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**PENSION APPLICATION<sup>1</sup> OF EPHRAIM CHAMBERLAIN<sup>2</sup>  
Application No. S 28679**

Maine No. 27.361

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Ephraim Chamberlain of Portland in the State of Maine who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Roberts of the regiment commanded by Col. Wadsworth in the Massachusetts line for 8 months.

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Inscribed on the Roll of Maine at the rate of 26 Dollars 66 Cents per annum to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831.

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Certificate of Pension issued the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1834 and sent to J. Mussey (sp), Portland

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Arrears to the 4 <sup>th</sup> of March 1834	\$ 79.98
Semi-al. allowance ending 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>13.33</u>
	\$ 93.31

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<sup>2</sup> Line of descent: Ephraim (5), Aaron (4), Abraham (3), Abraham (2) and William (1). Born 6 May 1764, Narraque, Washington, Maine. Died after 1832 probably Portland, Maine. Information by James Baldwin Parker.

**AFFIDAVIT OF EPHRAIM CHAMBERLAIN**  
**July 25, 1832**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MAINE DISTRICT s.s.

At a Special District Court of the United States begun and holden at Portland, within and for said District, on the twenty-fifth day of July A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty two before the Honorable Ashur Ware, Judge of said Court.

On this twenty fifth day of July aforesaid, personally appeared in Open Court before said District Judge Ephraim Chamberlain a resident of Portland in the County of Cumberland in said Maine District, aged sixty eight 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<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and and served as herein stated – (sp) that in the month of May 1780 he enlisted in a company of militia at said Cape Elizabeth commanded by Lieut. Roberts and we went immediately afterwards as mentioned at Falmouth by Daniel Higby who acted as muster master and soon after we embarked for Georges River and landed at Thomaston and served there and in that vicinity for eight months, the term for which he enlisted under the command of Genl. Peleg Wadsworth and gave me my discharge in the following winter I (undecipherable). That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person who was with him whose testimony he can procure to prove his said service. John Hatch of Cape Elizabeth was my sergeant & neighbor when I enlisted and knows that I did enlist as above stated and was absent that year. I was born at Narraguagus in the County of Washington and was brot to Cape Elizabeth when about four years old and have since lived at said Cape Elizabeth and Portland. I have no record of my age but have always understood that I was born the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1764 – I enlisted as a volunteer and served as a private, Genl. Wadsworth having a man who was caught and had been acting as a guide to the English to go to Penobscot and after we were discharged Genl. Wadsworth was taken prisoner by the English and carried to Bagadene, or Penobscot. I would (undecipherable) a Clapp & (sp) Haley to (undecipherable) of Portland who can testify that they know me – and to (undecipherable) I would refer (undecipherble) opinions of my character for truth and veracity.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on any pension roll in any State.

Ehpraim Chamberlain

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Before Ashur Ware, U.S. Judge for the District of Maine

The said Chamberlain further states that in April 1781 he entered into (undecipherable) the private brig Hober(sp) of Newburyport, (sp) O'Brian Commander and went to Newfoundland on a cruise and returning home fell in with the ship Junius Brutus & ship Disdain both of Salem – and they chased us and we flung of guns overboard, they supposing us and we supposing them to be Brittish – I then went on board the Junius Brutus and continued on board said ship until Nov 2 of the same year. We took several prizes but they were principally retaken and sent into Halifax – In the year 1782 I entered on board the armed ship Fox of Falmouth, (sp) Pete commander – I went to the East Indies – she was a letter of mark commissioned by the Congress or Genl Washington – and served about four months on board said letter of mark – but did not capture any prizes – I served as a mariner of board said vessels – I served on the land and in the sea service about twenty months in all.

Ephraim Chamberlain

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion (after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatives prescribed by the War Department) that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states.

I, John Mussey Clerk of the District Court of the United States for Maine District, do hereby certify, that the foregoing contains the original proceeding of the said Court in the matter of the application of Ephraim Chamberlain for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court, on this twenty seventh day of July A.D., one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

John Mussey, Clerk of the U. States District Court for Maine District.

**AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN HATCH**  
**July 18, 1832**

I John Hatch of Cape Elizabeth, County of Cumberland do testify and say that I am well acquainted with Ephraim Chamberlain formerly of Cape Elizabeth now of Portland. That in the year 1780, I lived near him and know that he enlisted at said Cape Elizabeth in the month of May 1780 in a company of militia then commanded by Lieut. Roberts and soon after embarked on board a vessel with other soldiers for the Eastward (sp) before the St. Georges River – was that he was about all the next winter and always understood that he served among the troops at Thomaston and Camden – and have no doubt but a full belief that he did serve while he was about in that year.

John Hatch

State of Maine  
Cumberland County s.s.

I certify that the above named deponent is a respectable and veracible witness

Joseph Pope, Justice of the Peace

I William F. Vaughn, Clerk of the Court of Cumberland County do certify that Joseph Pope is a magistrate as above, and that the foregoing signatures purporting to be his are genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this twenty seventh day of July A.D. 1832.

William F. Vaughn

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Secretary's Office, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1833

I hereby certify, That, from an examination of the Books and Documents, relating to Military Services in the War of the Revolution, which remain in this Department, it appears that the Rolls of L' Roberts for services in Thomaston and St Georges on the Eastern Coast, in 1780, which is claimed by Ephraim Chamberlain are not found in this Office.

Edward D. Bangs, Jr.