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## Jane (Smith) Bayliss (1647 - aft. 1718)

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### Jane Bayliss formerly Smith aka Chandler, Hawkes


Born **1647** in **Pewsey, Wiltshire, England** 

Daughter of [John Smith](#) and [Ann Chantrey](#)

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[sibling(s) unknown]


Wife of **George Chandler** — married 3 May 1669 in Wiltshire, England 

Wife of **William Hawkes** — married 1688 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 

Wife of **James Bayliss** — married 10 Oct 1695 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 

Mother of [George Chandler Jr.](#), [Swithin Chandler I](#), [Jane \(Chandler\) Jefferis](#), [William Chandler](#), [Thomas Chandler](#) and [Ann C.\(Chandler\) Jones](#)

[DESCENDANTS](#) 

Died **after 1718** after age 71 in **Chester, Pennsylvania** 

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## Biography

Jane Smith, daughter of John Smith, was christened 29 October 1650 in Wilsford, Wiltshire, England.<sup>[1]</sup> She married her first husband, [George Chandler](#), 3 May 1669 in Wilsford.<sup>[2]</sup> George died at sea 13 December 1687<sup>[3]</sup>

When she arrived in Pennsylvania, newly widowed, the immediate needs of herself and her eight children were paramount to any grieving that she surely had. Much had to be done, and the first order of business was to find some sort of accommodation.

It is noted in many places that she and the family took up shelter in a cave. This brings to mind some dark, damp, rocky prominence and some cavern in which they huddled. In fact, this seemingly outlandish piece of information is easily accepted once the facts are understood. They were not the only family living in a cave.


Along the banks of the Delaware river, many earlier settlers had made temporary shelter by excavating into the high riverbank there at the spot that was becoming Philadelphia. There is a substantial amount of documentation regarding them. They were on property owned by William Penn. He allowed them to be used for three years by the occupants, and then their possession was turned over to him.


He had great incentive to help these people, since it was from him that they would all purchase lands. So the caves stood there for quite some time. There was a succession of occupants, and each one made some little improvements towards comfort and coziness. One can imagine that after five years from their original excavation, and about the time that Jane Chandler and her brood inhabited them; that they were taking on the look and feel of one of Tolkien's 'hobbit holes'.


The accompanying illustration to this profile is an example of one of these 'caves'. So this part of the story is undoubtedly true. Jane was one of many settler's who arrived down on their luck, and offered a brief respite in one of these temporary underground houses.

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Family traditions written down by her great grandchildren mention how kindly they were treated by the local Indians, who went so far as to bring them venison and other food. To a small child, this certainly presented a nice picture; but in fact there was a well established trade already in existence, and the Indians were already in the habit of selling food to the cave dwellers.

*We are amongst the English, which sent us both venison and new milk, and the Indians brought venison to our door for six pence ye quarter A contemporaneous account of the same settlers says that "they were in their necessities supplied by the natives with venison and wild fowl.*

Jane Chandler married within the year of George's death, Mr. William Hawkes. They were married by September of 1688. He also did not live long, and made his will by 1694.

Jane married a third time to James Bayliss by October 10, 1695, as she is that day named as his wife in court documents. With Mr. Bayliss Jane found at last a long marriage, and was widowed at his death in 1717. She was nearing seventy years old and the administration of his estate is the last official record of her life. They were living in Philadelphia at the time of his death. She later lived with one of her daughters and passed away some time after this.

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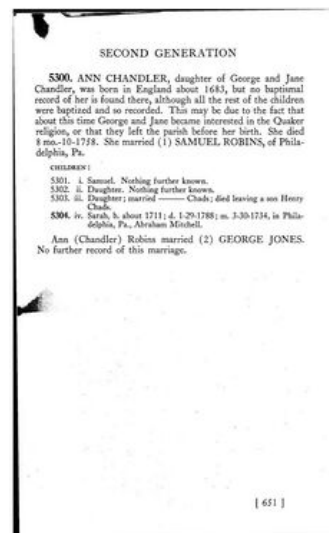
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