able to return safely to New Sweden and quickly married Anders Larsson Dalbo in 1654/55. He was from Dalsland, Sweden and was sent to New Sweden on the *Kalmar Nycke* in 1640 as punishment for a minor crime. He served seven years of servitude. Afterwards, he was hired as a Sheriff in 1647. By 1654, he had become a freeman and had married Elisabeth with whom he had six children. Anders died before 1671 when the 1671 English census listed Widow Dalbo as the head of household.

Elisabeth had four sons by her two husbands. In 1700, Rev. Andreas Rudman, who was her grandson, listed her death in his book of burials -- Elisabeth Dalbo, aged 78, "born in Sweden, Anders Dalbo's widow previously married to Matts Hansson."