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Female Ancestor Number: 85

Name: Beals, Margaret Esther (Hunt)

Dates: (1719 - 1796)

Colonial Society: NC

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Service: Quaker Minister

Authority: New Garden Monthly Meeting, Men's Minutes, 1754-1775, Guilford County, NC, Quaker Archives, Guilford College, Greensboro, NC, pp. 63-65.

Biography:

Margaret was born in 1719 in Chester County, Pennsylvania the oldest child of William and Mary (Woolman) Hunt.

Margaret and John Beals (17 Feb 1717 - 17 Feb 1796) were married in the new Friends settlement of Prince George's County Pennsylvania, now Frederick County, Maryland on January 13, 1738/9. They had seven children together. Soon after marrying they moved to the Hopewell Friends settlement in Frederick County, Virginia where John purchased 165 acres of land. In 1754 the family sold their holdings in Virginia and moved to Rowan County (now Guilford County), North Carolina to join John's brothers and sisters. They lived on a 300 acre farm near Pole Cat Creek most of their lives. John and Margaret followed John's family custom of immediately becoming involved in Quaker affairs. They served on committees and attended monthly, quarterly and yearly meetings.

Margaret was an active Friend and was recorded as becoming a minister in 1761.

John and Margaret spent the final years of their lives in their daughter's home, Hannah Beales Hoggatt Cloud. Both John and Margaret died in the same year. Margaret on April 17, 1796 and is buried in the Friends Burying Ground at New Garden in present day Guilford County, North Carolina.