

Mary Graffius

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Born: 18 Mar 1756

Married: Thomas Weston

Died: 24 Mar 1838

Parents: Martin Graffius & Unknown

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Information on Martin N Graffius, Mary's father, follows:

Martin Nicholas Graffius



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Born: 2 May 1722 Germany

Married: Unknown

Died: 20 May 1790 Huntingdon, PA

Parents: Unknown

Martin Nicholas Graffius

Stated he emmigrated in 1750 and settled in York Co., PA. Wife's name is not given.

SOURCE: The Weston family history written by Giles S. Myers(?) who mailed a copy of the document to Dwight W. Glenn in Sep 1996 after the Stephens Reunion in Aug 1996. Photocopy in poss of Margaret Lezark, Garden Valley, Ca. This document points out that the Graffius history is recorded in Africa: HISTORY OF HUNTINGDON CO., p. 417.

BIOGRAPHY: Her [Mary Graffius Weston] father (Nicholas) Martin Graffius (born May 2, 1722, died May 20, 1790 at York, Pa.) was a Huguenot who came to America in 1750. Most of his children settled in Huntingdon Co. NOTE: from Weston source.

SOURCE: The Graffius Story, written in Nov 1983 by Beatrice W. Kingsley. Copy in poss of Margaret Lezark, Garden Valley, CA. Glenn/Gorman Research Log #7

BIOGRAPHY: Martin Nicholas (or Nicholas Martin) (as some records say) was born in Europe. The family lived in France but were not French. He and his wife, Anne Catharine, had two sons by the time they came to America. According to rumor, Nicholas took the money that was intended to buy his exemption from service in the German army for their passage to America.

They sailed from Rotterdam in Holland on the ship, Ediburgh, and arrived at Philadelphia on September 15, 1749. It was necessary at that time for all males over 16 to take an oath of allegiance in order to gain admittance into the country and Nicholas took that oath.

The couple went first to Germantown which is now part of Philadelphia. From there they went to York County and made a home for themselves and stayed for 20 years. It was here that the rest of their children were born and many of them were married. York was at this time very prominent in the plans of the American Revolution and it was at the York County Court House that the American Congress assembled during the gloomiest period of the war. Much of the war was fought in this vicinity. The Graffius family was drawn into the conflict as the boys served in the York Battalion.

Nicholas and Anne then moved to Standing Stone, now part of Huntingdon, PA, and where they remained for the rest of their lives.

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