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APPLICATION FOR PENSION¹ OF AARON CHAMBERLAIN²

Application No. 36963

Maine 17.779 R

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Aaron Chamberlain of Portland in the state of Maine who was a private in the regiment
commanded by Col. Greeton of the Massachusetts line, for the term of nine months.

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Inscribed on the Roll of Maine at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on the 28
of April 1818

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Certificate of Pension issued the 2nd of October 1820 and sent R. L. Volpe Esq. Augusta
Maine

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Arrears to 4th of Sept 1820 225.86
Semi-annual allowance ending 4th March 1821 48.00
273.86

Revolutionary claim,
Act 18th March, 1818
& May 1, 1820

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² Line of descent: Aaron (5), Aaron (4), Abraham (3), Abraham (2) and William (1). Information provided
by George Richard Chamberlin.

AFFIDAVIT OF AARON CHAMBERLAIN
April 28, 1818

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

I Aaron Chamberlain of Cape Elizabeth in the County of Cumberland and Commonwealth aforesaid being duly sworn do depose and say that about the first part of May one thousand seven hundred and seventy five a company was raised at Falmouth (now Portland) to serve for the period of eight months. Joseph Noyes was Captain and Nicholas Blasdel First Lieutenant who received their orders from the Provincial Government of Massachusetts Bay said company being a part of the force first raised in Massachusetts at the commencement of hostilities at Lexington, that he enlisted into said company was honorably discharged – no written discharge being given – I further say that afterwards on the first of March on thousand seven hundred and seventy eight I joined as a private a company of volunteers who turned out in said Falmouth, Province of Maine, as a reinforcement to join the Continental army then encamped in the State of New York and which company engaged in the defense of the country against the common enemy for the term of nine months; that Jesse Partridge was Captain, William Cobb, First Lieutenant and Nathaniel Wilson (sp) Second Lieutenant; that I faithfully served in said company and obtained an honorable dismissal as fully appears from the deposition of the said Nathaniel Wilson, 2nd Lieutenant of said company which is hereunto annexed and that I am now sixty six years of age, that I am in reduced circumstances in life and am in need of the assistance from my country for support, that I do not receive nor am I entitled to receive any pension from the United States except by virtue of the Act of Congress entitled an Act to proved for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, passed the 18th day of March 1818.

Aaron Chamberlain

District of Maine s.s.

Subscribed, sworn to and declared by the said Aaron Chamberlain in my presence this twenty eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

Albion H. Parris
Justice

SUBSEQUENT AFFIDAVIT OF AARON CHAMBERLAIN
June 24, 1820

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, s.s.

On this twenty fourth day of June, 1820 personally appeared before William Widgery Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the Counties of York, Cumberland and Oxford being a Court of Record for said Counties; proceeding according to the course of the common law, having original jurisdiction, unlimited in amount, keeping a record of their proceedings, and having the power of fine and imprisonment, Aaron Chamberlain aged sixty eight years, resident in Portland in the County of Cumberland within said Circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, viz. in the Company commanded by Capt. Jesse Partridge and Regiment commanded by Col. Greaton of the line of the State of Massachusetts upon the Continental establishment, for the period of nine months, that his original declaration was made before Judge Parris on the twenty eighth day of April 1818; that he is now on the Maine Roll and that his pension certificate is numbered _____, And I, the said Aaron Chamberlain do further solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner whatever, disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts, due to me; nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

Aaron Chamberlain

The following is a Schedule of my whole Estate and income, necessary clothing and bedding excepted, viz: One swine of the value of three dollars, Old furniture Stuff, under bedding of the value of three dollars – I have no debts due me which can be collected and I am indebted of fifty dollars. My occupation was formerly that of a currier, but have not worked at my trade for twenty years by reason of age and infirmity. I am unable to labor and have been so for three years this past (sp). Family consists of six persons – myself – My wife Bethina aged sixty four years feeble and unable to do but little labor – My son Paul Pearson Chamberlain aged twenty years, my daughter Betsy aged twenty seven has been married but her husband has left her and she has returned upon my family with one child Eunice aged twelve years and my daughter Maria aged twenty four who has also been married and left by her husband – Except the above and my bedding and necessary clothing, I have no estate or income whatever.

Aaron Chamberlain

Cumberland County s.s. Sworn to and declared on the twenty fourth day of June 1820 before me William Widgery, Justice Court of Common Pleas.

June 13, 1938

Mr. Ralph O. Perkins
23 Pleasant Street
South Dartmouth, Massachusetts

BA-J/ILL
Aaron Chamberlain
S. 36963

Dear Sir:

The data which follow are found in pension claim, S. 36963, based upon service of Aaron Chamberlain in the Revolutionary War.

Aaron Chamberlain enlisted early in Mar 1775, in Falmouth (later Portland), Cumberland County, District of Maine (then Massachusetts), and served eight months as private in Captain Joseph Noye's Massachusetts company. He enlisted March 1, 1778 as private in Captain Jesse Partridge's company, Colonel Greaton's Massachusetts regiment, marched to Fishkill, New York, and continued until December 1, 1778.

Aaron Chamberlain was allowed pension on his application executed April 28, 1818, at which time he resided at Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland County, District of Maine.

In 1820, the soldier resided in Portland, Maine; he gave his age as sixty-eight years, but did not state the date and place of his birth, nor the names of his parents. His occupation was that of a currier. His family living at home then consisted of the following: his wife Bethina, aged sixty-four years; his son Paul Pearson, Chamberlain, aged twenty years; his daughter, Betsy, aged twenty-seven years, and her child, Eunice, aged twelve years; his daughter, Maria, aged twenty-four years, who had been married also. The maiden name of Bethina is not shown, nor the date of her marriage to Aaron Chamberlain. The names of the husbands of the daughters noted above are not given, nor the dates of their marriages.

Aaron Chamberlain died September 11, 1831.

Very truly yours,

A.D. Hiller
Executive Assistant to the Administrator