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Female Ancestor Number: 147

Name: Painter, Ellinor (Musgrave)

Dates: (- bur. 23 Jan 1689/90)

Colonial Society: PA

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Service: Historic Founder, arrived on the "Unicorn" 31 October 1683

Authority: "A Partial List of the Families Who Arrived at Philadelphia between 1682 and 1687." The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, vol. 8, no. 3, 1884, 334; Balderton, Marion. 07/07/2025.

Biography:

Ellinor Musgrave, her husband George, along with their young daughter Susan, and son, George Jr., arrived in Philadelphia in 1683 aboard the *Unicorn*, one of William Penn's original ships. They had only been married three years. They were part of a larger contingent of Welsh Quakers escaping religious persecution. (See [Gaynor Roberts](#).) Records indicate that the Painters were just one of the few families thought to have sailed directly from Pembrokeshire in southwest Wales, as their ship originated from Bristol, England. They were evidently of means, as they brought with them three servants, two men, Matthew and Lewis, and a woman named Janet Humphries.

George died within four years of arrival (1687), and records indicate neither Susan nor George Jr. outlived their father. But Ellinor was now a widow with two other children, Daniel and Deborah, born in Pennsylvania, who would have been under the age of five. Sadly, they would lose their mother by the end of 1689, two young children left to carry on, cared for within the Welsh Quaker community.