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Female Ancestor Number : 196

Name: Slayton, Ann (Jose) Harvey

Dates: (Aug 18, 1692 -1756)

Colonial Society: NH

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Service: Tavern Keeper

Authority: Noyes, Sibyl, et al., Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2012, p. 316, 392.

Biography:

Ann Jose was born in Boston on Aug. 18, 1692, to Capt. John and Esther Jose. Her father was a judge and had served on the Governor's Council. He died in early 1694 in Barbados. Her mother eventually remarried, but Ann was probably raised in the household of her uncle Richard Jose, who was married to Hannah Martin. Richard was a selectman and merchant in Portsmouth and served as High Sheriff on the Governor's Council. This was a beneficial connection when Ann married Thomas Harvey in 1714 and joined him and his mother Elizabeth Harvey in running the Harvey's well-established tavern. (Elizabeth is a qualifying New Hampshire ancestor, index number 197).

Thomas Harvey died in 1736, leaving Ann to manage the tavern alone while raising at least seven children.

She was appointed administrator of his estate since Thomas had no will. In February 1738, she married Capt. William Slayton. He also died intestate in 1740, so Ann administered his estate as well.

The tavern continued to do a good business. Benning Wentworth was a paying client when he became Governor in 1741. The New Hampshire Treasury accounts show charges for legislative committees, court sessions, and other government operations. Along with other tavern keepers, she took in French prisoners of war after the victory at Louisburg in 1745.

Ann continued to run the post office established by her mother-in-law, but she was not exempt from the excise tax on liquor as was Elizabeth Harvey. Some of her children worked with her in the business and she also continued to administer the estates of both her husbands. Through careful and astute management of all of these tasks, she increased the value of her holdings. When she died in 1756, her son Richard Harvey was granted a license to keep the "publick house of Entertainment" the family had established.