



## FOUNDING FEMALES Female Qualifying Ancestor Index

**Female Ancestor Number: i83**

**Name:** Kay, Elizabeth (Fearne)

**Dates:** (bap.11 Mar 1662 - 1713)

**Colonial Society** NJ

**Date added to ROA:** 10-27-2024

**Service:** Quaker Minister

**Authority:** Larson, Rebecca, *Daughters of Light: Quaker Women Preaching and Prophesying In the Colonies and Abroad, 1700-1775* (New York: Knoph, 1999), 311.

### **Biography:**

Elizabeth lived in Newton, West New Jersey. Not much is known of her early years. It is also unknown when she began her ministry. However, Friends records state that as a preacher she was “with whom Friends were much comforted” and that she was “a true Orthodox preacher in Gift & Conduct”. It is thought that she was possibly clerk of the women’s MM and a representative to the QM. On May 15, 1683 she and John Kay married. He too was of Newton having emigrated by 1684 from Yorkshire, England where he was born. John was a farmer and owned a mill. He was a West Jersey proprietor and assemblyman. Elizabeth and John had nine children.