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**Female Ancestor Number: 143**

**Name:** Sullivant, Anne (—) Marot

**Dates:** ( —wp 8 Nov 1742)

**Colonial Society:** VA

**Date added to ROA:** 5-21-2024

**Service:** Business Owner: Innkeeper, 1721-1738

**Authority:** Reference: York County, VA Orders, Wills, Etc., 1720-1729 (Book 16), pp. 75, 238, 302; The Virginia Gazette, From Friday, August 25, to Friday, September 1, 1738, p. 4; Goodwin, Mary R.M. "Shields Tavern Historical Report, Block 9 Building 26B Lot 25 & 26." (Williamsburg, VA: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Library Research Report Series - 1138, 1951 & 1990), 12-15.

### Biography:

Anne's birth information, maiden name and parents are unknown. Her name first appears as Anne Marot Sullivant as the widow of Jean Marot. Jean Marot (Mareau), age 27, arrived on the "*Mary and Ann*" in James City County on June 12, 1700 with the Huguenot emigration of 1700. In 1701, he obtained a license to keep an Ordinary in Williamsburg. Anne and Jean had three daughters: Anne Shields, Edith Cobbs, and Rachel Booker. Jean died in November 1717, murdered by Francis Sharpe.

Several months after Jean's murder, Anne Marot married Timothy Sullivant in York County, Virginia. On 17 March 1718, Timothy and Anne Sullivant filed a bond to administer Jean Marot's estate. On that same day, Sullivant secured a license to keep a tavern at his dwelling, where Marot's Ordinary was located. Soon thereafter, in 1721, Anne Sullivant applied for and had "order granted her for a Lycence to keep an Ordinary at her dwelling house in Wmsburgh." Again, in 1723, Anne appeared in the records with an order granted for a Lycence to keep an Ordinary in Wmsburgh "... until the 22d of September next." On 21 September 1724, Anne renewed this license, but no records were recorded in York County after this date.

Anne Sullivant offered choice Medicines from a London purveyor, and luminaries such as William Byrd, stopped in to play cards and visit with friends, and Robert Carter of Corotoman stayed with her when he was in Williamsburg, according to his diary. From the records, we know that Anne continued to operate her Ordinary; the September 1 to 8, 1738 *Virginia Gazette* publication reported, "Mrs. Sullivane, of Williamsburg, having left off Publick Business, and retir'd to the Country, the Subscriber hath taken the same House, and now carries on Publick Business, where Gentlemen may depend on kind Treatment, and good Accommodations for themselves, and extraordinary Pasturage and Stabling for their Horses, from their very humble Servant, John Taylor."

Timothy Sullivant died before 18 May 1730 without a will, and with a small estate of clothing and some tools. Anne retired to Amelia County, where her daughter Edith Marot Cobbs and son-in-law Samuel Cobbs resided. Anne died around November of 1742 in the Parish of Raleigh, Amelia County, Virginia, and in addition to her three daughters with Jean Marot, her will mentions son, John Sullivan. Anne operated her successful Ordinary and Inn from 1721-1738, later known as



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Shields Tavern, operated by her daughter, Anne Marot Shields and son-in-law, James, from the early 1740s.