

## **Bio: Jane Fleming**

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Jane Fleming was born about 1772 in Goochland county Virginia, the daughter of William Fleming and Elizabeth "Betty" Champe. She was probably the second born of the four Fleming girls. She was likely named for her maternal grandmother, Jane Thornton Champe.

Little is known of life in the Fleming household, but evidence suggests that they were moderately wealthy, able to live comfortably. The daughters were all educated, and "accomplished". When Jane was entering her teens, her mother died, and her continuing care and maintenance fell completely into the hands of her father - a job he performed admirably.

The Fleming "girls" received a generous inheritance from their uncle William Champe in his Will probated in 1784 in Culpeper county Virginia.

*My will is that my nieces the daughters of Colo. Wm. Fleming now living have the tract of land in King George County known by the name of "The Farm" with all the slaves that was on the said land at my Father's death, & their increase together with the stock & Tools of all kinds, to be equally divided to them & Their heirs &c.*

When Jane Fleming was about twenty-five years of age she was married to a neighbor, Beverley Stanard.

Beverly Stanard and Jane W Fleming, dau of William Fleming who consents; 18 December 1797; witnesses - Edward Moseley and John Markham; consent only.  
[source] Marriages of Chesterfield County Virginia; Knorr.

It is one of those interesting circumstances that Jane's sister, Mary Bolling Fleming, was married two months later to Beverley Chew Stanard. Jane's niece, Martha Markham, reported in a 1905 letter, "My other two aunts both married Beverly Stanard. They were own cousins."

Jane Fleming Stanard's marriage to Beverley Stanard was sadly brief. She died about fifteen months later, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1799.

*Died on Tues last (Mar 12) at Summerville, seat of Judge Fleming in Chesterfield, his 2nd daughter, Mrs Jane W Stanard, consort of Beverly Stanard of Orange co.*

[source] Virginia Argus (Richmond Virginia); 19 March 1799; from Marriages and Deaths from Richmond Virginia Newspapers 1780-1821; Henley.

There is no evidence that Jane Fleming and Beverley Stanard had children. Beverley Stanard outlived his first wife by about six years, dying in 1805. His Will names a wife Elizabeth, but no children.

*Died on 11th inst at seat of William Stanard of Spotsylvania co, Mr Beverley Stanard of Albermarle.*  
[source] Richmond Enquirer (Richmond Virginia); 19 Nov 1805; from Marriages and Deaths from Richmond Virginia Newspapers 1780-1821; Henley.

The obituary of Jane Fleming Stanard, published in the Virginia Argus, is a lovely tribute:

*DIED --- On Tuesday evening last, at Summerville, the seat of Judge Fleming, in Chesterfield, his second daughter, Mrs Jane W Stanard, the amiable consort of Mr Beverly Stanard of Orange co, after a tedious and at times, a painful illness of more than four months, which she sustained with . . . resignation, and exemplary fortitude.*

*When the awful moment of her dissolution drew nigh, she took an affectionate and tender leave of her surrounding relatives and friends, individually, with a cheerfulness and serenity seldom witnessed on such occasions --- expressed a confident hope of a happy immortality, and in a few minutes, resigned her breath without a struggle or a groan.*

*The philanthropy of her disposition, the easy politeness of her manners, and the engaging affability of her behaviour to all, justly gained her the friendship and esteem of numerous acquaintances who, with her nearer connections, sincerely sympathize and deeply lament her early loss -- while they have great consolation in reflecting on the manner in which she left this transitory stage, and took her departure for the land of . . . .*

*"Oh, let me die the death of the .. and my end be like hers"  
She left the world below, in harmony and love  
When, by her Maker, call'd to realms of joy above.*

[source] Virginia Argus (Richmond Virginia); 19 Mar 1799, page 3.

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