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Female Ancestor Number: 059

Name: Beeson, Charity (Grubb)

Dates: Sep 29, 1687 - Nov. 22, 1761

Colonial Society: NC Date added to ROA: Mar 11, 2023

Service: Minister: Society of Friends

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Biography:

Charity (Grubb) Beeson was born in New Castle County, DE, the daughter of John and Frances Grubb. John Grubb was born in Cornwall, England, and arrived in America in 1677. His wife was probably born in Virginia. They were not Quakers, although many of their children would become a member of that faith.

On October 24, 1706 Charity Grubb was married to Richard Beeson, a member of a Quaker family who belonged to William Penn's settler's colony at the Nottingham Monthly Meeting in Chester County, PA.

By 1728 the Beesons were parents of at least 10 children, all of whom lived to adulthood and raised families. In February of that year Charity joined her husband in the Quaker ministry when she received endorsement from the Nottingham Meeting as a minister. Around 1733 the family moved to Leacock, PA, but by 1736 they had moved on to Martinsburg, Frederick County, VA, where the Beesons were involved in the founding of the Hopewell Meeting.

In 1754 most of the Beeson family moved to Guilford County, NC, where Richard and Charity were early established members of the New Garden Meeting in Greensboro. Charity Beeson died there in 1761 and her husband Richard in 1777. They are both buried in the Centre Friends Meeting Cemetery in Greensboro.