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**Female Ancestor Number: 60**

**Name: Kunders, Lijntijen (Elin) Theissen Doors**

**Dates:**

**Born: c. 1650 Crefeld, Germany**

**Died: Bef. 19 Jun 1723, Germantown Settlement, Philadelphia, PA**

**Colonial Society: PA**

**Date added to ROA: May 20023**

**Service: Historic Founder, Germantown Settlement (Philadelphia) 1683**

**Authority:** Pennypacker, Samuel W. "The Settlement of Germantown, and the Causes Which Led to It," The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Vo. 4, No. 1, 1880, pp. 6, 9, 32.

### **Biography:**

Elin Kunders and her husband Thunes (Dennis) Kunders where among the 33 individuals who arrived from Crefeld, Germany aboard the ship "Concord" in October 1683. Raised as Mennonites, they joined the Society of Friends under the influence of William Penn, who negotiated their arrival. The Concord is sometimes referred to as the German Mayflower as it was the first significant number of individuals who arrived in the Colonies to create a Germantown Settlement. The husbands or "heads" of these 33 individuals are often referred to as "the original thirteen."

The Kunders hosted the first German Quaker Meetings at their home.

In 1688, at the home of Elin and Thunes Kunders, an eloquent protest was written by a group of German Friendss. Signed by Daniel Pastorius and three others, it preceded by 92 years Pennsylvania's passage of the nation's first state abolition law.

"German Towne, in the County of Philadelphia" received their charter in 1691. (William Penn signed it in Aug 1689). Under the charter, the community was allowed a bailiff, a chief executive, four burgesses, and six committeemen.

Elin died before her husband. In his will, Thunes mentions children Conrad, Mathias, John, Henry Ann Steepers, Agnes Powell, and Elizabeth Jones (and her husband Griffith Jones).



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