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Female Ancestor Number : 112

Name: Todd, Sarah (Phelps)

Dates: () - aft 10 Nov 169)

Colonial Society: MD

Date added to ROA:

Service: Woman of Distinction: Widow Estate Holder, Crop: Tobacco

Authority: Johnson, Christopher. "The Todd Family of Anne Arundel County." *Maryland Genealogies*, Vol. II (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1980), 460-462; *Maryland Wills and Probate Records 1635-1771*, Vol. 1-2, 1635-1704, Book No. 2, 1674-1704, pp. 219-200.

Biography:

Sarah's father was Thomas Phelps who was transported to Maryland in 1650. He owned land before he died in 1672. Sarah married by 1684 Lancelot Todd, son of immigrant Thomas Todd who came to Maryland in 1651 and died in 1677.

Lancelot and Sarah sold 150 acres of Wolf's Neck to Edward Philkes by 5 March 1684. This was probably land that had been conveyed to Thomas Phelps in 1672. Lancelot wrote a will dated February 28, 1690 that was proved November 10, 1691 (Annapolis, ii, 219). Sarah was to have all the plantation on which he lived while she lived. After her death, it was to go to son John who also received one-half of Philk's Rest. Daughter Mary received the other half of Philk's Rest. Daughters Elizabeth and Eleanor received bequests. Sarah was appointed sole executrix. Sarah and Lancelot were the parents of John, Mary, Elizabeth and Elinor. Sarah did not marry again.

Gloria Main's book *Tobacco Colony* tells us about the Thomas Todd families (wife, son, 3 daughters, a woman servant and a "lad") living arrangements in 1677 based on his estate inventory. This offers some sense of how Lancelot and Sarah may have lived. "The inward room contained a bed, a trundle bed, two chests, a few tools and a parcel of table linen. The outward room contained a "conoe" with a servant's bed in it, a table and form and another table with an old chair. The room also contained two guns with shot jug and horn and a hand mill. In the milkhouse were the cooking utensils, pewterware and carpentry tools. For eating there were only six trenches but exactly eight spoons for two adults, four children and two servants—not a luxurious style of living but adequate. . . . in the years before 1680 when households of their economic level (the middle third of the distribution of all households) normally kept servants. . . . Everyone ate together, drank together and worked together even if they did not sleep in the same rooms."



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ADD to sources:

Harry Wright Newman, *Anne Arundel Gentry*, Volume 3 (1979) Westminster: Family Line Publications, 1998.

Gloria L. Main, *Tobacco Colony, Life in Early Maryland 1650-1720*, (Princeton University Press, Princeton, N.J. 1982) p.221-222.