Sister Columba Sweeney
(Catherine Sweeney)

Sister Columba Sweeney was born on June 14, 1870 at Chapel Hill, Perry County, Ohio. She was the daughter of John and Mary O'Farrell Sweeney. She was the elder of two sisters who entered the Sisters of St. Francis. Sister Columba entered at Sacred Heart, Buffalo, New York in 1893 and professed her vows on August 11, 1896.

Sister Columba worked as a seamstress at St. Francis Mission, South Dakota from 1922 until 1954, when she retired to St. Joseph's, Alliance, Nebraska. She died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Alliance, Nebraska on January 30, 1958. She is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Alliance, Nebraska.