WILLIAM¹ OF WOBURN
Fourth Generation

No. 8648

NAME: John⁴ Chamberlain “Doctor”
Father: Joseph³ Chamberlain (No. 8542)
        [Clement² (William¹) and Mary (—?—) Chamberlain]
Mother: Mary Johnson
Born: Bp. 21 June 1730, Mansfield, Windham Co., CT
Died: 
Buried:
Married: (1) Margaret —?—, about 1758, perhaps Tolland, Windham Co., CT
Other Marriages: (2) Mrs. Abigail (Fenton) Abbot, 1775, Hampton, Windham Co., CT
            (3) Mrs. Lydia (Lathrop) Delano, about 1777 (?), probably Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY

No. 14583

SPOUSE (1): Margaret —?—
Father: 
Mother: 
Born: About 1733, perhaps Connecticut
Died: 29 Dec 1772, Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY, “aged 39 years”
Buried:
Other Marriages:

CHILDREN
(By First Marriage)

M 8864 John⁵, bp. 24 Nov 1759, Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY.
M 8865 Jabez⁵, bp. 18 Oct 1761, Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY. Died young.
M 8866 Jacob⁵, bp. 17 Apr 1763, Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY.
M 8867 Joseph⁵, bp. 21 Apr 1765, Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY. He was a physician like his father
    John, and his brothers Jabez and David. Married his cousin Hannah⁶ Chamberlain
    [LN 9359], about 1789 (?), perhaps Canaan, Litchfield Co., CT. +
M 8868 Jabez⁵, b. 10 Apr 1767 (bp. 24 May 1767), Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY. Married (1) Jane
    Wilson, about 1792 (?), probably Dutchess Co., NY (widowed); (2) Irene Gilbert, 9 July
    1795, probably Bradford Co., PA. Died 30 Sep 1848, Asylum, PA. +
John⁴ Chamberlain (No. 8648) – Continued

M 8869 David⁵, bp. 20 Aug 1769, Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY. The New Chamberlain Association of America (NCAAN) indicates he was carried forward in the original mss genealogy of William (#140). He was said to have been a doctor like his father John, and brothers Joseph and Jabez. In 1790, David Chamberlain was living in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., NY, heading a family of 1-1-1 (1 male 16 years of age and upwards, 1 male under 16 years of age, 1 female).

Glazier, however, doubts this identification. He cites the Dutchess County Historical Society Collections, Vol. 4, P. 26, which speak of a Dr. David Chamberlain, of Poughkeepsie, NY, who d. 2 Feb 1818, “in his 89th year,” and his wife who d. 9 Mar 1818, “aged 85 years,” and suggests checking the Dutchess County land records. If the foregoing data is correct, the Dr. David Chamberlain, who died in 1818, would have been born about 1728, and it is possible that he could be the David Chamberlain [LN8635] son of Abraham³ (Abraham², William¹), who was b. 18 Dec 1727, West Roxbury, MA, and whose posterity has not been established. In any case this information indicates the presence of two Dr. David Chamberlains in the area which seems pretty doubtful. The most likely explanation is that the ages given at death of the foregoing Dr. David Chamberlain and his wife are incorrect, and that there was only one man, the one of this record.

F 8870 Matilda⁶, bp. 26 Jan 1772, Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY. No. 16038

SPOUSE (2): Abigail Fenton

Father:
Mother:
Born: About 1730, perhaps New York
Died: 14 Aug 1776, Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY, “Aged 46 years”
Buried:
Other Marriages: (1) Mr. Abbot,

No. -5795

SPOUSE (3): Lydia Lathrop

Father:
Mother:
Born: About 1740 (?), perhaps New York
Died:
Buried:
Other Marriages: (1) Mr. Delano,

BIOGRAPHICAL

On 27 January 1760, Dr. John Chamberlain and Margaret, his wife, were received into the church at Amenia, New York, from Tolland, CT. He lived in Amenia and Poughkeepsie, NY. He was a physician and surgeon in Dutchess County, New York, were he founded the first medical society in the county. On 14 April 1775, he represented Amenia on a committee to elect Dutchess County delegates to the Provincial Convention. He was a Lieutenant in a regiment of “Associated Exempts” during the Revolution (New York in the Revolution, P. 285).
He married a second wife, Lydia, because in 1787, “John Chamberlain and his wife Lydia,” mortgaged land in Poughkeepsie, NY. On 13 Sep 1787, John Chamberlain of Dutchess County, NY, physician, filed a complaint in the Court of Chancery vs Boene et als. This suit stated that Henry Winegar, who died in Connecticut, mortgaged on 28 April 1775, a farm of 308 acres, “a part of the land called the equivalent land falsely surrendered to the Province of New York by the Colony of Connecticut.” The complaint named six men who held the mortgage, and that when the mortgage was due, New York City was held by the British army, and the mortgagees remained within the lines and power of the enemy. John Chamberlain lived in Amenia in Dutchess County and claimed the benefit of an act regarding the payment of debts to the enemy... (Albany, NY, Court of Appeals).

In 1790, John Chamberlain was living in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., NY, heading a family of 1-2-3 (1 male 16 years of age and upwards, 2 males under 16 years of age, 3 females). He is not found in the 1800 census.

According to The New Chamberlain Association of America (NCAAN), which states that John Chamberlain, Esq. and wife Lydia, late of the County of Dutchess, but then of Tioga County, New York sold land in Amenia in 1801, which Henry Winegar conveyed to him in 1779. So, while he is not listed in 1800 census for Tioga county, his son Jabez Chm, was living in this county at Newton.

Glazier strangely questions that he was the John Chamberlain at Poughkeepsie in 1790, even though he says John’s first two wives are buried in a cemetery at Amenia. He suggests that only a thorough search of land and probate records for Dutchess County may clear up the matter.

Glazier supplies the details about his marriages and wives. He states that Margaret was of Tolland, CT, but does not provide a source for this information. He says that John was “of Amenia, NY, when he married Mrs. Abigail (Fenton) Abbot at Hampton, CT. There appears to be no question that the family left Amenia, but as Glazier asks: “Where did they go?” It is doubtful that Glazier knew that the Dutchess county land transaction of 1801, identified John as being “late of Dutchess County, but now of Tioga county” which would have answered his question.

Glazier references the NYR (NYG&B ?), Vol. 33 for a record of their children’s births.

An article from the Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Historical Society has a contract between one Cornelius Atherton and John Chamberlain, dated December 20, 1776 in Amenia NY. It reads as follows: "Cornelius Atherton, gunsmith, and John Chamberlain, physician of Amenia precinct in Dutchess and Province of New York, contracted December 20, 1775, to deliver to Colonel Alexander McDougall and Peter Theobaldus Curleenus of the city of New York, before the first of April next, good muskets and bayonet sheath and steel ramrod to each musket, well made and finished according to good workmanship and for three pound fourteen shilling each." (Contributed by Eileen Chamberlin.)

Signed: Cornelius Atherton

John Chamberlain

Witnesses: Reuben Delano

David Doty
PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

This record was prepared by the late David C. Chamberlin Sr., using data obtained from various sources as listed. Comments and additional information are welcome and should be sent to the World Chamberlin Genealogical Society. <www.chamberlain-society.org>

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Albany, New York, Court of Appeals, [not seen]

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