



# *the colonial dames of america*

## Colonial Women of Distinction

The following women have been designated as CDA qualifying ancestors as part of the “Colonial Women of Distinction” initiative, initially established in 2021.

To submit a woman for consideration, please see the Colonial Women of Distinction submission form in the Claims Corner of CDA’s Member Library at [cda1890.org](http://cda1890.org).

Review the following pages for lists of the eligible services in each of the listed colonies:

Delaware  
Maryland  
Massachusetts Bay  
New Hampshire  
New York  
Pennsylvania  
Plymouth  
Rhode Island  
South Carolina  
Virginia (plus Ancient Planers, Jamestown Muster, and Landowners)

## Delaware

- Gunilla Andersson – d. aft 1679 – Historic Founder
- Christina Carlsdotter (Ollesdotter) bef.1641-WP 13 Mar 1698/9 – Historic Founder
- Annika Clementsdotter – d. aft 1690 – Historic Founder
- Elisabeth Dalbo – 1622-1700 – Historic Founder
- Gertrude Jacobs – ca 1623-bef 1693 – Historic Founder
- Aemegot Printz – ca 1625 – ca 1695 – Historic Founder
- Gertrude Rambo – 19 Oct 1650-aft 14 Sep 1705 – Historic Founder
- Ella Stille – 1634-bur. 22 Jan 1718 – Historic Founder

## Maryland

- Anne Catherine Hoof Green – ca 1720—23 Mar 1775 – Printer and Publisher of the Maryland Gazette
- Jane Lowe Sewall Calvert -d. 1700 – Lady of the Maryland Manor with Seignior Rights

## Massachusetts Bay

- Anne Dudley Bradstreet – 20 Mar 1612-16 Sep 1672 - 1st writer in the colonies to be published; 1st woman to be recognized as an accomplished poet in the New World
- Mary White Rowlandson (Talcott) – ca. 1637-5 Jan 1711 – Captured by Indians and wrote of her experience; her Diary is considered a classic of the American Captivity Narrative genre
- Katherine Marbury Scott – Quaker Advocate

## New Hampshire

- Mary Hussey – 1570-1660 – Original Grantee of Hampton

## New York

- Hilletie (Hilletje) Van Slyke Van Olinda – 1646-10 Feb 1707 – Interpretess of the Province

## Pennsylvania

- Mary “Polly” Norris Dickinson – 17 Jul 1740–23 Jul 1803 – land and estate owner and Manager
- Hannah (Callowhill) Penn – bap. 11 Feb 1670–1726 – Manager of Proprietary Affairs for the Colony of Pennsylvania
- Milcah Martha Hill Moore – 1740–1829 – Quaker Poet

## Plymouth

- Priscilla Mullins Alden – Mayflower Passenger
- Mary Norris Allerton – Mayflower Passenger
- Eleanor Billington – Mayflower Passenger
- Mary Brewster – Mayflower Passenger
- Mary Chilton – Mayflower Passenger
- Mrs. Fuller – wife of Edward Fuller – Mayflower Passenger
- Constance Hopkins – Mayflower Passenger
- Elizabeth Hopkins – Mayflower Passenger
- Elizabeth Tilley – Mayflower Passenger
- Joan Tilley – Mayflower Passenger
- Susanna White-Winslow – Mayflower Passenger
- Hanna Bradford Ripley – First physician, and for years, only doctor in Windham

## Rhode Island

- Mary Dyer – 1611–31 May 1660 – Founder of Portsmouth, New Port, RI settlement on the Aquidneck
- Sarah Updike Goddard – ca 1701–5 Jan 1770 – American Printer, Co-founder and Publisher of the Providence Gazette and Country Journal, which was the 1st newspaper in Providence
- Anne Marbury Hutchinson – 1591–1643 – A founder of Aquidneck (Portsmouth) Settlement; Preacher

## South Carolina

- Eliza Lucas Pinckney – 28 Dec 1722- 27 May 1793 – Changed agriculture in colonial South Carolina by developing Indigo as one of South Carolina’s most important cash crops
- Frances Culpeper Stephens Berkeley Ludwell – Lady Frances Berkeley – Carolina Lord Proprietor – 1677-

## Virginia

- Anna Corderoy Bernard (Barnard, Barnett, Cowdray, Cordray) 1609-1670; Northumberland, Westmoreland and Gloucester Counties, VA; Patented and managed extensive land holdings (3000+ acres) for 2 decades
- Catherine (Kaidyee) Blaikley ca 1695-25 Oct 1771, Williamsburg; Business Owner; “Eminent Midwife” 1739-1771
- Anne Geddy died bef 1787; Williamsburg and James City Co., VA; Business Owner – The Geddy Foundry – 1744-1760
- Mary Marshall Tabb Bolling ca 1737-bef 28 Oct 1814; Merchant; inherited around 1,000 acres from her father. Following the death of her husband, she assumed management of an enormous estate of warehouses, a gristmill, and land on which the rapidly growing town of Petersburg was built.
- Pocahontas – d. Mar 1617- Historic Founder

## Ancient Planters

- Mary Bouldin(g)
- Thomasine Cawsey
- Frances Chapman
- Susan Collins
- Rachel Davis
- Elizabeth Dunthorne
- Margery Fairfax
- Cecily Jordan Farrar
- Joanne Flinton
- Mary Beheathland Flinton
- Susan Greenleaf
- Mary Gundy
- Adria Gurgany Harris
- Elizabeth Joones
- Martha Key (Keie)
- Ann Burras Laydon
- Elizabeth Lupo
- Susan Old
- Isabella Pace
- Joane Salford
- Temperance Flowerdew Yardley West

## Jamestowne Muster

- Mary Addy - wife of Christopher Branch
- Elizabeth Pierce Barham-Jackson - wife of Anthony Barham and Richard Jackson
- Jane Barkley
- Elizabeth Sharpe Packer Baugh
- Ann Utie-Bennett - wife of John Utie and Richard Bennett
- Hannah Boyle Hill Spillman Mountney
- Sarah Chew – wife of John Chew
- Elizabeth Cobb – wife of Joseph Cobb
- Bridget Croft
- Alice Edloe – wife of Luke Boyse and Matthew Edloe
- Ann Johnson – wife of John Johnson
- Adrea Hoar Harris
- Elizabeth Fuller Clements Hamor
- Frances Grenville (Greville)
- Margaret Flood – wife of William Finch and John Flood
- Joan Peirce – wife of John Rolfe and Roger Smith
- Grace O’Neil – d. bef 2 Mar 1682/3
- Elizabeth Pierce
- Mary Peirse
- Alice Pierce Bennett
- Ann Price-Hallon-Llewellyn
- Margaret Dawson Raughton
- Ann Southey – wife of Charles Harmer and Nathaniel Littleton
- Ann Talbot
- Ann Johnson Travis
- Ann Usher
- Dorythie Wethersbie – ca 1590-
- Susan Williams – wife of Henry Williams
- Sarah Woodson

## Landowners

- Elizabeth Fleete
- Elizabeth Kemp Lunsford Smith
- Elizabeth Southey