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Female Ancestor Number : 037

Name: Stille, Ella Olofsdotter

Dates: (1634 - buried 22 January 1718)

Colonial Society: DE

Date added to ROA: 8-27-2020

Service: Historic Founder, Aronamek, Kingsessing

Authority: Craig, Peter Stebbins, 1671 Census of the Delaware (Philadelphia, PA: Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1999), 15; Craig, Peter Stebbins, The 1693 Census of the Swedes on the Delaware (Winter Park, FL: SAG Publications, 1993), 43, 59-61.

Biography:

When Ella was born in 1634 in Roslagen, Stockholm Sweden, her father Olof Persson-Stille was 25 and her mother Brigitta was 22. At the age of 7, on May 3, 1641, Ella sailed on the *Charitas* from Stockholm, Sweden with her family to New Sweden in America.

She married Peter Joachimsson in Pennsylvania in 1650/1, a fellow New Sweden colonist who had been born in 1618 in Schleswig-Holstein, Denmark (today Germany). They had a son and a daughter together. Peter was a soldier in the Swedish army and was assigned duty at Fort Elfsborg in New Sweden and Fort Korsholm on the Schuylkill River. After service, he was a Freeman of the colony. Ella and Peter lived at Aronameck on the west shore of the Schuylkill River. He died by June 25, 1654 in Manhattan, New Amsterdam (New York) during a diplomatic mission to the Dutch.

Her second marriage was to Hans Mansson in 1654. Hans was a Swedish cavalryman from Skara, Sweden, who arrived in New Sweden three years after the founding of Fort Christina. Ella and Hans had six sons together. Their home was full with their own 6 children, Ella's two children from her first marriage, and the sons from Hans' first marriage who changed their surname to "Steelman" after his death. The new name joined the name "Stille" (Ella's maiden name) and "Mans" (their paternal grandfather's name).

Ella died at age 84 in Greenwich Township, Gloucester, New Jersey and was buried in Swedesboro, Gloucester, New Jersey.