

FOUNDING FEMALES Female Qualifying Ancestor Index

Female Ancestor Number: 088

Name: Richards, Jane ()

Dates: (__- aft. 16 Feb 1710/11)

Colonial Society: PA Date added to ROA: 11-6-2023

Service: Historic Founder: Arrived on The Amity, 3 Aug 1682

Authority: Balderston, Marion. "William Penn's Twenty-Three Ships..." The Pennsylvania

Genealogical Magazine, vol. 23:2 (1963), pp. 27, 34-36.

Biography

Jane and her husband Joseph arrived in Pennsylvania in 1682—landing in present-day Delaware—aboard the Amity, one of William Penn's founding ships. Joseph, a trained physician, was listed as a yeoman from Newgate, Oxfordshire. They were likely of means as they brought with them two servants, John and William Buckingham. They also brought with them 8 dozen candles, 30 parcels of glass, and a quantity of iron and nails. They purchased 500 acres at Upland Court (Chichester Twp., Chester Co.) where the couple was settled by 1685.

Their supplies surely came in handy as they set about building their homestead. William Buckingham was evidently ready to move on from whatever agreement brought him to Pennsylvania, as in 1688 he filed a suit in the Chester Court against Joseph. Their eldest son Joseph Jr., arrived a few years after his parents, having purchased his own 125 acres in Chester County. Jane died before her husband, leaving Joseph Jr. and three other children, Susanna, Nathaniel, and Ann.