

Anne Lambert
People of London Town, Maryland¹

Anne Lambert (sometimes referred to as Lambeth) was a Quaker woman who lived in London Town. A section of David Macklefish's will mentions a lot in London Town that she formerly occupied.² However, it is unclear exactly which lot that was. There is speculation that she either owned lot 74 or 86 based on her will, the will of David Macklefish, and a land transaction mentioning a lot owned by Jane (Macklefish) Burges and Stephen West, Sr.³ She also owned other tracts of land, as evidenced by her land transactions with Samuel White⁴, Thomas Robertson, and George Robertson.⁵

According to Hester Dorsey Richardson, Anne Lambert used to host weekly and monthly meetings at her house "near the head of South River."⁶ Where exactly this house was located is not yet known.

At the time of her death, Anne Lambert owned five slaves, all of whom she manumitted in her will. Mingoe and Bess and their two children, Mingoe and Bess (or Biss), were to be free after the crop was completely finished. Nan was to be manumitted when she reached the age of twenty-three in 1711. Before then, she was to finish her "servitude" with Anne Lambert's friend, Elizabeth Richardson.⁷

Anne Lambert was clearly devoted to her religion because she requested that two-thirds of the proceeds from the sale of her personal estate be given to the Quakers on the western shore of Maryland and the other third be given to the Quakers "at London." Her will indicates the possibility that she did not have any children, as she manumitted her slaves, left her money to the Quakers, and bequeathed her furniture and clothes to friends.

¹ As the research into colonial London Town's inhabitants is an ongoing process, the caveat is offered that additional information may be found at any time and that a correction of information might also occur at any time.

² [PREROGATIVE COURT \(Wills\) David Macklefish, 1711, Liber 13, folio 310, MSA S538-20, MdHR 1291-4.](#)

³ Rod Cofield, "Histories for London Town Lots 74, 86, 87, & Small Parcel," *Historic London Town and Gardens*, February 2008, 4-6; [ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURT \(Land Records\) Ann Lambert, 1682, Liber IH 2, folio 136, MSA C97-2, MdHR 4769.](#)

⁴ ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURT (Land Records) Ann Lambert, 1684, Liber WH 4, folio 102, MSA C97-4, MdHR 4771.

⁵ Hester Dorsey Richardson, *Side-lights on Maryland History with Sketches of Early Maryland Families*, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1967), 223.

⁶ [PREROGATIVE COURT \(Wills\) Ann Lambert, 1703, Liber 11, folio 465, MSA S538-17, MdHR 1289-2.](#)

⁷ *Ibid.*