



FACT SHEET

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1774-1821



August 28, 1774 -

Born in New York as the American Revolution was erupting. Growing up spent time at both her father Richard Bayley's home in New York City and her uncle William Bayley's home in New Rochelle, New York.



January 25, 1794 -

Married William Magee Seton, member of a wealthy merchant family; moved into a fashionable home on Wall Street.



May 3, 1795 -

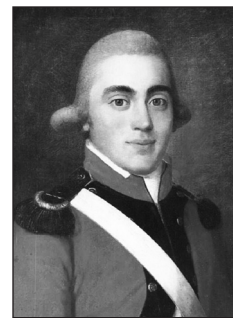
Anna Maria Seton, her oldest daughter was born, followed by William (1796), Richard (1798), Catherine (1800), and Rebecca (1802).



June 9, 1798 -

Father-in-law, William Seton Sr., died; Elizabeth and William Magee assumed responsibility for

William Magee's six younger siblings; the following year the family business went into bankruptcy, while William Magee suffered declining health.



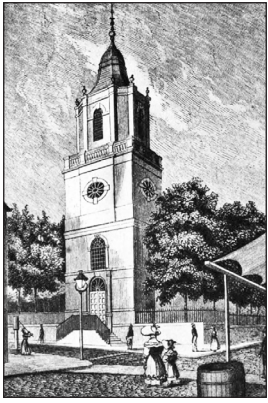
August 17, 1801 -

Dr. Richard Bayley, Elizabeth's father, died of yellow fever after an outstanding career as physician, surgeon, teacher, researcher, and promoter of public health.



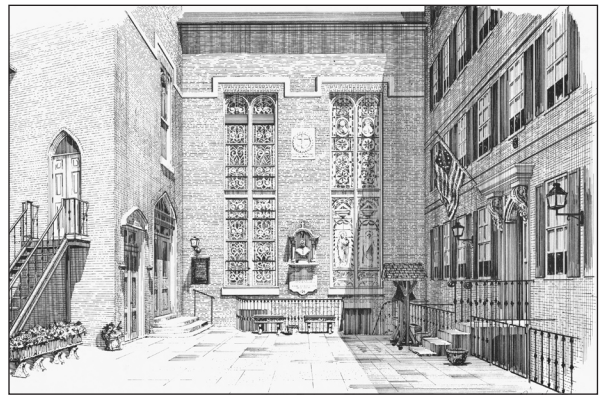
October 3, 1803 -

Elizabeth, William Magee, and their daughter Anna Maria sailed for Italy hoping to salvage William's health; he died in Italy December 27. Elizabeth is befriended by the Filicchi family.



March 14, 1805-

Received into the Catholic Church at St. Peter's in New York; influenced by the Italian Filicchi family, who became great benefactors; suffered opposition from family and friends.



June 9, 1808 -

Encouraged by Bishop John Carroll and under the auspices of the Sulpician priests, left New York with her daughters to establish a school in Baltimore, Maryland.

August 1814 -

Sisters invited to Philadelphia to conduct an orphanage. Three years later another group does the same in New York.



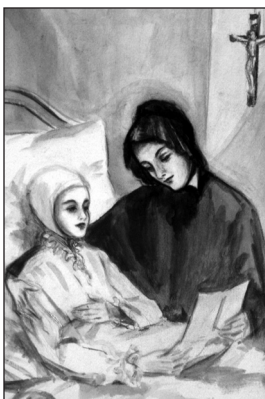
January 4, 1821 -

Died at St. Joseph's in Emmitsburg; Elizabeth's legacy is continued as the Sisters of Charity continue to grow and accept missions throughout the United States, including cities such as Baltimore, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and New Orleans.



July 31, 1809 -

Elizabeth and a handful of other women establish the Sisters of Charity on donated property in Emmitsburg, Maryland; established the first American community of women religious.



March 2, 1812 -

Anna Maria Seton died; followed by her younger sister Rebecca in 1816.

September 14, 1975 -

Canonized in Rome as the first American-born saint in the Catholic church.