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**Pension Application¹ of Ephraim Chamberlin(ain)² and
Mehitable Spaulding Chamberlin
Application No. W. 25060**

Certificate No. 16.869

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New Hampshire Roll
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Ephraim Chamberlin of Strafford Co in the State of New Hampshire who was a private in the regiment commanded by Col. Bedel of the N. Hampshire line, for the term of 1 year.

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Inscribed on the Roll of N. Hampshire at the rate of 8 Dollar per month, to commence the 24 of April 1818.
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Certificate of Pension issued the of May 1820 and sent to the Hon. A. Livermore.
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Arrears to 4 th of March 1820	178.83
Semi-anl. All'ce ending 4 Sept 1820	<u>48.00</u>
	\$ 226.83

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² Line of Descent: Ebenezer (4), William (3), Jacob (2) and William (1). b. Oct 6, 1757, Rochester, StraffordNH. D. Dec 14, 1829, New Hampton (now Center Harbor), Strafford, NH. Married Mehitable Bean, Nov 20, 1783, Plymouth, Grafton NH. Information provided by George Richard Chamberlin, Ocala, Florida.

Affidavit of Ephraim Chamberlin
April 24 1818

State of New Hampshire
Strafford s.s.

On this 24th day of April A.D. 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas for said County personally appeared Ephraim Chamberlin aged sixty one years resident of the Town of Center Harbor in the County and State aforesaid 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 and 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 Ephraim Chamberlin enlisted in the Town of New Hampton in the county and state aforesaid sometime in the month of February 1776 for one year unless sooner discharged into the company commanded by Captain _____ Everett³ and Regiment commanded by Col _____ Beedle⁴ and New Hampshire line that he passed muster at Orford in said state and there rec all his equipment (viz.) his gun, cartridge box, blanket, clothing, all from the continental stores. That he continued to serve as a private soldier in said corps until sometime in May 1776 when he was in the battle or skirmish at the Cedars so called in Canada and taken prisoner and there kept as such about three weeks and then was exchanged. He was taken sick while a prisoner and immediately after he was exchanged his was conveyed to St. Johns when he had a furlough to return home in consequence of his being unable to do duty which furlough was given sometime in June 1776 the condition of it was that if he recovered his health he should immediately return to his company. Accordingly by sometime in September following he recovered his health so far that he set out for the army and traveled about one hundred and thirty miles to a place called Otter Creek within about twenty five miles of Ticonderoga where his company lay, he was there taken sick he then wrote to his Captain his situation and that his Captain then wrote back to him to return home as soon as he was able, which he did the Regiment he belonged to was discharged sometime in December following and he never join it afterward. That he again enlisted in said New Hampton in July 1777 for two months in the company commanded by Captain Nathan Taylor⁵ and Regiment commanded by Col _____ Stickney⁶ and

³ Capt. Edward Everett. Captain of Bedel's Regiment New Hampshire Rangers, 22nd January, 1776; taken prisoner at the Cedars, 19th May, 1776; Captain New Hampshire militia in 1777. 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.

⁴ Timothy Bedel. Captain New Hampshire Rangers, June, 1775; Colonel New Hampshire Rangers, 23rd June to December, 1775; Colonel New Hampshire Rangers, 22nd January, 1776; cashiered 1st August, 1776; Colonel and Brigadier-General Vermont Militia 1777 to 1781. Died February, 1787. 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 Nathan Taylor. Mentioned as Lieutenant of Whitcomb's Battalion New Hampshire Rangers, 1st February 1777; resigned 6th December, 1779. (Died 1840). May not be this individual. Needs more research. Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army during the War of the Revolution: April, 1775m to

line aforesaid, that he continued to serve in said corps until sometime in September following his enlistment and then was discharged at Stillwater in the State of New York. He received no written discharge that he was in the aforesaid battle at the cedars in 1776 and in the Battle of Bennington, State of Vermont in August 1777 and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to and declared before me that day and year aforesaid ---

I William Badger (sp) Judge as aforesaid declare that it appears to my satisfaction that the aforesaid Ephraim Chamberlin did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy for the term of nine months in the continental establishment and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to Secretary for the Department of War pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the seal of said Court to be hereunto affixed this first day of September A.D. 1818

William Badger

Attest Daniel Waldron, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for said County of Strafford

December, 1783 By Francis B. Heitman. Reprinted for Clearfield Company, Inc. by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Baltimore, Maryland 2003.

⁶ Thomas Stickney. Colonel NH Militia, 1776 to 1780; commanded Regiment at Bennington. (Died 26th January, 1809). 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.

Subsequent Affidavit Of Ephraim Chamberlin
July 3rd 1820

To the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting at Gilford within and for the County of Strafford and State of New Hampshire, on the third Tuesday of July, 1820.

Ephraim Chamberlin aged 63 years, resident in Center Harbor in said County, comes into court and in pursuance of an act of Congress passed on the 1st day of May, 1820, brings with him, and in his proper person exhibits to said Court a Schedule by him subscribed, containing his whole Estate and Income-his necessary clothing and bedding excepted-as follows:---

Equity of redemption in 200 acres of land with the buildings thereon which is mortgaged for the sum of \$ 1,700 –

4 oxen - 4 cows – 2 year old cattle – 4 yearlings
3 calves – 2 horses – 1 colt – 40 sheep – 15 lambs
2 swine – 1 clock – 1 case drawers – 1 desk old – 1 (undescipherable) wheels
2 harrows 1 plough – 1 pr plough shares – 1 waggon – 10 dining chairs
3 chairs – 1 iron bar – 1 ax – 2 scythes and snaths – 2 tables
40 lbs sheeps wool – 100 bushels corn and grane – old iron ware
old crockery ware – pewter (undescipherable) – 1 grindstone – 2 cases (undescipherable) bottles

And I am endebted to sundry persons exclusive of the mortgage in the sum of more than \$ 440

Ephraim Chamberlain

And the said Ephraim Chamberlain in pursuance as aforesaid produceth to said Court the following oath by him duly taken and subscribed: -- viz.

I Ephraim Chamberlain 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 diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of and 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 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.

Ephraim Chamberlain

And the said Ephraim Chamberlain doth here in Court further declare on oath, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, viz. He entered under Captain Everett in Col. Beedle’s Regt in Februy 1776 and served in said Regiment until the last of November

when on account of being sick and not able to do duty was allowed to return home – served two months in 1777 in Stark’s Brigade.

That the date of his original declaration in order to obtain a pension is 24th April 1818 and the number of his pension certificate is 16-869. That his occupation is that of a farmer not able to labor but a part of the time. That the number and names of his family residing with him, and their ages and capacities to contribute to their support, are as follows, viz – his wife aged 55 years – not in health.

Wherefore he prays the opinion of said Court as to the value of his property contained in the said schedule, and the same, together with the copy of said premises, be duly certified to the Secretary of War.

Sworn and declared before the said Court the 18th day of July 1820

Ephraim Chamberlain

Attest, A. Peirce, Clerk

State of New Hampshire – Strafford s.s.

At a Court of Common Pleas holden at Gilford within and for the County of Strafford and State of New Hampshire, on the 18 day of July 1820 before Daniel M. Durell, Esquire, Chief Justice, and Valentine Smith, and Samuel Quarles, Associate Justices of said Court.

The aforementioned schedule and oath and declaration duly subscribed and sworn by the said Ephraim Chamberlain having been by him exhibited in person, and presented to the Court, and the same being seen and considered, it is the opinion of said Court that the value of the property contain (equity of redemption on the lands mentioned in the said schedule is value at one hundred dollars) in said schedule is valued at four hundred eleven dollars and fifty cents. Wherefore the Court order that a copy of the premises, together with the proceedings thereon, be duly certified to the Secretary of War

Attest, A. Peirce, Clerk

State of New Hampshire..... Strafford ss.

I, Andrew Peirce, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the County of Strafford, being a court of record, do certify that the foregoing schedule and oath, and the declaration annexed, with the proceedings and opinion of the court thereon, are true copies for the Records and files of said Court.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court, the 18th day of July 1820.

A Peirce, Clerk

Certification Of Marriage
April 18th 1843

Ephraim Chamberlain and Mehitable Bean “Were married November twentieth seventeen hundred eighty three” The above is a true copy of the record of marriages in the Town of Plymouth, County of Grafton & State of New Hampshire with the exception of the date which is expressed on the in fair legible figures as follows “were married November 20th 1783”

F.W.A. Robie Town Clerk of Plymouth

I F.W.A. Robie above named depose and say that I hold the office of Town Clerk in the town, county & state foresaid and that the above is a true extract from the records of said town with the exception above named as certified by me and that I have held said office since the 9th day of March 1841.

F.W.A. Robie Town Clerk of Plymouth

State of New Hampshire
Grafton s.s. April 18th 1843

Subscribed and Sworn to
Before Walter Blair, Jus Peace

Declaration Of Mehitable Spaulding
April 12th 1843

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 and the 23rd August 1842 and 3rd March, 1843

State of New Hampshire

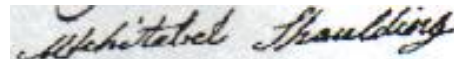
Grafton s.s.

On this twelfth day of April 1843 personally appeared before me Walter B. Blair, Judge of the Probate for the County aforesaid Mehitable Spaulding a resident of Rumney in the county aforesaid aged seventy nine years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838 and the 23rd of August 1842 and the 3rd of March 1843 granting pensions of Widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War

That she is the widow of Ephraim Chamberlain who was a private during the Revolution in the New Hampshire line. That he was a pensioner at the time of his decease at the rate of ninety six dollars per annum and that the said widow Mehitable Spaulding drew the pension from September 4th 1829 to December 14th 1829 at the time of his decease and that the original certificate was sent back to the pension office, that the proof of his service is filed in the pension office as she supposes.

She also declares that she was married to the said Ephraim Chamberlain on the 20th day of November in the year seventeen hundred and eighty three and her husband, the aforesaid Ephraim Chamberlain died on the 14th day of December 1829. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but their marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four namely at the time above stated.

She further declares that after the death of the husband aforesaid she was married to Oliver Spaulding on the 18th day of September 1831 and that he died on the 4th day of July 1840 and that she is still a widow.



Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written before me

Walter Blain Judge of Probate

I certify that by reason of bodily infirmity the above named Mehitable Spaulding is unable to appear in open court & that the foregoing declaration was taken at her dwelling in Rumney. I further certify that I was personally acquainted with Ephraim Chamberlain & Mehitable his wife the persons mentioned in the foregoing declarations in the lifetime

of said Ephraim Chamberlain was a Revolutionary pensioner that he is dead that said Mehitable was his widow, that she married the said Oliver Spaulding after the decease of said Chamberlain that I was personally acquainted with the said Spaulding and that he is dead & that said Mehitable is still a widow. I further certify the words “and the 3rd March 1843” in the body of the foregoing declaration was interlined before signing.

Walter Blair, Judge of Probate