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Female Ancestor Number: 039

Name: Andersson, Gunilla (—)

Dates: (—-aft 1679)

Colonial Society: DE

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Service: Historic Founder

Authority: Craig, Peter Stebbins, 1671 Census of the Delaware (Philadelphia, PA: Genealogical Publications, 1999), 21; Craig, Peter Stebbins, The 1693 Census of the Swedes on the Delaware (Winter Park, FL: SAG Publications, 1993), 42.

Biography:

In 1671, a Census was taken of those living in “New Sweden” (established in 1638 and current Wilmington, Delaware), which was after the English took over New Netherland.

It listed 165 households including Peter Andersson and his wife Gunilla and their son, Anders Petersson, later known as Anders Longacre. Peter had come to New Sweden in 1640 as a laborer/farm hand and then returned to Sweden in 1654. He remained for a year and a half before returning to New Sweden with a wife, Gunilla, and other Swedish colonists on the *Mercurius*. When they arrived in March 1656, the Swedish colony had been taken over by the Dutch.

Peter and Gunilla joined some of Peter’s old friends (Peter Rambo, Sven Gunnarsson and Anders Dalbo) in the village of Kingsessing near present day West Philadelphia. Their only known child, Anders, was probably born there in 1657. He married Magdalena Cock, and they had ten children.

Peter patented land in 1667 and probably died in 1668.

Gunilla next married Henry Jones, a hatter and felt maker from Wales. She appeared in Upland Court in 1680 arguing that Jonas Nilsson had wrongfully taken some of her deceased husband’s land at Kingsessing and won her case. Henry Jones was the first Englishman to sit on the Upland Court. His will of 8 October 1683 was witnessed by Peter Rambo. He left his entire estate to Gunilla after a legacy to his nephew in Wales.