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Female Ancestor Number: 139

Name: Mott, Johanna/Joanna/Joanne (Slocum)

Dates: (16 May 1642 – 1728)

Colonial Society: RI

Date added to ROA: 5-16-2024

Service: Quaker Minister

Authority: Larson, Rebecca, *Daughters of Light... 1700-1775* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1999), pp. 92, 328.

Biography:

Joanna, the daughter of Giles and Jane Slocum, was born in Portsmouth, Rhode Island on May 16, 1642.

She married Jacob Mott at age 17 on January 4, 1727/8 and together they had seven and potentially nine children. Jacob held many positions within the Portsmouth government such as: Sergeant, member of Town Council for four terms and Constable for two terms. In addition, Jacob was also a Quaker minister.

Johanna was a member of the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting and travelled extensively preaching the “service of the truth.” Her ministerial travels were accomplished without her husband or family accompanying her. This was not unusual for female Quaker ministers of the day who regularly traveled without male companionship in the British colonies and abroad. However, this was a very unusual practice for other females in the 1700’s in the colonies and abroad.

She died at 86 years of age in Portsmouth, Rhode Island and is buried in the Friends Graveyard.