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Female Ancestor Number: 142

Name: Small, Elizabeth (Belson) Scott Hollowell

Dates: (31 Aug 1666-25 Sep 1717)

Colonial Society: VA

Date added to ROA: 5-20-2024

Service: Minister, Society of Friends 1706-1717

Authority: Philadelphia Monthly Meeting Minutes, 1666-1789, pp 92-93.

Biography:

Elizabeth Belson, daughter of Edmund and Elizabeth Belson of Nansemond County, Virginia, was born 31 Aug 1666. The family was of Quaker origin, and the Belson home was ultimately the location of some preparatory meetings, which doubtless shaped Elizabeth's later occupation of Minister, Society of Friends, from 1706-1717. Elizabeth married first, John Scott, son of William of Chuckatuck, in Nansemond County, 19 October 1682. Their children were William and Elizabeth. Secondly, Elizabeth married Henry Hollowell, Elizabeth River, on 20 Apr 1693. Elizabeth married lastly; Benjamin Small on 1 Feb 1699/1700. Their children were Mary, Hannah, and Amy. The memorial of Elizabeth Small recorded in the Philadelphia Monthly Meeting Minutes stated, "...she became qualified for & endowed with an excellent & acceptable gift in the ministry, so as suitably to dispense doctrine, edification & consolation to the churches. She was very diligent in attending meetings of friends in this Colony, even beyond what could be reasonably expected from so weakly a constitution, and was earnest in & much devoted to the cause of truth, greatly desiring the growth & prosperity thereof, saying, she could lay down her natural life if required for it. She was a woman of a generous & kind disposition ..."

Elizabeth was a representative to the first recorded meeting of Virginia yearly meeting.

Shewas taken ill the 21st of September 1717, and "...she quietly departed this life the 25th of the same month. Aged 52 years, a minister about 11 years."



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