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Female Ancestor Number: 034

Name: Ollesdotter, Christine

Dates: (bef. 1641-13 Mar 1698/9)

Colonial Society: DE

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Authority: Craig, Peter Stebbins, 1671 Census of the Delaware (Philadelphia, PA: Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1999), 41, 42; Craig, Peter Stebbins, The 1693 Census of the Swedes on the Delaware (Winter Park, FL: SAG Publications, 1993), 93, 99, 100.

Biography:

Christine was born before 1641 in Sweden. She came to New Sweden on the *Kalmar Nyckel* or the *Charitas*, both of which arrived in November 1641. Christine and two other young children, Jons (Jonas) Olleson, and Helena Ollesdotter, were orphaned during the voyage when their parents died. Previous information (1999) had stated Christina was the daughter of Olof Thorsson, which is now (2006) known to be incorrect.

Christine married Walraven Jansen DeVos ("the fox" in Dutch) before 1659. He was a Dutch soldier who had been granted his discharge January 24, 1660.

In the summer of 1659, Walvern and Mans Andersson were granted a tract of land that straddled Brandywine Creek where Walvern built a cabin for himself and Christine. A few years later they moved to a tract north of Christina Creek called "Deer Point".

His will was proved March 1, 1680/81. It left half of his lands to his son Gisbert Walvern on condition he maintain his mother and the unmarried siblings. The other half was left to Jonas Walvern.

Following Walvern's death Christine married Dr. Timen Stiddem who died in 1686.

She left a nuncupative (oral) will dated January 25, 1698/9, proved March 13, 1689/9 that named her sons Gisbert and Jonas Walvern and daughters, Maria, Anna and Christina.