

**Transcribed by Peter Arthur Chamberlin
From files of George Richard Chamberlin**

**Pension Application of Benjamin Chamberlain¹
Application No. 21687**

Vermont 9182

Benjamin Chamberlain of Dummerston in the State of Vermont who was a private in the company commanded by Capt.(not stated) of the Reg commanded by Col. Holman in the Mass line for State Troops 20 mos.

Inscribed on the Roll of Vermont at the rate of 66 dollars and 66 cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension filed the 4th of April 1833 and sent Phineas White, Poultney, Vt

Arrears to the 4 th March 33	\$ 133.33
Semianl. Allowance ending Sept 33	<u>30.33</u>
	166.66

¹ Line of Descent: Benjamin (6), Benjamin (5), John (4), Thomas (3), Samuel (2) and Thomas (1). Born 1758. Information by George Richard Chamberlin.

AFFIDAVIT OF BENJAMIN CHAMBERLAIN
July 31, 1832

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDHAM COUNTY s.s.

Probate District of Marlborough s.s.

At the Probate Court, within and for said District, being a Court of Record – On this thirty-first day of July A.D. 1832 - Personally appeared in open Court, at New Fane in said District. Present Hon. Marshall Mill, Esquire, Judge. Before the said Probate Court, within and for District now sitting Benjamin Chamberlain a resident of Dummerston in the county of Windham and State of Vermont aged seventy four years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 – That he entered into the service of the United States, under the following officers, and served as herein stated, that the said Benjamin Chamberlain enlisted and left Winchendon, Massachusetts about the 20th day of April 1775 on hearing of Lexington Battle and joined the army at Cambridge and thereafter enlisted for eight months and entered in the company of men commanded by Capt. Holman in the regiment commanded by Col. Dolittle and went out (undescipherable) called Winter Hill and was dismissed at the end of eight months. And afterwards he enlisted again about the last of June or the first of July, 1776 for the term of five months and entered the company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Gates in Col. Holman's regiment of Massachusetts troops (undescipherable) and took (undescipherable) to N. York where (undescipherable) to White Plains and was in two battles at that place and subsequently served out said term of five months (undescipherable) discharged in the month of December or (undescipherable) January 1777 – And afterwards in the 1777 he enlisted and entered the company commanded by Captain. Henry in Col. Whitney's regiment and went to Providence (undescipherable) and was then dismissed (undescipherable) on the tenth of July 1777 – And afterwards in the summer of 1778 he enlisted for the term of five months in the company of Capt. Edgel in the regiment of Col. Wade or Col. Jacob if he rightly recollects he was on the island in the battle (undescipherable) with Gen. Sullivan's army and was stationed at a place called Fall River where I was dismissed at (sp) at expiration of said five months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

1. He was born in Templton in the County of Worchester, State of Massachusetts in 1758.
2. (Undescipherable)

3. He lived in the Town of Winchendon where he went into service – left Winchendon and mover to Brattleboro, Vt about thirty eight years ago and lived there until about three years ago when he moved to Dummerston.
4. He volunteered and enlisted.
5. (Undesipherable)
6. He never received a written dishcharge.
7. His neighbors Nathaniel Bixby and Ellis Griffith (undescipherable)

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
Marshall Miller, Judge of Probate

We Nathaniel Bixby, residing in the Town of Dummerston in said District and Capt. Ellis Griffith of Dummerston in said District hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Benjamin Chamberlain who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be seventy four years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighbourhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid
Nathaniel Bixby
Ellis Griffith

Marshall Miller, Judge of Probate

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that Nathaniel Bixby who has signed the preceding certificate, is a resident in the said Town of Dummerston, and that Ellis Griffith who has also signed the same, is a resident of the Town of Dummerston in said County, and is a credible person, and that their statement is entitled to credit..

I James Elliot, Register of the Probate Court, within and for the District of Marlborough aforesaid, do hereby certify, that the foregoin contains the original proceeding of the said Court in the matter of the application of Benjamin Chamberlain for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this 31st day of July A.D. 1832.

James Elliot, Register

February 9, 1934

Mr. William M. Clark
R.F.D.

BA-J/EEL
Benjamin Chamberlain – S. 21687

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the records of Thomas Clark and Benjamin Chamberlain, soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War records has been made in your behalf and no record found of a claim for pension or bounty land having been made to the United States based upon the services in that war of a Thomas Clark, as described by you. The history of Benjamin Chamberlain is furnished herein, the data for which were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 21687, based upon his military service in that war.

Benjamin Chamberlain was born in 1758, in Templeton, Worcester County, Massachusetts. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Winchendon, Massachusetts, Benjamin Chamberlain volunteered for service on the receipt of news of the Battle of Lexington, and left Winchendon on April 20, 1775, march to Cambridge where he enlisted in Captain Holman's company, Colonel Dolittle's Massachusetts regiment, and served as a private for months; He enlisted about July 1, 1776, served five months in Captain Benjamin Gate's company, Colonel Holman's Massachusetts regiment and was in the Battle of White Plains; he again enlisted May 10, 1777, served as a private in Captain Henry's company, Colonel Whitney's Massachusetts regiment, went on a expedition to Rhode Island and was discharged July 10, 1777; and again enlisted in the summer of 1778, served five months in Captain Edgel's Company, Colonel Jacob's Massachusetts regiment, was in General Sullivan's Rhode Island expedition and in the battle on the island.

About the year 1794, he moved from Winchendon, Massachusetts to Brattleboro, Vermont where he resided until 1829, then moved to Dummerston, Vermont.

Benjamin Chamberlain was allowed pension on his application executed July 31, 1832, while living in Dummerston, Windham County, Vermont.

There are no data as to soldier's family.

Very truly yours,

A.D. Hiller
Assistant to Administrator

