

# PENNSYLVANIA ELIGIBILITY LIST

*Summer 2023*

## 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 OF DISTINCTION**

Women who were business owners, published authors, managers of proprietary affairs for the colony and/or women leaders or pioneers contributing significant achievements in the colony of Pennsylvania. For example:

Hannah Callowhill Penn

Mary “Polly” Norris Dickinson

*These achievements may be in the arts, civic, ecclesiastical, educational, commercial, or patriotic. Additionally, we will consider women who fought oppression and/or worked to redefine or expand the roles of women beyond traditional motherhood and housewifery. 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)