

Penelope Von Prince Stout

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One of my ancestors is a lady named Penelope. Penelope and her husband were passengers on a skip sailing from Amsterdam to America. her husband became very ill on the journey. As they got close to America, there was a storm and the skip crashed onto the wrong bay. There were Indian tribes in the place where they landed and they knew that if they stayed there they would be killed. because they needed to hurry, they had to leave the sick people behind. Penelope didn't want to leave her husband, so she stayed behind with him. Soon the Indians came and killed everyone else there, including her husband. The Indians hurt penelope very badly and left her to die. She crawled over to a hollow tree and kid there for a few days. She stayed alive by drinking dew and eating plants. Later, an older Indian found her and nursed her back to health because he wanted to learn her language. She stayed with the Indians for a long time. Then one of the Indians wanted to marry her, so she decided to run away. She escaped and found the rest of the passengers from her skip at the Dutch fort in New Amsterdam and lived with them there. She became very close friends with Lady Deborah. One clay, the old Indian who had saved her life came and found her. he warned her that the other Indians from his tribe were planning an attack on the fort where she lived. because of his warning, they were prepared for the attack and many people's lives were saved. Later she married another man and had ten children and she lived until she was 102 years old. Abraham Lincoln was one of her decedents. Penelope was a very special woman. She survived a lot of hard times. America is a better place because of her.