

AFFIDAVIT OF CALVIN CHAMBERLIN
June 13th 1818

State of Vermont
Bennington County s.s.

On this 13th day of June A.D. 1818 before me the subscriber, Chief Judge of the county court for this County of Bennington personally appeared Calvin Chamberlin, aged fifty-seven years resident in Manchester in the said County of Bennington who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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” that he the said Calvin Chamberlin enlisted at Ticonderoga the last of May or the forepart of June 1777 in the company commanded by Capt. William Ellis⁴. Col. Scammell, Regt . Genl. Poor’s ⁵ Brigade, New Hampshire line. That he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the summer of 1780 when he was discharged at West Point. That his discharge is lost and cannot be found. That he was in the battle at the taking of Burgoyne in 77 and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said serving.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

Nathan Burton

I Nathan Burton, the Chief Judge of the county court as foresaid do testify that if appears to my satisfaction that the said Calvin Chamberlin did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony had and (undescipherable) to the secretary for the department of war pursuant to the direction of the aforementioned act of congress. I also certify that the said Calvin Chamberlin has produced to me satisfactory evidence that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Nathan Burton

⁴ William Ellis, Captain 3rd NH, 4th May 1777. Resigned 30th June 1780. Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army during the War of the Revolution: April, 1775m to December, 1783 By Francis B. Heitman. Reprinted for Clearfield Company, Inc. by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Baltimore, Maryland 2003.

⁵ Enoch Poor, Brigadier General, Continental Army, 21st February 1777, died 8th September 1780.

SUBSEQUENT AFFIDAVIT OF CALVIN CHAMBERLIN
19th June 1820

DISTRICT OF VERMONT s.s.

On this the nineteenth day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a county court and court of record, which has the power to fine and imprison, and is constituted a court of record for a special act of the Legislature of the state of Vermont, creating said Court, within and for the County of Bennington, and state of Vermont, Calvin Chamberlin aged fifty-nine years, resident of Manchester in said County of Bennington who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows:

I served in the company commanded by Capt. William Ellis in the 2nd regiment commanded by Col. Scammell of the New Hampshire line as will appear by my original declaration on file at the war office, dated the 13th of June 1818 on which signed declaration I have received a pension certificate bearing the number 16.798.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so 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 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property of 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.

The following is a schedule of all the real and personal estate, to wit:

Three iron kettles, spider, tea kettle, brass kettle, pair shovel and tongs, 1 flat iron, 2 baskets; one old chest and drawers, 7 old chairs, three wheels, hand saw, wooden clock, cherry table, 2 low chests, small trunk, stand, hand bellows, (undescipherable appears to be lanthorn) small looking glass, loom and harness, woman saddle, grid irons, 3 barrels, half bushel measure, griddle, churn, pail, crockery ware, 2 tin tea canisters, 4 glass bottles, 3 augers, 1 iron bar, 1 set drag teeth, 1 pair bags, 1 pair portmanteau, 1 cow, one yearling heifer, one calf, 13 sheep, there is not due to me five dollars.

I am owing at least twenty dollars, my employment has been for many years past in preaching the gospel as a Baptist elder. I have no salary and my extreme ill health prevents me from performing public service regularly, my family consists of my self and wife who has been sick for many years and has not been able to walk half a mile for more than twenty years. I have in my family a hired girl at present and one little grand son about thirteen years and he is not bound to serve me.

Calvin Chamberlin

Sworn to and subscribed at Manchester in the county of Bennington and state of Vermont on the nineteenth day of June 1820 in open court, before me Joel Pratt, Clerk.

I Joel Pratt clerk of Bennington County Court do hereby certify that the foregoing declaration and oath and the schedule hereto annexed, are truly copied from the record of said court; and I do further certify, that it is the opinion of the said court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule, is 109 dollars and 37 cents and upon full (undescipherable) it is the opinion of the court that after discharging his debts the balance of property of this Calvin Chamberlin is 39 dollars and 37 cents.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at the said court, on this 26th day of June, 1820.

Joel Pratt, Clerk of the Court for the county of Bennington

109.37 Property
70.00 debts
39.37

January 11, 1934

Calvin Chamberlin – S. 39310
BA-J/AWF

Mrs. Kirk R. Howard
527 W. 61st Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you enclosed \$ 1.00 and requested information in regard to Rev. Calvin Chamberlin of Manchester, Vermont, a soldier of the War of the Revolution.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.39310, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Calvin Chamberlin.

The date and place of birth of this soldier not shown in this claim, nor are the names of his parents stated.

Calvin Chamberlin enlisted at Ticonderoga in May or June, 1777 and served in Capt. Ellis' company, Colonel Scammell's New Hampshire regiment, was in the battles at the taking of Burgoyne, and was discharged in the summer of 1780.

He was allowed pension on his application executed, June 13, 1818, then aged fifty-seven years and living in Manchester, Bennington County, Vermont.

In 1838 he continued to live in Manchester, and said that he had for many years past preached the "Gospel as a Baptist Elder"; he at this time referred to his wife and to a grandson, thirteen years of age. He did not give the name and age of his wife nor the name of his grandson. There are no further data for this claim relative to the family of Calvin Chamberlin.

No charge is made for furnishing this information, and the amount of your remittance, \$ 1.00 will be refunded.

Very truly yours,

A.D. Hiller
Assistant to Administrator