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**Female Ancestor Number: 129**

**Name:** James, Mary (Goodwin)

**Dates:** (     - 1775)

**Colonial Society:** PA

**Date added to ROA:** 4-16-2024

**Service:** Quaker minister, 1718 or 1737

**Authority:** Larson, Rebecca, Daughters of Light: Quaker Women Preaching and Prophesying in the Colonies and Abroad, 1700-1775 (New York: Knopf, 1999), 311; U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935 - Ancestry, Pennsylvania, Chester, Goshen Monthly Meeting, Minutes, 1763-1778, p. 311.

### **Biography:**

Born in Cardiganshire Wales, Mary was a young teen when her family immigrated to Edgemont, Chester County in 1708. The Goodwins would have been part of a later wave of Welsh Quakers following in the footsteps of those who had established the Welsh Tract in Pennsylvania. (See [Gaynor Roberts](#).) Her father was likely a farmer, but all four of her siblings were recognized as Quaker Ministers.

Mary married Thomas James in 1712. He was a middling yeoman of Willis Town. Mary appeared in the ministry in 1718. She was also a representative at the Quarterly Meeting. Together they had seven children. Thomas died in 1752, while Mary would live at least another 24 years reaching her eighth decade, living long enough to witness the beginning of the American Revolution.