

Indian Hannah

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Indian Hannah (Mrs. **Hannah Freeman**) (1730–1802) was the last of the Lenni-Lenape Indians (or Delawares) in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA.^{[1][2][3]}

She was born around 1730 in southern Chester County. She moved about the region, at times living in New Jersey, perhaps having a common law Indian husband named Andrew Freeman. She was known throughout the region, wandering with her two dogs Elmun and Putmoe selling brooms and woven baskets. In her later years she lived in the newly constructed Chester County Poorhouse where she died and was the first to be buried in its graveyard.

A road is named after her ("Indian Hannah Road") in Newlin Township, Pennsylvania, and there are two memorial markers for her in Chester County, near Embreeville, Pennsylvania.

Hannah Freeman also preserved a bean traditionally grown by her Lenape people as part of the Three Sisters companion planting technique.^[4] The bean is named 'Indian Hannah' in her honor, and is sold by Appalachian Heirloom Plant Farm in Ohio.^[5]

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Hannah Freeman

Lenape leader

Personal details

Born	Circa 1730 <div>Southern Chester County, Pennsylvania</div>
Died	1802 <div>Chester County, Pennsylvania</div>
Resting place	Cemetery of the Chester County Poorhouse, site of old Embreeville State Hospital
Known for	Selling brooms and woven baskets; last Lenape in Chester County, Pennsylvania
Nickname(s)	Indian Hannah



Indian Hannah Memorial in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA

External links

- Indian Hannah PA Historical Marker (<http://explorepahistory.com/hmarker.php?markerId=1-A-226>)
- Memorial To Indian Hannah (http://chester.pa-roots.com/misc/indian_hannah_from_t.htm)
- Kennett Township newsletter describing Indian Hannah (<http://www.kennett.pa.us/p7exp/images/indianHannah.pdf>)
- "The Story of Indian Hannah" (http://www.prenticenet.com/news/99/indian_hannah.htm)
- "Indian Hannah Burial Site" (<http://www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=45530>)
- "Indian Hannah Gravesite Rededicated" (<http://www.dailylocal.com/articles/2009/11/28/news/srv000006940660.txt?viewmode=fullstory>)
- "Birthplace of Indian Hannah, near Longwood Gardens" (<http://www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=54896>)
- Victorian memorial "grave" tribute to Indian Hannah at Longwood Gardens. (https://plantexplorer.longwoodgardens.org/webui/oecgi2.exe/INET_ECM_DisFeat?FEATCODE=INDIAN_HANNA&TOURMODE=1)

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