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Female Ancestor Number: 126

Name: Clare, Esther (Peacock)

Dates: (ca. 1674 - 3 Oct 1742)

Colonial Society: PA

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Service: Historic Founder & Quaker Minister

Authority: Larson, Rebecca, *Daughters of Light...1700-1775* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1999), 307; U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935 - Ancestry, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Minutes 1686-1734, p. 216; U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935 - Ancestry, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Minutes 1755-1760, image 565.

Biography:

As a member of the Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, Esther Peacock Clare is representative of the Quakers who left England to seek religious freedom in William Penn's colony. She married William Clare, a shoemaker in 1703. Esther, William, and several children arrived in Philadelphia in 1714. It was at this time she started working as a minister concerned "to stir up Friends to their Duty in seeking unto & waiting upon the Lord, with Advice to Love him above all & one another freely." She died at age 68 and was the mother of seven children.