

DESCENDANTS OF
THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN
OF WOBURN
(d. Unknown)¹

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*(In the Thomas line we find in the manuscript the surname spelled numerous ways such as: Chamberline, Chamberlain, Chamberlaine, Chamberlin, Chamberlyn, Chamblen, Chamblin. Do not assume the transcriber has incorrectly spelled either the Christian or surname. The interchangeable use of different spellings is truly remarkable. **The reader should note that "italicized" footnotes are prepared by the transcriber. "Non-italicized" footnotes are derived from the CAA manuscript)***

FIRST GENERATION

THOMAS CHAMBERLIN [1], was admitted to the freemanship of Massachusetts Bay Colony May 29, 1644. No minute of residence was given in the list of freemen (citizens) nor any clue to the church, of which one must have been a member in order to be eligible to this honor at that date. But in the records of the church of Dorchester (now part of Boston) we find an entry, which appears to the present writer to show where this "freeman" lived; we must always allow for varieties of spelling of the name.

"Abigail Chamberlane, her father being a member of Concord but at present sojerninge in Dorchester was by virtue of communion of churches upon her father Bequest & some brethren report of him, baptized 31: 1 mo: 1644."

This was less than two months before the admission to freemanship. Dorchester was much nearer to Boston, the seat of government of the colony, than Concord, as roads were then; and whatever cause led the Concord man to sojourn at Dorchester would make it convenient for him to obtain the honor of citizenship while at hand. Thomas is the only one of the Chamberlains then in this country who fits the same; for Henry had been a freeman at Hingham for several years; Richard was at Braintree some time before this, but not known to have been a church member, not being a freeman at any time. Edmund was married at Roxbury the following year and his children were baptized "on account" of his wife, he not being a member at the time; William is not recorded as a freeman, which brings up the question whether he was a member of any church here. Altogether the large probability is, in my view, that the man who lived in Concord some time and was a member of the church there, and whose daughter was baptized at Dorchester, as above, was Thomas Chamberlain. How long he had been at Concord cannot be learned; so imperfect the records of that plantation

¹ *The reader must understand this is a verbatim transcription of the material on hand. It is not the intention of the WCGS to update the CAA manuscript with findings available one hundred years later. These transcripts (and spelling) represent what they knew at the time.*

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and church, there being no notice of the church's life till almost a hundred years later that date of baptism of "Abigail". Nor does this child's name appear in list of children found.

What led this man to sojourn in Dorchester is an interesting question? Was he related to the "Mrs. Chamberlin widowe sister to Mr. Israel Stoughton:, to whom the General Court voted that "either a cowe or five pounds shall be allowed out of ye Mr. Andrews gift", May 14, 1645. Dorchester had long been the home of the Stoughton's; Thomas may have been a son of this widow or otherwise related to her and the Stoughton family. To be sure Christian Chamberlain who died at Hingham April 19, 1659, aged 81 years, is very generally believed to have been the widow in question; but here is Thomas at the home of the Stoughton's, spoken well of by some residents when his child is baptized. The solution to this problem will come when genuine records of English ancestry of the Chamberlains are found and given to the family.

- The item relating to this matter runs as follow:
"14 May 1645. Upon weighty reasons moving, it is ordered that Mrs. Chamberlin, widowe; sister to Mr. Israel Stoughton, (lately a worthy member of this commonwealth) shall be allowed out of Mr. Andrews gift either a cowe or five pounds."
- (Records of Massachusetts Bay Colony, vol. 2, 113.)
- Mr. Israel Stoughton was a man of much ability and public spirit. He was chosen one of the Assistants to the governor, that is, a magistrate or associate judge. On the breaking out of the Civil War in England he went home and became a colonel in the Parliamentary army, he died in the service; his will was proved here in 1650. It contains no allusion to any Chamberlain connections.

A new plantation was struggling into existence at Woburn, not far from Concord, and some of the Dorchester people had joined in it at the very first, proposing that Rev. Jonathan Burr, then minister at Dorchester, should become minister of the settlement. Perhaps that had something to do with the fact that Thomas Chamberlin chose to join his fortunes with the plantation at Woburn. At all events we find him in the list persons taxed there; September 7th, 1645, for the support of the general government, the entry running:

"Thomas Chamberlin. . . 000-00-08."

The next occurrence of his name is in the records of births in Woburn: Samuel, a child of Thomas Chamberlin, born October 7, 1645.

He next appears in the list of persons taxed under:

"A Town Rate made by the Selectmen for the Towne affairs the 22 of 10 m 1646". "Thomas Chamberlin 000-08-02." This tax is a little larger than the former; probably he had built a house before this time. He had grants of land from the town as all inhabitants did:

"The 12 of 12 m 1647, Thomas Chamberlin is granted the Bushy lot next to Jams Brittens."

He had a grant of landⁱ in Maple medows "the 14 of 1 m 1647": the 10 of 11 m 1651: he received "one small parcel being a small whole lying neere the hether end of Step Rock medew". At the same meeting, he was chosen a member of the committee to lay out land for a neighbor. Meantime another child was recorded, **Mary, born January 30, 1649-50.**

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At some time during the years of Thomas Chamberlain's residence in Woburn there came two other men of the same surname. William in January and Edmund in February of the year called 1648 (as their New Year's day was March 25th, and March was their first month. In deference to some other nations who counted the year from January first they gave a double date to the portion of the year between January first and March 25th, so this was written as 1648-9.) The particulars of the arrival and residence at Woburn of William and Edmund are given in the articles upon those men; but the question properly belongs here, what motive led these three men to settle in the same town? Were they brothers or kinsmen of former acquaintances or did they come together by accident? All three joined, with neighbors, in a petition to the General Court for a tract of land which was afterward settled as Chelmsford, and two of them removed thither; while the third was one of the proprietors of a large tract which came to be known as Billerica, and himself made Chelmsford his home while one of the others went to Billerica to live. All these things are worthy **????**

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????...short time before her baptism; indeed she may have been sick and her baptism hastened by that fact; so she may have been born about the close of the year 1643, which would make her next [older?] than Samuel who was born at Woburn October 7, 1645. The age of Anna, eldest child reported in Parson Fiske's list, "about 20 years old", would carry her birth back to the year 1635; Thomas' birth, calculating from this statement would fall in the year 1638. Both of these children may be supposed to have been born in England, on the supposition that Thomas Chamberline got into our records soon after his arrival in New England-, which is mere supposition. These dates and our calculations upon them would indicate that Thomas was at least forty years old when he enrolled at Chelmsford, and that he may have been somewhat older. His wife, Mary a witness with him in a case in Middlesex Court 9 (?) 1668, that is, September 9, 1668. She did not live much longer, of she is the person recorded in the Middlesex County records as "Annah, wife of Thomas Chamberlin, died December 20, 1669." There is reason to believe Mr. Fiske was correct in writing her name and that the reporter to the County clerk made a mistake. Thomas Chamberline married second, April 17 (or 19) 1674, Mary, widow of first of John Poulter, of Raleigh, England, then of John Parker, of Woburn and Billerica, Mass. By her first husband she had two children who came to this land, John and Elizabeth Poulter. She seems to have had no other children. She made her will in anticipation of her marriage to Mr. Chamberline, dated March 10, 1673-4, which she re-affirmed before other witnesses April 6, 1687. The document bears the statement that she was "aged 78", which may have been written at the second date; this would make her birth fall in the year 1611, very near to the time the writer calculates as the date of her third husband's birth. She died February 8, 1692-3.

The Commissioners of Middlesex towns in 1679 made the following report:

"To the Hon. County Court of Middlesex

The commissioners of the several Towns in this County having met at Cambridge on y^e day underwritten according to law & having opened & Examined the several votes of y^e freemen for Choyce of y^e Treasurer for this County Doe hereby Certifie y^e M. John Stedman of Cambridge is accordingly Chosen to y^e

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place of Treasurer in y^e said County. Which wee attest under our hands March 25, 1679.

Laur Hammond	Thomas Clarke
Jonathan Browne	Thomas Chamberline Sr
Samuel Green	William Greene
Moses Wheat	Jacob French
Peter Noyes	John Low
James Convers	

Thomas Chamberline bought and sold considerable land, deeds of which are on record in Cambridge; they show simply that he was a [farmer] and man of affairs, possessing a better education than the average pioneer of New England, and recognized as such by his neighbors.

He died at a time not known to us, there being no record of the event nor any administration or division of his estate.

Children, so far known:

- i. Anna², b. about 1635
2. ii. Thomas, b. about 1639
- iii. Abigail, bapt. at Dorchester 31 (1) 1644
3. iv. Samuel, b. at Woburn 7 (8 mo) 1645
- v. **Mary, b. at Woburn January 30, 1648-9**

SECOND GENERATION

2. THOMAS² CHAMBERLAIN (Thomas¹) born about 1639, probably in England; married at Chelmsford August 10, 1666, Sarah, daughter of Robert and Jane (Hildreth) Proctor, born at Concord October 12, 1646. He was called Thomas Chamberlain, Junior, in his deed of a meadow in Chelmsford to Gersham Proctor, his brother in law, September 29, 1674 (Mdx Deed 11:45) He deeded land to Arthur Crouch April 25, 1678. (Mdx Deed 12:3) He served during King Philip's War, November 30, 1675, he was at the Garrison in Groton; September 23, 1676, he was credited under Captain Joseph Sill and was probably with that troop in October following as they marched to Ossipee and Pequaket. (Bodge, 260, 274, 359) He and his son and namesake and Samuel were all in service at the local garrison in Chelmsford March 16, 1691. (Mass. Archives)

December 20, 1700, he deeded² land near Huckleberry Hill in Chelmsford to Richard Stratton in exchange for other lands in town. March 4, 1701-2 he deeded to "my son Samuel" a part of the farm which he had from the town. The same day he deeded³ to "my son John" some land in Chelmsford. December 11, 1700, Thomas Chamberlain, Senior of Chelmsford, and Thomas Chamberlain, Junior of Groton,

² Or exchanged?

³ Mdx Deed 4:380

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conveyed land at Stony Brook to Joshua Fletcher, Senior, Sarah and Abigail signing with their husbands in conveyance of their right of dower in the land.

Thomas Chamberlain died March 28, 1727⁴

Children⁵:

4. i. Thomas³, b. May 30, 1667
5. ii. Samuel, b. Jan. 11, 1679
- iii. Jane, b. 19 (11 mo) 1682; m. Jan. 10, 1706-7, John Reed
- iv. Elizabeth, b. July 21, 1685; m. Jonathan Butterfield⁶
6. v. John, birth not recorded but called son in a deed.

3. SAMUEL² CHAMBERLAIN (Thomas¹) born at Woburn October 7, 1645; married Elizabeth [Emerson], who died at Chelmsford July 18, 1722.

He resided at Chelmsford; was a farmer. He died February 8, 1721-2ⁱⁱ.

Children:

7. i. Samuel³, b. Oct. 28, 1685
8. ii. Joseph, b. Nov. 5, 1687
9. iii. Thomas, b. about 1690
10. iv. Benjamin, b. Nov. 4, 1694
- v. Elizabeth (twin), b. Nov 4, d. Nov. 13, 1694
- vi. Mary, b. May 29, 1699; m. 1720, Thomas Woolley at Concord⁷
- vii. Elizabeth, b. May 29, 1699
- viii. Lydia, b. Aug. 8, 1706; m. Feb. 4, 1727-8, Benjamin Proctor of Chelmsford. She d. ca. 1760 at Chelmsford. Had 7 children.

THIRD GENERATION

4. THOMAS³ CHAMBERLAIN (Thomas², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford May 30, 1667; married first, January 9, 1690, Elizabeth Hall/Heald; she died at Groton June 18, 1699; he married second, at Concord August 16, 1699, Abigail Nutting, of Groton who survived him. Daughter of John and Mary [Lakin/Larkin] Nutting.

He was a wheelwright; lived at Chelmsford till 1698 when he removed to Groton; bought a farm and mill at or near Wattle's Pond, on the road to Hollis, NH. March 10, 1699. He bought lands adjoining his property "on both sides of Badcock Mill Brook", December 30, 1702. His house was one of the seventeen garrison houses of the town reported in 1711.

⁴ ?At Chelmsford?

⁵ ? Sarah, b. Jan. 11, 1669/1679

⁶ ? b. 3 Apr 17__; son of Benj.?

⁷ Born 1697-8 at Concord/Bedford, MA. Abt. 1760 settled Richmond, NH. Died 1793

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He died before June 14, 1709 (? May 11, 1709) when the inventory of his estate was taken. Mention is made in the Probate papers of an inquest. Administration was granted the widow April 11, 1710. John Heald⁸ was made guardian to “John and Joseph, children of the deceased by a former “venter” (venture in marriage). The widow sold her thirds to John, the eldest son for £15, June 15, 1713, and division was made of the remainder, the lands to John and money portions to be paid by him to the other children, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, Elizabeth, Abigail, Thomas, Mary, Jane, Dorothy and Sarah, £ 2-17-6 $\frac{3}{4}$ to each.

Children:

11. i. John⁴, b, Mar. 29, 1692
12. ii. Joseph, b. Oct. 11, 1693
13. iii. Moses, b. July 3, 1695
14. iv. Aaron (twin), b. July 3, 1695; Richard Stevens [Stephens] appointed guardian Aug. 7, 1713.
 - v. Gershom, b. Oct. 18, 1697; d. Mar. 20, 1702
 - vi. Sarah, b. Mar. 23, 1699 ; d. Oct. 14, 1699
 - vii. Elizabeth, b. May 26, 1700; m. June 23, 1719, Johnathan Shattuck.
 - viii. Abigail, b. June 21, 1701; m. Apr. 13, 1723 , Thomas Woods, of Groton, who was a soldier, killed at Fryeburg, ME. in the fight May 8, 1725.
15. ix. Thomas, b. Feb. 3, 1703
- x. Jane, b. Feb. 2, 1705-6
- xi. Mary, b. Apr. 19, 1732, John Scott
- xii. Dorothy, m. Feb. 24, 1728-9; Nathaniel Lawrence, Jr.
- xiii. Sarah, b. Aug. 4, 1709; m. Nov. 22, 1726, James Shattuck of Groton and Pepperell.

5. SAMUEL³ CHAMBERLAIN (Thomas², Thomas¹) || *Missing text in the manuscript*
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6. JOHN³ CHAMBERLAIN (Thomas², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford; married October 16, 1729, Rebecca, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Jarvis, widow of John Jenkinson.

John became a sailor; sold land in Chelmsford May 16, and May 31, 1704, called “mariner”. He died at Boston, bequeathing his property to Rebecca, who presented his will for probate May 24, 1731.

7. SAMUEL³ CHAMBERLAIN (Samuel², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford October 28, 1685; married first at Groton March 7, 1710-11, Anna Gilson, who died at Chelmsford April 21, 1720 in her 29th year. He married second⁹, January 22, 1722-3, Rebecca Whitcomb of Lancaster. He married third, March 27, 1733, Mrs. Sybil Roper of

⁸ John, Joseph, and Moses claim their “uncle John Heald of Concord” their guardian.

⁹ Samuel Chamberlain was ‘published’ at Chelmsford, Sept. 17, 1721 to Elizabeth Spaulding. No record of their marriage.

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Marlborough,, widow of Ephraim Roper of Worcester, who survived him. She was buried May 27, 1783.

He resided in that part of Chelmsford, which was incorporated as Westford in 1729, at the locality known as “Nonesuch” or “Parkersville”. He was prominent in town affairs and parish matters. He was called Lieutenant. He became owner of some land at “Nichewogg” in Worcester county, which he gave to his son Joseph in 1742. He died at Westford June 6, 1769, “in the 84th year of his age”.

In his will, dated April 3, proved June 20, 1769, he gave his property to his wife, Sibble, sons Samuel and Ephraim, daughters Mary, wife of Joseph Robbins, Rebecca, wife of Joseph Kidder, the heirs of deceased daughter Anna White, and to Aaron, son of his deceased son Joseph. Phineas Chamberlain was one of the witnesses.

Children:

- i. Samuel⁴, b. and d. Dec. 29, 1711
- 24¹⁰. ii. Joseph, b. Jan. 27, 1713
- iii. Anna, b. Dec. 28, 1715; d. Mar. 14, 1717-8
- 25. iv. Eleazer, b. Dec. 27, 1717; d. April 18, 1719
- v. Samuel, d. Apr. 3, 1719
- vi. Anna, b. Apr. 15, 1720; m. May 14, 1742, Mark White of Acton.
- vii. Marah (Mary) (twin), b. Apr 15, 1720; m. Mar. 21, 1745, Joseph Robbins.
- 26. viii. Samuel, Jr., b. Oct. 26, 1723
- 27. ix. Ephraim, b. Sept. 28, 1725
- x. Rebecca, b. Feb. 26, 1727-8; m. Feb. 27, 1752, Joseph Kidder, res. New Ipswich, NH
- xi. Wilder, b. Feb. 5, 1730; “went to Hollis, NH”. Living at Hollis, Feb 26, 1788, he sold land Nathaniel Chamberlain of Waterford, one = right in Waterford.

8. JOSEPH³ (Samuel², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford November 5, 1687; married first, Susanna who died December 2, 1717, in her 26th year. He married second (intention November 8, 1719) Elizabeth Stevens, who was a member of the church with him in 1741; who died March 2, 1770, ‘aged 74’ according to the church record.

He was a tailor; bought and sold considerable land; purchased the rights of his brothers Samuel and Thomas in the estate of their father May 3, 1717.

He deeded to his son Benjamin Chamberlain April 22, 1755, for love and also the sum of one hundred pounds, all his real estate in Chelmsford and Westford, reserving life use of one half of the same; his wife Elizabeth joined in the deed. This seems to have taken the place of a will, as none is on record.

He died November 15, 1755.

Children:

- 28. i. Phineas⁴, b. Mar. 12, 1715-16
- ii. Eleazer, b. Nov. 25, 1715; d. Mar. 12, 1715-16
- iii. Elizabeth, (twin) b. Aug. 17, 1720

¹⁰ Children who should be numbered 16 thru 23 are not accounted for in the manuscript.

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- iv. Susannah (twin), b. Aug. 17, 1720
- v. Sarah, b. Dec. 5, 1722
- vi. Thomas, b. Jan. 18, 1827-8
29. vii. Benjamin, b. Oct. 23, 1733
- viii. Rebecca, b. Aug. 31, 1735
- ix. Joseph, b. Oct. 27, 1742

9. THOMAS³ CHAMBERLAIN (Samuel², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford about 1690; married at Concord June 10, 1713, Abigail, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Wilson) Hildreth, born at Chelmsford October 20, 1691. She received her portion of her father's estate from her brother Joseph February 12, 1717.

He resided at Chelmsford till May 3, 1717, when he quitclaimed his interest in his father's estate to his brother Benjamin. He removed to Littleton, where he purchased land in 1720.

He died December 10, 1723; the inventory of his estate was taken January 23, 1723-4, amounting to £ 730; the widow administered on the estate. She married second March 8, 1732 at Westford, Nathaniel Hammond of Littleton, and removed with him to Lower Ashuelot, MA, now Swanzey, NH. Distribution of the Chamberlain estate was made May 3, 1737; the widow had her 'thirds' which she sold on March 7, 1742-3 to Thomas; the remaining two thirds of the property was given to Thomas on condition of his paying to "John and Simeon, these two being the remaining heirs", £ 120-13-4 apiece.

Children (first two being recorded at Chelmsford)

30. i. Thomas⁴, b. June 21, 1714
31. ii. ¹¹John, b. Feb. 6, 1718
- iii. Joseph, b. July 11, 1720; d. Nov. 28, 1725
32. iv. Simeon, b. Mar. 28, 1723

- March 17, 1717, Thomas Chamberlain of Chelmsford, yeoman, conveyed twelve acres "in a living called [White##gg Living] with a dwelling house on it and other lands to Joseph Chamberlain of Chelmsford, tailor. (Mdx Deeds, 19:330)
- Aug. 31, 1743, Thomas Chamberlain of Sutton, saddler, was appointed administration of the estate of John Chamberlain of Leicester, husbandman (Worcester Probate 10 p16)

10. BENJAMIN³ CHAMBERLAIN (Samuel², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford November 4, 1694; married (intention May 27, 1722) Mary, daughter of Moses and Abigail (Hildreth) Parker, b. Sept. 6, 1698, she and her husband joined in a quitclaim deed of property that had belonged to her father, March 13, 1733. She survived her husband and was buried "Widow Mary Chamberlain"- November 10, 1769, "aged 69".

He resided at Chelmsford; was Ensign of the local military company; an active church member; contributed in 1754 four pounds to the church funds.

He conveyed to his grandson Benjamin Fletcher, son of Josiah Fletcher "for love and good will, April 23, 1761, half his lands in Chelmsford, excepting one piece he

¹¹ *The manuscript cautions:* Beware- his generation a big problem.

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bought of Nathaniel Langley April 8, 1761, and another he bought of John Minott March 31, 1760. He died April 30, 1763.

Child:

Mary⁴, m. Jan. 16, 1746, Josiah Fletcher. (church record)
They had a son Benjamin Fletcher, b. Sept. 18, 1746; m. first- []; m. (2) Oct. 22, 1779, Anna Spaulding. A descendant of this couple, Mrs. Lucy Preston (Bancroft) Page, is a member of the Chamberlain Association¹².

FOURTH GENERATION

11. **JOHN⁴** (Thomas³, Thomas², Thomas¹) ||- *Missing text in the manuscript [editor]*

12. **JOSEPH⁴ CHAMBERLAIN** (Thomas³, Thomas², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford October 11, 1693; married ?? Lydia []. He removed to Dracut.
He died January 31, 1779.

Children: born in Dracut

- 43 i. Aaron⁵, b. Oct. 29, 1719. He m. (int. at Dracut, Nov. 21, 1746) Mary Huse, of Methuen; he served in the colonial army and had wage due at the time of his death, Mar. 19, 1759. Widow Mary administered his estate, bond Nov. 12, 1759. There were two "infant children, one 2 yrs. old, b. ca. 1757 and the other 10 mos., b. ca. 1758, at the time of his death". The widow died and John Barnum was appointed administrator Sept. 4, 1771.
44. ii. Esther, b. Nov. 21, 1721
iii. Joseph, b. Nov. 17, 1722

13. **MOSES⁴** (Thomas³, Thomas², Thomas¹) ||- *Missing text in the manuscript [editor]*

14. **AARON⁴ (twin)** (Thomas³, Thomas², Thomas¹) ||- *Missing text in the manuscript [editor]*

15. **THOMAS⁴** (Thomas³, Thomas², Thomas¹) born at Groton February 3, 1703; married Susanna (Blanchard ?).

He enlisted at Groton as reported December 2, 1723, and was in service under Capt. Jabez Fairbanks May 28, 1725. He bought land in the farm called Natticook or Brinton's December 15, 1729; had some land in the part of Dunstable which "was set off by the name of Nottingham" part of which he sold November 28, 1733. He exchanged some land in 1744 for lands in the "Artillery Farm, so called, August 17, 1744. (Deeds in Mdx co. Ma and Hillsb co. NH)

Children:

- i. Lovisa⁵, b. Apr. 12, 1732

¹² CAAI member number 396

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- ii. Azubah, b. about 1734; m July 12, 1759, Zacchaeus Shattuck, who d. at Pepperell Mar. 29, 1819; she d. Jan. 8, 1815
- 46. iii. Thomas, b. Aug. 10, 1735
- iv. Sarah, b. Feb. 20, 1738; m. 1757, David Lawrence, of Hudson, NH
- v. Abiah, b. Apr. 11, 1740, m. Mar. 2, 1769, Edmund Shattuck, a millwright; he d. at Pepperell Mar. 18, 1835; she d. Mar. 13, 1817.
- vi. Susannah, b. June 8, 1742
- vii. Abigail, b. Feb. 27, 1743-4; m. June 11, 1761, Joseph Whitingⁱⁱⁱ; she d. Apr. 19, 1779. A gr. gr dau., Sarah Abbie Whiting, m. Thomas Asahel Corson whose son, Rev. Thomas Moody Corson is a member of the Chamb. Family Association¹³. He is missionary (Cong.) at Porto Rico.
- viii. Rebecca, b. Nov. 29, 1746; m. Mar. 4, 1768, William Nevins^{iv}, b. in Hollis, NH.

16. BENJAMIN⁴ (Samuel³, Thomas², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford August 11, 1704; married January 27, 1731-2, Esther Fassett of Westford; she was buried August 10, 1753; she became a member of the church in 1742.

He resided at Chelmsford; was admitted to the church- Benjamin Chamberlain Jr.- May 5, 1745; was one of the "snow shoe men", held in reserve to meet Indian attacks in the winter of 1724. He gave his homestead to his son "Benjamin Chamberlain the 3d" January 11, 1770, reserving life use for himself. He died October 11, 1771 and was buried October 12, 1771.

Hi will dated December 20, 1768 'lodged' October 29, 1771, was proved March 19, 1773. Bequeathed to Esther, wife of Joshua Atwood, daughter Sarah Chamberlain, grandsons Isaac and Thomas Patten, sons of his son-in-law Isaac Patten, and to son Benjamin Chamberlain. Brother Aaron executor.

Children:

- i. Esther⁵, b. Sept. 8, 1732; m. Mar. 7, 1758, Joshua Atwood
- ii. Abigail, b. Jan. 7, 1734-5
- 48. iii. Benjamin, b. Feb. 18, 1734-5
- iv. Lydia, b. May 27, 1739; m. Sept. 16, 1760, Isaac Patten, of Bedford.
- v. Sarah, b. July 12, 1740;
- vi. Joseph, b. May 24, 1743; buried Feb. 14, 1744
- vii. Thomas, b. Sept. 24, 1750; d. Nov. 13, 1757.

22. AARON⁴ CHAMBERLAIN (Samuel³, Thomas², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford August 23, 1725; married first, February 14, 1751, Thankful Adams, who died April 2, 1790, aged sixty years. He married second, June 5, 1792, Mrs. Abigail Buttrick, of Concord, who died at Billerica September 27, 1815, noted in the record as "Abigail, second wife of Aaron Chamberlain". He married third at Barre, November 14, 1796, Mrs. Mary Parker, b. Sept. 27, 1743; d. June 1836.

He lived at Chelmsford. Was a member of the Committee of Correspondence, 1774 and of the committee to oppose the Stamp Act in the period just before the

¹³ CAAI member number 371

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Revolution. Is said to have been “wounded at the Concord fight”; enlisted in Captain John Ford’s Company of Col. John Reed’s regiment September 30, 1777, and served 43 days. He was chosen a deacon of the church in 1777. He had a share in the Soldier’s Township, Narragansett No. 6, which he sold in 1763. (Worc. Deeds) He removed to Billerica. “Dea. Aaron Chamberlain” died at Chelmsford, “aged 90”, September 26, 1815.

He died and his son Aaron administered his estate September 26, 1815. Samuel Chamberlain and Jonathan Keyes were sureties on his bond. Allowance was given to the widow Mary October 26, 1815. 1779-82 represented the town in the Legislature of Massachusetts.

Children:

- I Thankful⁵, b. Nov. 12, 1751, baptized Nov. 14th; m. Aug. 30, 1770, Samuel Adams.
- 57 ii. Aaron, Jr., b. Sept. 21, 1753
- iii. Mary, b. Aug. 27, 1755
- iv. Sybil, (called Civil in Billerica record) b. July 17, 1757; d. May 5, 1783
- v. Sarah, b. June 1, 1759; d. about 1840
- vi. Abigail, b. June 18, 1761
- vii. Joanna, b. Aug. 22, 1764; m. Sept. 17, 1807, Peter Taylor, b. May 21, 1769; d. July 29, 1831
- viii. Nathaniel, b. Mar. 30, 1768; d. June 1, buried June 3, 1790
- 58. ix. Samuel, b. Mar. 28, 1771
- x. John, b. Jan. 16, 1774; d. Sept. 22, 1783

23. JACOB⁴ CHAMBERLAIN (Samuel³, Thomas², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford April 25, 1729; married first, May 21, 1761, Lydia, daughter of Zachariah and Sarah (Butterfield) Richardson, born May 17, 1729, died May 31, 1775. He married second, January 24, 1780, Ruth Hall (who is called on the church record of Chelmsford, Ruth Hale). Her funeral was attended August 15, 1792.

He resided at Chelmsford; lived on the farm his father had occupied. Was a member of the church. He was buried February 11, 1800.

Children:

- i. Lydia⁵, b. June 11, 1762; m. Mar. 14, 1785, Joshua Saunders.
- 61. ii. Abel, b. and bapt. Sept. 25, 1763.
- iii. Joseph, b. June 8, bapt. June 9, 1765. Was he the man who m. Dec. 22, Mary Parker? He d. Dec. 3, was buried Dec. 4, 1787.
- iv. Bridget, b. Oct. 28, bapt. Nov. 1, 1767; m. Feb. 7, 1793, John Carrier, Jr. (Dunbarton, NH records.)
- 63. v. Jacob, Jr., b. Feb. 17, 1769, bapt. Feb. 19, 1769

24. JOSEPH⁴ CHAMBERLAIN (Samuel³, Samuel², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford, January 27, 1713; married [], Hannah [].

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He went in early manhood to Sutton and vicinity. His father, Samuel Chamberlain, of Westford, gave to him, "my eldest son, Joseph Chamberlain of Nichewogg in the county of Worcester", etc. several tracts of land there, reserving for himself the privilege during his life of pasturing young cattle on said land and in the case he should wish. He resided a short time at Leicester, and as of that place bought land at Sutton and removed there in 1745. He was still a resident of Sutton in 1753; and seems to have died there, as "Benjamin, 14 years of age, son of Joseph Chamberlain, late of Sutton" chose Willard Moore of Paxton, guardian Sept. 21, 1768. (Worcester Co. Probate)

Children:

- i. Hannah⁵, b. Mar. 24, 1741
- ii. Joseph, b. Aug. 22, 1743; bapt. May 15, 1748
- iii. Mary, b. Aug. 13, 1744
- iv. Abigail, b. Dec. 26, 1746; m. Apr. 2, 1765, Elisha Putnam
65. v. Aaron, b. Apr. 28, 1749; remembered in his grandfather's will
- vi. Rebecca, b. June 17, 1751
- vii. Sarah, b. Aug. 28, 1753
- viii. Benjamin, b. Sept. 3, 1754.

26. SAMUEL⁴ CHAMBERLAIN (Samuel³, Samuel², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford, October 26, 1728; married [] Sarah, daughter of Jacob Wright and widow of Ebenezer Patch. She died June 12, 1793 "in the 64th year of her age". Her estate was settled and her property given to her son Jacob Patch.

Samuel Chamberlain, of Westford, had land at New Ipswich, NH which he sold June 20, 1750; bought land at Hollis, NH- 30 acres- October 21, 1771; sold land there to Wilder Chamberlain, of Bolton, MA. April 3, 1784, which Wilder re-conveyed to him for life use the same day. The name of Samuel Chamberlain was on the list of taxpayers in Hollis, NH from 1772 to 1784 when the name of Wilder Chamberlain supersedes it. The name of Samuel Chamberlain was stated on the non-resident list of Hollis, NH in 1788.

Children of Samuel and Sarah:

- i. Martha⁵ (Patty), b. June 16, 1753; m. Mr. Prince
66. ii. Wilder, b. July 11, 1754
- iii. Sarah, b. Nov. 20, 1755
- iv. Elizabeth (Betsey), b. Apr. 6, 1758; m. Mr. Chaffin/Chaffin, had son Samuel
- v. Sibel, b. July 12, 1759; d. Dec. 12, 1760
- vi. Molley, b. June 6, 1762; m. Mr. Ball
- vii. Asaph, b. May 16, 1764
- viii. Submit, b. Jan. 5, 1766; m. Mr. Fuller
- ix. Samuel, b. Sept. 20, 1767
- x. Jesse, b. June 26, 1770

27. EPHRAIM⁴ CHAMBERLAIN (Samuel³, Samuel², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford, September 28, 1725; married [] Esther Boynton.

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He lived at Westford which had then just been set off from Chelmsford. He bought and sold land at New Ipswich, NH and a lot in Temple, NH in the year 1776.

Children:

- i. Hannah⁵, b. Oct. 14, 1752; m. [] Silas Read.
- ii. Rebecca, b. Apr. 6, 1754; m (1) May 24, 1773, Rev. Elijah Fletcher of Hopkinton, NH; child, Grace Fletcher, m. Hon. Daniel Webster, the eminent statesman. Rebecca m. (2) Rev. Christopher W. Paige.
- 70. iii. Ephraim Jr., b. June 27, 1756; d. Apr. 30, 1763.
- 71. iv. Nathaniel, b. June 27, 1758
- v. Abigail, b. June 25, 1760; m. Nov. 8, 1780, Isaac Greene; res. at Cavendish, VT
- 72. vi. John, b. May 24, 1762
- 73. vii. Thomas, b. Nov. 10, 1764.
- 74. viii. James, b. Nov. 13, 1767
- 75. ix. Elijah, b. Nov. 14, 1770
- x. Sarah, b. Sept. 30, 1776.

28. PHINEAS⁴ (Joseph³, Samuel², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford, March 12, 1715-6; married March 19, 1744, Lydia Williams; she died November 18, 1773.

He lived some time at Groton; acquired a tract of land that had been the property of Joseph Morse, which he had mortgaged April 11, 1740. He bought other lands in Chelmsford to which he returned and then settled in Pepperell. He was a farmer.

He died June 20, 1771; the widow administered on his estate, William Green taking the trust after her death. The land was settled on Phineas who paid money portions to the rest of the children.

Children:

- i. Eleazer⁵, b about Dec. 1744; d. June 22, 1767.
- 76. ii. Phineas, b. Mar. 13, 1747
- iii. Joseph, b. Oct. 13, 1748; bought land in Wilton, NH in 1770
- iv. Lydia, b. Oct. 2, 1750
- v. Susannah, b. Oct. 30, 1752
- 78. vi. Isaac, b. Aug. 12, 1755
- vii. Lucy, b. July 30, 1757; d. Jan. 3, 1774
- 79. viii. David, b. Oct. 11, 1759
- ix. Benjamin, b. Dec. 20, 1761; d. in the Continental army, at Valley Forge in his 17th year.
- x. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 17, 1766

29. BENJAMIN⁴ CHAMBERLAIN (Joseph³, Samuel², Thomas¹) born at Chelmsford, October 23, 1733; married March 21, 1758, Susanna Barron (Church Record); who died October 7, 1801, aged 63 years.

He received from his father April 22, 1755, a conveyance, partly as a gift, partly as a purchase, the entire property in lands and buildings of which his father was then

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possessed, promising to cede to his father unrestricted use of half the premises for his life. He was commonly known by the name of "The Lawyer".

Benjamin Chamberlain died December 26, 1812, "aged 79 years".

Children:

- i. Samuel⁵, b. Dec. 15, 1758
- ii. Susanna, b. Aug. 3, 1760
- iii. Elizabeth, b. July 17, 1762
- iv. Sarah, b. Aug. 19, 1764
- v. Benjamin, b. July 27, 1766
- vi. Olive, b. Aug. 10, 1768; m. Joseph Hunt, who d. at Chelmsford, Apr. 27, 1843, ae. 72. She d. Oct. 7, 1857
- vii. Martha, b. Feb. 20, 1770
- viii. Lucy, b. Mar. 17, 1772
- ix. Ellis, b. Apr. 21, 1774
- x. Willard, b. Oct. 23, 1776
- xi. Hannah, b. Jan 3, 1779
- xii. Lydia (twin), b. Jan. 3, 1779
- xiii. An infant, b. Apr. 23, 1782
- xiv. A child, b. Jan. 14, 1783

30. THOMAS⁴ CHAMBERLAIN (Thomas³, Samuel², Thomas¹) born at Littleton June 21, 1714; married Lois, daughter of Richard and Martha (Read) Waters of Salem and Sutton, who was baptized at Salem May 16, 1714.

Thomas Chamberlain, of Littleton, saddler, and Lois, his wife, received her share of the property left by her brother Ebenezer Waters, late of Sutton, in a division made December 29, 1741.

Lois also received her portion of the estate of her father November 16, 1750.

Thomas Chamberlain was a saddler by trade; he resided at Littleton till about 1742, when he removed to Sutton. There he lived till 1764 when he removed to Sturbridge, buying land there. He sold the Sturbridge property June 30, 1766, and removed to Royalston, where he bought the south part of Lot No. 27, 99 ½ acres, February 12, 1770-1. He sold two and a half acres of this tract May 8, 1778, Simeon and John, his brother and son, being witnesses..

According to the narrative of his daughter Sarah, wife of Jacob Estey, he and his wife made their home with her for about three years and six months before his death, and he died at Royalston November 25, 1781; Lois died "about ten weeks after", namely February 6, 1782.

Children:

80. i. Thomas, Jr⁵, b. at Littleton Sept. 16, 1738; m. at Sutton July 3, 1760, Charity Roundy Child Molly, b. at Royalston Apr. 22, 1764. He was a corporal in the company of Minute Men who marched on the Lexington alarm; also, sergeant in Capt. Wilder's company in July 1778.
- ii. Mary, b., at Littleton Sept. 23, 1741
81. iii. Joseph, b. at Sutton, May 29. 1743

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- iv. Hannah, b. at Sutton May 12, 1745
- 82. v. John, b. Nov. 9, 1747(as he said in a letter extant, dated Oct. 24, 1826)
- vi. Sarah (Sally), b. in 1749 or 1750; joined the Baptist church in Sturbridge when she was 14 years of age; m. Mar. 17, 1772 , Deacon Jacob Estey; they kept a tavern at Warwick some time.

31. JOHN⁴ CHAMBERLAIN¹⁴ (Thomas³, Samuel², Thomas¹) born at Littleton about 1718; married [??]

“John Chamberlain, of the Lower Ashawhalock (Ashuelot- now Swanzy, NH) so called, in the province of the Massachusetts Bay, husbandman”, sold to his “brother Thomas Chamberlain, of Littleton, county of Middlesex, saddler” March 10, 1739, all his share in two thirds of the estate of their father Thomas Chamberlain, late of Littleton, etc.

John Chamberlain m. at Lancaster June 4, 1741, Sarah Snow.

32. SIMEON⁴ CHAMBERLAIN¹⁵ (Thomas³, Samuel², Thomas¹) born at Littleton March 28, 1723; married first, at Sutton June 26, 1759, Hannah Marsh, widow of Nathaniel Wheeler; she died at Royalston January 6, 1791, “aged 68”. He married second, at Richmond, NH December 6, 1792, widow Priscilla Cook.

He was a saddler by trade and also a schoolmaster. His great grandson, Bela Nettleton Chamberlain, of Brattleboro, VT has lists of his pupils in some of the towns where he taught. He resided at Sutton, Webster, Douglas, and Royalston. Also bought land at Richmond, NH which he sold October 31, 1770, to “Joseph Chamberlain, of Royalston, shop joyner”, his wife Hannah joining in the deed. He went to Winchester, NH; was residing there October 8, 1776; but returned to Royalston, where he died November 27, 1799. His place in Royalston he bought March 29, 1773 of Jacob Estey, of Sutton, the southerly half of Lot No. 12. He also owned other land.

Children:

- 84. i. Simeon⁵, b. at Sutton Mar. 6, 1762
- 85. ii. John, b. at Sutton June 28, 1765
- iii. Abigail, b. at Sutton (twin with John) June 28, 1765; m. John Stockwell of Royalston; and with him and her brother Simeon quitclaimed their rights in the estate to their father to their brother John Jan. 4, 1800.

ⁱ In the will of John Fid, Sr. of Woburn dated April 9, 1656, gave to his two grandchildren “sixteen acres of land lately purchased of Thomas Chamberline” Equally to be divided between them and one parcel of meadow lying in the Step Rock & to be divided between them also. And any further will is the parcel of meadow lying in the Maple meadow shall go with my house.” In John Fid’s inventory dated Nov. 10, 1656 the “land & meadow purchased of Tho. Chamberline is valued at £17. Middlesex Probate Record 1: 79, 80. There is no mention of house on the land.

ⁱⁱ May 3, 1778, Samuel, Thomas, and Joseph Chamberling quit claim to Benjamin Chamberling the real and personal estate of “Our Honored Father Samuel Chamberling of Chelmsford aforesaid Sam’l” (Mdx Deeds, 19:329)

ⁱⁱⁱ Children of Abigail C. and Jos. Whiting

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1. Jos. Whiting, b 13 Nov 1761
 2. Samuel, b. 30 June 1763
 3. Susanna, b. 20 Mar. 1765
 4. Leonard, b. 16 Jan. 1767
 5. Oliver, b. 29 Jan 1768-9
 6. William, b. 8 Sep 1770; m. Mary Thompson
 7. Elizabeth, b. 16 Jun 1772
 8. Thomas, b. 20 Oct 1774
 9. Abigail, b. 18 Aug 1776
 10. Jonathan, b. Feb 1778
- ^{iv} Children of Rebecca C. and William Nevins
1. Hannah Nevins m. Joshua Thornton
 2. William
 3. Susannah m. Moses George