

"Timeline of Hans Mansson"

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Hans Mansson's name can be found spelled with multiple variations, such as: Hans, Hance, Hamce, Haunce, Hame, Hanes, Mansson, Monsier, Monson, Monseur, etc. The spelling of "Hans Mansson" appears to be the accepted refer-all to use.

Hans Mansson was born circa 1612, per deposition in 1684, which states he was about age 72 in 1684. "...The 25th of the Month called June 1684. Peter Cocke aged 74, Peter Rambo 72, and Hamce Monson age 72 years or thereabouts, appeared before us William Welch, James Claypoole, and Thomas Wynne, three of the Kings Justices of the peace for the County of Philadelphia, in the Province of Pennsylvania, Who being solemnly attested, did severallie declare that what they have here respectively certified and subscribed is the truth and nothing but the truth, as God shall help them..."

Reference: The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Volume XCI (91), page 37. Published 1967, The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

<https://journals.psu.edu/pmhb/article/view/42227/41948>

Hans Mansson came to the New World from Sweden as a convict indentured servant, served his time, and then became a free man. **Hans married Ella, the daughter of Olof Stille**. They were married circa 1654. Hans was about 20 years older than Ella. Ella was the widow of Peter Jochimsson. Ella had 2 children from her previous marriage to Peter, who were named Peter Petersson Yocum, born circa 1652, and Elizabeth Petersdotter, born circa 1654. Hans Mansson and Ella had the following children: John Hansson Steelman born circa 1655, Christiern Hansson Steelman (unknown circa birth year), James Hansson Steelman born circa 1665-1673, Peter Hansson Steelman born circa 1674, Charles Hansson Steelman born circa 1679, and Eric Hansson Steelman born circa 1681. Hans Mansson and Ella lived in Aronameck (present day West Philadelphia, PA). In the mid-1670s they removed to the Pennsauken Creek area in present day Cinnaminson Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, and established a permanent residence there by 1681/1682. Though that was their residence, Hans traveled back and forth from there to Philadelphia, because records are found of him in Pennsylvania up until 1689, per a deed from 1687, and per his mark in a Gloria Dei Church Book (Wicaco Congregation) in 1689. **Hans Mansson died circa 1691. In 1692, his property was taxed to "Widow Hance."**

Reference: The Swedish Colonial News, Volume 1, Number 10, Fall 1994 edition, article entitled "Hans Mansson and His Steelman Family," by: Dr. Peter S. Craig, made available by The Swedish Colonial Society.

https://colonialswedes.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/SCSJJournal_1994-Fall.pdf

Reference: 1st day, 8th month, 1687 DEED: Lasse Cock, Gunner Ramboe, Andrew Swanson, **Hanse Monson**, Andrew Bludgon, Monce Cook, John Cook, Peter Nealson, Swan Swanson for himself and in right of Andrew Salung, Errick Mullecre, Chrystian Thomson, Mully Nelson, John Maceson, Wolley Swanson, John Stelley [Stille], Lasse Anderson, Mitchell Nelson, John Harper in right of Hance Ereck Cock, Walter King, Thomas Fairman, for in consideration of 100 gilders appear to them paid by the Society Traders in Pennsylvania... Recorded the 28th day, 1687. Philadelphia PA Deed Book E1, pages 632-634. Scanned to FamilySearch.org, DGS #4145185, images 547-548

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89GF-YPKQ>

Reference: Hans Mansson's mark in Gloria Dei Church Book, see images 11-12:

<https://philadelphiacongregations.org/records/item/GloriaDei.RecordsMiscellaneous1636-1760>

By 1693, Ella and children adopted the surname of "Stillman/Steelman." Rudman's 1697/1698 census states "Mrs. Ella, mother of the Steelmans now" in a Gloria Dei church book in Philadelphia, PA.

Reference: (see image 56)

<https://philadelphiacongregations.org/records/item/GloriaDei.RecordsMiscellaneous1636-1760#>

A deed that confirms the name change from "Mansson" to "Steelman" is at New Jersey State Archives, West Jersey Deed Book DD, page 206, 25 MAY 1730, Conveyance by Charles Steelman (who was grandson of Hans Mansson and Ella), and the deed states "...land was purchased of William Biddle by Hance Monsier grandfather of the said Charles Steelman by deed of 10 APR 1888 and sometime after was bequeathed by Hance Monsier to Charles Steelman father of the grantor, Party to this Present by the last will and testament of ye P. Haunce Monsier...". **This deed mentions that Hans left a will, but his will has never been found.**

Reference: New Jersey State Archives: DD (WJ) : Folio 206 (SSTSE023)

Ella died circa 1718 in Gloucester County, New Jersey. She was buried 22 JAN 1718, per Racoon church records (now Old Swedes Church aka Trinity Church, Swedesboro, Gloucester County, New Jersey).

Racoon Church Burial Record of 1718 states: "On January 10th, Carl Hoffman was buried. On the 22nd of the same month, Ella Steehlman, 80 years old, who had come from Sweden."

Reference: see page 325: "The records of the Swedish Lutheran churches at Raccoon and Penns Neck, 1713-1786." By: Amandus Johnson, Federal Writers Project, NJ, et al.

<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/267003/>

The following land records are at New Jersey State Archives:

4 AUG 1682:

TO: Frederick Frederickson; Thomas Gardner; Jonas Keene; **Hance Monsiur**

FROM: Thomas Budd

SURVEY. 500 acres. Lying at their new dwelling houses; by the river. [Burlington County].

OTHERS NAMED: Thomas Fairman (Owner of adjoining land)

LOCATIONS: West Jersey; Burlington; Creeple, Cripple; Meadows and Meadowlands; Houses, Buildings, Structures, Cabins

Reference: Revels Surveys/Book A : Folio 27 (SSTSE023)

<https://www.state.nj.us/state/darm/EarlyLandRecordsPDF/Revelp027.pdf>

24 AUG 1682:

TO: Frederick Frederickson; John Hance

FROM: Anna Salter

SURVEY. 200 acres. Next to the river; running into the woods; on the north end of the meadow. [Burlington County].

OTHERS NAMED: **Hance Monsiur (Owner of adjoining land)**

LOCATIONS: West Jersey; Burlington; Meadows and Meadowlands; Woods and Woodland

Reference: Revels Surveys/Book A : Folio 27 (SSTSE023)

<https://www.state.nj.us/state/darm/EarlyLandRecordsPDF/Revelp027.pdf>

23 FEB 1683:

TO: Frederick Frederickson; Jonas Keene; **Hance Monseur**

FROM: West Jersey Proprietors (Commissioners of West New Jersey)

CONVEYANCE. Burlington County.

OTHERS NAMED:

LOCATIONS: West Jersey; Burlington

Reference: B (WJ) : Folio 36 (SSTSE023)

SEP 1684:

TO: **Hance Monsier**

SURVEY. 100 acres. On Pensaukin Creek; on the southeast side of a landing; near the head of a small run of water bounded to the meadow. [Burlington County].

OTHERS NAMED: Daniel Leeds (Surveyor)

LOCATIONS: West Jersey; Burlington; Meadows and Meadowlands; Pennsauken Creek; Landings, Landing Places.

Reference: Revels Surveys/Book A : Folio 92 (SSTSE023)

<https://www.state.nj.us/state/darm/EarlyLandRecordsPDF/Revelp092.pdf>

10 APR 1688:

TO: **Hance Monseur**

FROM: William Biddle

CONVEYANCE. Burlington County.

LOCATIONS: West Jersey; Burlington

William Biddle, yeoman, of Burlington County, West New Jersey, conveyed 100 acres to Hance Monseur, planter, of Sinamonsinob, Burlington County, West New Jersey.

Reference: B (WJ) : Folio 255 (SSTSE023)

In this case, a “Planter” is probably someone from another area placed somewhere for the purpose of colonization. “Sinamonsinob” is present day Cinnaminson Township, Burlington County, New Jersey.

1 AUG 1689: Hame Monseur is witness to a land transaction with this date.

TO: Thomas Ollive

FROM: John Antram

CONVEYANCE. Burlington City, Burlington County.

LOCATIONS: West Jersey; Burlington; Burlington City.

Reference: B (WJ) : Folio 244 (SSTSE023)