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Female Ancestor Number: 56

Name: Biles, Jane (Boid/Bond) Atkinson

Dates: Born: Yorkshire, England

Death: Buried 21 Dec 1709, Bucks County, PA

Colonial Society: PA Date added to ROA: February 2023

Service: Minister, Society of Friends, c. 1688-1706

Authority: The Friend, Vol. XXVIII, no. 12, Dec. 2, 1854, pp. 93-94 and no. 13, Dec 9, 1854, p. 102

Biography:

Jane Boid/Bond was a resident of Yorkshire, England, when she married her first husband, Thomas Atkinson in 1678. Both Jane and her husband Thomas were known to be ministers in the Society of Friends before they settled in the Colony of New Jersey in 1682.

The Atkinsons have three known sons, Isaac b. 1678/9, William, c. 1681, and Samuel, b. 1685.

In 1687, Thomas died, and one year later (11 Dec 1688), Jane married William Biles, a Friend who was also in the ministry and settled in present day Bucks County, PA. William Biles was a large landowner, Justice of the Peace, and Provincial Councilor. It was a second marriage for them both. William had seven children with his first wife Johannah Hollard. Jane and William had no further issue. Instead, Jane was called to travel in the work of her ministry. Her devotion to her ministry was noted in Meeting Minutes up through 1706.