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**PENSION APPLICATION¹ OF
ELISHA² & SUSANNAH (BROWN) CHAMBERLAIN
Application No. R1835**

New Hampshire 15289

Elisha Chamberlain of Cheshire in the State of NH who was a private in the company commanded by Captain (not stated) of the Regt commanded by Col. Howe in the Mass line for 8 mos.

Inscribed on the Roll of NH at the rate of 26 Dollars 66 Cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 6th day of June 1832 and sent to (undescipherable), Charlestown.

Arrears to the 4 th of March 1833	\$ 53.32
Semi-anl. Allowance ending 4 September 1833	13.33
	\$ 66.65

Revolutionary claim
Act June 7, 1832

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² Line of descent: Elisha (6), Moses (5), Moses (4), Thomas (3), Thomas (2) and Thomas (1). Information by George Richard Chamberlin. Born 2 September 1763

AFFIDAVIT OF ELISHA CHAMBERLAIN
March 19, 1833

DECLARATION

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF CHESHIRE s.s.

On this nineteenth day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Hon. Aaron Matson, Judge of Probate for said County now sitting, Elisha Chamberlain a resident of Keene in the county of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire aged Sixty nine years last Sept, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. Viz –

In the year 1778 in the last part of the month of March he enlisted for eight months in Captain Sabin Manns company in Col. Hawes regiment of Massachusetts Militia, that he enlisted at Walpole in the State of Massachusetts and proceeded to Rhode Island to Trenton and there joined in company – was stationed there some three or four months, was employed in guarding and in building a fort. The Brittish were then in the possession of Rhode Island – That he went out of Rhode Island under Genl. Sullivan – called Howland’s Ferry –was there stationed on what was called Wind Mill Hill – was in the battle on the island – and marched off in the retreat, he thinks the next day night after the battle – remained at Bristol a few days and was then marched to Providence – remained there until he was dismissed in as he thinks the last of November – that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot state precisely the length of this service, but he well recollects that he served the full eight months, and several days over – and that no recollecting the days, he now states tht he served as above not less than eight months as a private.

That he was born in Walpole, Massachusetts in the year 1763, September 2nd. That there is a record of age on the Town Record of said Walpole. That he went from Walpole aforesaid into said service, where he then lived. That he has lived at Brooklyn, Mass and Fitchburg and in Keene aforesaid since the war. The last 27 years in said Keene – that he was a volunteer in said service.

Recollects in said service Genl. Sullivan as before stated. Recollects Col. Clapp of Dorchester had a regiment of militia stationed near of regiment. Recollects a black regiment stationed on Wind Mill Hill at the same time he was – recollects that the French Fleet was in the harbor while he was stationed there – and that they left before the battle and the retreat.

That he did not receive any discharge in writing – that he has no documentary evidence and does not know that any persons are living who knew him in said service – that he has been quite feeble and infirmed for years past and has not been at said Walpole for more than thirty years past – that he is known to Rev Z. Barston & David Carpenter, Esq who he believes will certify as to that he was (undecipherable) of his service in the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name I not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Elisha Chamberlain

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Aaron Matson, Judge of Probate

We Zedikiah S. Barston a clergyman residing in Keene aforesaid and David Carpenter of the said Keene hereby certify, that we are acquainted with Elisha Chamberlain who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be sixty nine year of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a Soldier of the Revolution, and we concur in that opinion though we have no real knowledge of the fact of his serving in the army.

Z.S. Barston
David Carpenter

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Aaron Matson, Judge of Probate.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and 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, Zedikiah S. Barston who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman resident in the Town of Keene and that David Carpenter who has also signed the (sp) is resident in the Town of Keene and is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit.

Aaron Matson, Judge of Probate

I Asa Parker Register of the Court of Probate for said County of Cheshire do hereby certify, that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the Court in the matter of the application of Elisha Chamberlain for a pension. In testimont whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this nineteenth day of March A.D. 1833.

Asa Parker Reg. Of said Court of Probate

AFFIDAVIT OF SUSANNAH CHAMBERLAIN
March 20, 1843

DECLARATION

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July AD 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:

State of New Hampshire
Cheshire County s.s.

On this twentieth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty three, personally appeared before me, Horace Chapin one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, Susannah Chamberlain, a resident of Swanzey in the County of Cheshire aforesaid, aged seventy six years, who having been first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed on the 7th day of July A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, entitled an act granting half pay and pension to certain pensioners: That she is the widow of Elisha Chamberlain who was a revolutionary pensioner (evidence of his rank, services, and pay being in the pension office) She first declares that she was married to the said Elisha Chamberlain on the 6th or 7th day of May seventeen hundred and eighty three or four, and that her said husband died on the eleventh day of June eighteen hundred and forty – that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated.

her
Susannah X Chamberlain
Mark

John Chamberlain
Daniel H. Chapin

Sworn and subscribed on the twentieth day of March 1843. Before me Horace Chapin one of the judges of the court of common pleas for Cheshire County.

State of New Hampshire
Cheshire Co. s.s

I Elijah Sawyer Register of the County of Probate in and for said County of Cheshire, hereby certify. (remainder of certification not available)

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN CHAMBERLAIN
May 22, 1854

Know all men by these presents that I John Chamberlain of Swansey in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, declare that I am a child of Elisha Chamberlain dec^d who was a Revolutionary pensioner of the US and also the son of Susannah Chamberlain who was the wife and late widow of said Elisha and that she is also deceased. I further declare that I am advised that my said mother was in her life entitled to pension under the Act of 1838. I therefore hereby constitute and appoint L. J. Bowen, Esq my true and lawful attorney for one and in any name to examine all papers and documents on file in the Departments of Washington and elsewhere and prosecute said claim with full power of substitution hereby authorizing him to act as fully in the premises as I might if personally present.

Witness my hand and seal this twenty second day of May 1854.

John Chamberlain

State of New Hampshire
Cheshire s.s.

May 22, 1854 then the said John Chamberlain made oath that the above statement is true and I certify that I believe him directly interested and that he is a child of both Elisha and Susannah Chamberlain.

George F. Starkweather, Justice of the Peace

EXTRACT OF MARRIAGE RECORD
February 18, 1843

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, Town of Newton, February 18th 1843. In the records of the Town of Newton, I find the following – “Marriages consummated by the Rev. W. Johathan Homer” After sundry others I find the following – “Mr. Elisha Chamberlain and Wife Susannah Brown both of Newton, were married, May sixth, seventeen hundred and eighty four.”

I Elijah F. Woodward, Clerk of the Town of Newton certify that the above is a true copy from the Record of Marriages in the Town of Newton with the exception of the date which is expressed on said Record in fair legible figures as follows: May 6th 1784.

I Elijah F. Woodward above named do depose and say that I hold the office of Town Clerk in the Town of Newton, County & State aforesaid and that the above is a true extract from the Records of said Town with the exception above named.

Elijah F. Woodward, Clerk of the Town of Newton

Sworn to this 18th day of February A.D. 1843 before me,
Seth Davis, Justice of the Peace

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Secretaries Office, February 20, 1843

I hereby certify that on the date of the above (sp) Seth Davis was a Justice of the Peace for the County of Middlesex

John Holly (sp)
Secretary of the Commonwealth

August 18, 1930

Marian G. Russell
National Americana Society
44 East Twenty Third Street
New York, New York

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section
ILL

Dear Madam:

You are advised that it appears from the Revolutionary War pension claim R. 1835, that Elisha Chamberlain was born September 2, 1763 in Walpole, Massachusetts.

He stated that while residing in Walpole, Massachusetts, he enlisted the latter part of March, 1778, and served eight months as private in Captain Sabin Mann's Company, Colonel Hawes Massachusetts Regiment: he was in the battle of Rhode Island.

After the war, soldier lived in Brooklyn, Massachusetts and in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 19, 1833, while a resident of Keene, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, where he had resided for twenty-seven years.

He married May 6, 1784, at Newton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Miss Susannah Brown; both parties then of said Newton.

He died June 11, 1840 in Swanzey, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, survived by his widow, Susannah, who resided in Swanzey, N.H. in 1843, aged seventy-six years.

Their son, John, was a resident of said Swanzey in 1854 and stated that his mother was then deceased.

Very truly yours,

E.W. Morgan
Acting Commissioner