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**Pension Application¹ of Betsy Chamberlin
Widow of Hinds Chamberlin²
Application No. R. 1831 Rejected**

**Affidavit of Betsey Chamberlain
July 14th 1849**

State of New York
Genesee County s.s.

Betsey Chamberlain of the Town of LeRoy in said county first being duly sworn according to law makes the following statement to obtain the benefit of the act of congress relating to widows of revolutionary war soldiers, that is to say: I am now seventy eight years of age and am the widow of Hinds Chamberlain, who died at his residence in the said Town of LeRoy on the 21st day of November 1848.

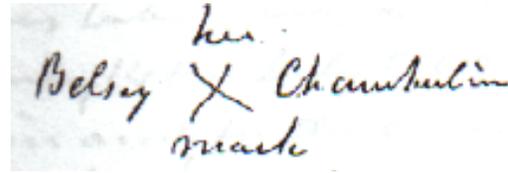
I was married to the said Hinds Chamberlain on the 28th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred ninety eight at the town of Calidonia now Livingston County being the next town east of this town of LeRoy at the house of David Fuller by Esquire Heavey then a justice of the peace residing in the said town of Caledonia. That during the Revolutionary War the said Hinds Chamberlain resided in the town of Westmoreland in the county of Cheshire in the state of New Hampshire. That in the fall of 1780 he took the place of a sergeant whose name I cannot now recollect and who has enlisted in the American army, and served in the stead of that sergeant and as a sergeant until the close of the war.

That the corps or regiment in which he served was stationed at or near Newburgh near the Hudson River in the state of New York, and that he served for a term of seven months or thereabouts. That the above statement of the service of the said Hinds Chamberlin is founded on the statements made by him during his lifetime and which (undescipherable) be true. And my husband mentioned frequently the names of the officers under which he served, but from age and infirmity I cannot recollect them but for proof of such service and other facts necessary to ascertain this application I must refer to records in the war office and other affidavits hereunto attached. That the said Hinds Chamberlin often spoke of applying for a pension during his life time and stated that he believed he was entitled to a pension for said services, but never did apply to the knowledge of (undescipherable)

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² Line of Descent: Henry (5), Henry (4), Henry (3), Henry (2) and Henry (1). Hinds died November 21, 1848. Information from George Richard Chamberlin, Ocala, Florida

applicant. It occur to my mind that the names of one of the officers under which my husband served was Pratt³, but what grade I cannot recollect. That several years after the war my husband removed to Salisbury. That about the year 1790 he removed to the Genesee county and resided there in the town of Caledonia and after that in LeRoy until his decease. That he was about 18 years of age when he served as aforesaid and was about 85 years of age when he died. I do not know that any record proof can be found of my said marriage and refer to the accompanying affidavits for proof thereof.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy X Chamberlain". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

I hereby certify that I am well acquainted with the above named applicant and have been for thirty years and upwards and that she is a credible person and her statements are entitled to credit.

H W Hascole Justice of the peace for said county

I certify that H W. Hascole before who the above affidavit was taken was at the time of taking the same, 14th July 1849, a justice of the peace and for the county of Genesee, state of New York and duly authorized by law to administer the oaths and that the signature of the said H W Hascole to said affidavit I know to be genuine.

Dated 28 February 1853
A P Hascole

³ The name of an officer by the name of Pratt is not found in any record found in my collection. More research is necessary.

#166 Grand Ave. East
Highland Park, Mich.
Nov. 29th, 1938

Veterans Bureau
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:-

Will you please advise if application was ever made, or pension granted to one Hinds Chamberlain (or lin or ling) who died in Le Roy, N.Y. in 1848. His enlistment was in Westmoreland, N.H. and his name is on a list of soldiers"whp stay in the New Hampshire line."

On account of age I think his service must have been brief, but he may have secured pension in his old age, and if anything is stated of his family I should be glad to know about it.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely,

Grace E. Chamberlain

January 11, 1839

Grace E. Chamberlain
#166 Grand Avenue, East
Highland Park, Michigan

BA-J/MCS
Hinds Chamberlin, R. 1831

Dear Madame:

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Hinds Chamberlin, Chamberling or Chamberlain, who died in LeRoy, New York, in 1848.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, R. 1831, based on the military service of Hinds Chamberlin.

On July 14, 1849, Betsey Chamberlin of LeRoy, Genesee County, New York, aged seventy-eight years, applied for pension as the widow of Hinds Chamberlin. She alleged that while living in Westmoreland, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, he enlisted in the fall of 180 and served as sergeant until the close of the Revolution and one of the officers under whom he served was named Pratt. She stated that several years after the war he moved to Salisbury and about 1790 moved to Genesee County and lived in Caledonia where they were married on December 28, 1798, and moved from there to LeRoy where he died on November 21, 1848, aged about eighty five years.

Her claim was not allowed as she failed to furnish proof of the alleged service of Hinds Chamberlin as required by the pension law.

The date and place of birth of Hinds Chamberlin and the names of his parents are not shown and there are no further data relative to his family.

Very truly yours,

A.D. Hiller
Executive Assistant to the Administrator

(In written hand) Reason for rejection not on 1852 list.