

PENNSYLVANIA ELIGIBILITY LIST

June 2024

HISTORIC FOUNDER

Passengers from ALL of William Penn's ships from England and all English ships through 1683 (in accordance with the Welcome Society of Pennsylvania), including the German Settlers of Germantown (Oct 1683):

One who resided in the colony of what was or became Pennsylvania between March 1644 (founding of Fort New Gothenburg in New Sweden) through Dec 1682 (the anchoring of The Submission in Chester, PA, the last of William Penn's Fleet of 23 ships), plus all English ships arriving through 1683. Also included are those ships which established the first German Settlement in America, starting with the arrival of the America and the Concord (Oct 1683) aka the "German Mayflower" and including the first-wave ships through 1688.

PROVINCIAL OFFICERS

Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Deputy Governor
Provincial Councilor
Secretary of the Province
Treasurer of the Province
Register General
Surveyor General, 1682-1775
Commissioner on Boundaries between Provinces
Collector, Port of Philadelphia, 1682-1774
Keeper of the Great Seal
Master of the Rolls
High Sheriff
Mayor, Philadelphia, 1691-1776
Commissioner and Commissary, under the Dutch and Swedes

ASSEMBLIES, CONVENTIONS AND COMMITTEES

Member, Common Council, 1701-1776
Member, Provincial Assembly
Member, Provincial Conferences
Member, Conventions, prior to 4 July 1776
Member, Congress, 1754 and 1765
Member, Committee of Safety, 30 June 1775 and/or 19 Oct 1775
Member, Committee of Observation and Inspection
Member, Committee of Correspondence

Member, Continental Congress, 1774, 1775, 1776
Signer, The Declaration of Independence
Signer, The Hanover Resolutions

TOWN OR COUNTY OFFICERS

Mayor
Councilman
Tax Collector
Magistrate
Sheriff
Constable
County Surveyor
Coroner
Founders of Towns and Counties
Burgess

JUDICIARY

Justice of the County Court (served 2 or more years)
Justice of the Peace (served 2 or more years)
Justice, Supreme Court
Attorney General
Judge Advocate
Judges, Court of the Admiralty

MILITARY

Member, Board of War
Member, Navy Board
Commissioned Officer - Regular, Provincial or Colonial Military or Naval Forces,
prior to 5 July 1775

ECCLESIASTIC

Clergy (ordained in a duly established religion)
Our founder, William Penn, welcomed practitioners of all faiths. These various faiths come with unique titles of leadership and ministry. We will review non-traditional leadership roles on an individual basis.
Founder of a Church (of a duly established religion)

EDUCATION

Shareholder, Library Company of Philadelphia, prior to 5 July 1776

Member, American Philosophical Society, prior to 5 July 1776

Founders of School of Importance, prior to 5 Jul 1776, reviewed on an individual basis

WOMEN AND MEN OF DISTINCTION

Individuals who were business owners, managers, merchants, or leaders whose work benefited the economic development of the colony. These achievements might be in the arts, trades, commercial, or other skills which contributed to a flourishing society. Examples are: Hannah Callowhill Penn, Deborah Read Franklin, and Edmond Woolley.

Additionally, we will consider anyone who fought oppression, especially those who worked to redefine or expand the roles of women beyond traditional motherhood and housewifery.

We will also consider individuals recognized as original inhabitants of Penn Land Grants.

In some cases, this requires a preponderance of sourced evidence and will be reviewed on an individual basis.

OTHER

Physician, Midwife, or Healer practicing in the colony prior to 5 July 1776

Signers, Resolution of Non-Importation Made by the Citizens of Philadelphia, Oct 25, 1765

Treaty Negotiators, Interpreters, and Go-betweens working on behalf of Pennsylvania Provincial Government (for example: James Logan's Walking Purchase)