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Female Ancestor Number: 164

Name: Lloyd, Mary (Jones)

Dates: (c. 1640 - 1683)

Colonial Society: PA

Date added to ROA: 8-29-2024

Service: Historic Founder (arrived on "America", 1683)

Authority: Balderston, Marion. "Pennsylvania's 1683 Ships And Some of Their Passengers." *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*, Vol. 24, No. 2, (1965), 77-78.

Biography:

Mary Jones Lloyd's story is one of sacrifice. And it represents many women who boarded ships for new lands and new lives promising freedom. Women who brought with them multiple young children, who were pregnant and gave birth while crossing the seas or the moment they reached America.

Mary was born in 1640, the daughter of Gilbert Jones of Welch Pool, Wales. She married in 1665, Thomas Lloyd of Friends Meeting in Shropshire Wales. Thomas had converted to the doctrine of the Quakers in about 1663, and through the following years, the couple faced considerable persecution, which greatly affected Thomas' extensive medical practice. The promise of the new Welsh Tract in William Penn's new colony held great hope for the Lloyds. (See [Gaynor Roberts](#) for more details.) They boarded the *America* in June of 1683, with their nine children, who ranged in age from 17 down to one year. A fellow passenger on the ship was Francis Daniel Pastorius, who was headed to Pennsylvania to take charge of lands for the Frankfort Company, which would usher in the German Quakers. Pastorius wrote letters describing the hardships of their journey and poor fare, and also spoke highly of the Lloyd family. What may or may not have been evident at the time was that Mary was pregnant with her tenth child. We don't know what toll the journey took on Mary's health, but she died within months of their arrival, along with her infant. She had the dubious honor of being the first person buried in the new Friends burial ground in Philadelphia.

Her husband Thomas went on to become a quite prominent Philadelphian, remarrying in short order. While Mary had little time in her new home, she left behind her beloved children, who helped establish Pennsylvania in many important ways. Her daughter Mary Lloyd (1674-1748) married Isaac Norris (1671-1736), their son Isaac Jr. married Sarah "Sally" Logan, daughter of James Logan, William Penn's Provincial Secretary (and owner of [Stenton](#)), and through them, Mary's great-granddaughter was [Mary "Polly" Norris Dickinson](#). Through her grandson Charles Norris (1712-1766), her great-granddaughter was Deborah Norris Logan, the esteemed historian and writer who, over the course of about 40 years,



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recorded her observations on life during the American Revolution and living at Stenton. We can't imagine a more important legacy.