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Female Ancestor Number: 146

Name: Carpenter, Hannah (Hardiman)

Dates: c. 1645 – 24 Jul 1728

Colonial Society: PA Date added to ROA: 6-19-2024

Service: Historic Founder & Quaker Minister

Authority: Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, (Removals 1683 & Memorials 1759) Quaker Meeting Records, Haverford College, Haverford, PA; Balderson, Marion. "Pennsylvania's 1683 Ships and Some of Their Passengers." The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine, vol. 24, 1965, pp. 94-95.

Biography:

Hannah was born in Haverford West, Pembrokeshire, Dyfed located in South Wales, United Kingdom. Hannah's memorial states that while in Haverford West she witnessed the sufferings of many Friends who were imprisoned for their faith and "was very serviceable to" them. She chose to leave the religious persecutions of her first home and emigrated to what is now known as Philadelphia in the early days of settlement, probably arriving on the Unicorn with her widowed mother in 1683.

Her memorial also states that "her excellent epistle to parents concerning the Education of children, manifests a pious regard for the youth and her anxiety for the increase and prosperity of the Church of Christ. She became an influential elder and minister within the Pennsylvania Friends community and authored several public epistles.

Hannah married Samuel Carpenter on 12 Dec 1684 who was a Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania from 1694-1689 a service which qualified him to the NSCDA Register of Ancestors. The couple had six children together.

She died July 25, 1728 at 83 years of age and is buried at the Friends Arch Street Meeting House burial ground in Philadelphia.