

Samuel Richardson, the son of Robert and Elizabeth Richardson, was baptized 1 January 1636 at Saint Botolph in Bishopsgate, London, London, England<sup>[1]</sup>

He married Eleanor Talinger about 1665/66 in England where two or more of their children were born. They had at least four known children: Joseph, who married Elizabeth Bevan; Mary who married William Hudson, one of the wealthiest of the pioneer merchants Philadelphia, being elected Mayor of the City of Philadelphia in 1725. Hudson was a relative to Henry Hudson, the navigator. Elizabeth, who married Abraham Bickley, also a wealthy merchant of Philadelphia; and Ann who married first, Edward Lane, living in Providence Township, Philadelphia County. After Edward's death Ann married Edmund Cartledge of Conestoga, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. <sup>[2]</sup>

Samuel and Eleanor spent some time in Spanish Town, Jamaica, where they were Quakers and members of the Spanish Town Island Monthly Meeting. They brought a certificate with them for transfer when they returned to Philadelphia in 1687.

He was appointed Judge of the Courts of Philadelphia on Jan 12, 1688 and held this position for 16 years. He was also a member of the Provincial Council 1686-1695; Justice of the Peace, 1686-1704; member of the Assembly, 1692-1709; and Alderman, 1705 until his death in 1719. Samuel owned a tract of 500 acres of land in Bristol Township in Philadelphia County, which he lived on until 1705. <sup>[3]</sup>

After Eleanor passed away in 1703, Samuel married Eleanor Webb on 28 May 1704 at Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, British Colonial America. <sup>[4]</sup>

Samuel died on 10 Jun 1719 in Philadelphia and was buried at Friends Arch Street Meeting House Burial Ground in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. <sup>[5]</sup>

There is no longer a burial ground visible at this location. The site now houses the Friends Meeting House which was built over the burial site in 1804, and administration building, and parking lots. In 1701 William Penn made it official and deeded the land to be used as a burial ground and over the century as many as 20,000 souls may have been buried there, but as tombstones and grave markers were thought to be ostentatious, so they were not used. Arch Street itself was built over part of the burial ground as as early as 1850 trench diggers unearthed a skull and bones. Not only were Quakers buried here but also Revolutionary and Civil War Soldiers, Blacks and Native Americans. The last burial was in 1880. <sup>[6]</sup>

## Research Notes

*Tacy* RICHARDSON, daughter of [Captain Joseph RICHARDSON](#), "a great-grandson of *Samuel* RICHARDSON, who came from Jamaica, in 1684, and was a judge and also a member

of the colonial council. Tacy Richardson's great-grandmother was a daughter of judge John Dean and Catharine Aubrey, born in 1637" [↗](#)

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