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Female Ancestor Number: o82

Name: Thompson, Ann (Hollingsworth)

Dates: (28 Dec 1680 - aft. 1712)

Colonial Society: PA

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Service: Historic Founder (Arrival 1682 Penn Ship)

Authority: McCracken, George E., Penn's Colony, Vol. 2 Welcome Claimants (Heritage Books, 2007), 252; Myers, Albert Cook, Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, 1682-1750...(Swarthmore, PA: s.p., 1902), 316.

Biography:

Ann Hollingsworth might have been the youngest of all the Irish Quakers who arrived in Pennsylvania at the invitation of William Penn. When she was about two years old, her family, part of the Society of Friends, boarded the ship *Antelope* in Belfast, headed for religious freedom. Ann was at that point the youngest daughter of Valentine Hollingsworth and his second wife Ann Calvert, who also brought along Ann's siblings and step-siblings. Even counting the upheaval of traveling by ship across the vast Atlantic, Ann's life was relatively stable compared to her elder step-siblings who lost their mother and lived through religious persecution in their hometown. By age 20 she married James Thompson of Elsinburgh Twp., Salem NJ. James had a similar story to Ann's. His family, also of English descent, left Ireland through Dublin on the ship *Mary*, and arrived in 1677 in West New Jersey (present-day Salem NJ), which was the first English (and Quaker) settlement in America, established by John Fenwick. James was age 9, part of a large Thompsom contingent including his parents, an uncle, and several siblings. Their marriage intentions were recorded at the Chester Meeting in Pennsylvania, but they were known to have settled near Salem. Records indicate that Ann gave birth to at least five children starting in 1702; Jane, Ann, John Elizabeth, and James. Sadly, it appears that Ann died in 1712 giving birth to James, with an indication it was only a few months after her husband James died. Records of their children illustrate they went to live in New Castle (now Delaware) with Anne's family.

See [Ann Calvert Hollingworth](#) for further information.