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**PENSION APPLICATIONS  
OF  
JOHN CHAMBERLIN<sup>1</sup>  
& LYDIA HOSFORD CHAMBERLIN<sup>2</sup>**

Application No. W. 25402

New York 28874

John Chamberlain of Rochester in the State of New York who was a private in the company commanded by Capt. Seelye of the regiment commanded by Col. Waite in the Vermont line for 9 months.

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Inscribed on the Rolls of New York at the rate of 30 Dollars conti fios anno to commence on 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1831.

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Certificate of pension filed the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1834 and sent to T. T. Wilder, Rochester.

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Arrears to the 4 <sup>th</sup> of Mar. '34	\$ 90.00
Semi annual allowance ending 4 Sept 34	<u>15.00</u>
	\$ 105.00

Revolutionary Claim  
Act June 7, 1834

(Illegible) by George McBaumk (sp), Clerk  
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Paid at the Treasury under Act of 6<sup>th</sup> April 1838 for 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1836 to 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1837. Agent notification 12 May 1838

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<sup>1</sup> Line of descent John (6), Abner (5), John (4), John (3), Benjamin (2) and Richard (1). Born 9 Nov 1764, Hebron, Tolland, CT; died 4 November 1843, Rochester, New York Married W. Lydia Hosford who died 11 Oct 1853.

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499T New York

Lydia Chamberlain widow of John Chamberlain, Vt. Who served in the Revolutionary War, as a private.

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Inscribed on the roll at the rate of 30 dollars per annum, to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1848.

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Certificate of pension issued the tenth day of Aug 1849 and sent to E. F. Brown, Esq.

Recorded on the Roll of Pensioners under act February 2, 1848, Page 42 vol. 4

**DECLARATION FOR PENSION BY  
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN  
Dated: January 6, 1834**

*State of New York  
Monroe County s.s.*

On this the sixth day of January 1834 personally appeared before me Addison Gardiner, Vice Chancellor of the Eighth Circuit of the State of New York, in open court, John Chamberlain a resident of the Village of Rochester in the county and state aforesaid, aged sixty-nine years, who being duly sworn according to law does on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the comfort of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That the said John Chamberlain mustered into service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated. The declarant entered a regiment raised by New Hampshire and Vermont, to guard the frontiers of said states under the command of Colonel Benjamin Waite of Vermont – Major Sanford Kingsbury of New Hampshire - Capt Charles Nelson of New Hampshire – Capt Abner Seely and Lieutenant Fippin of Vermont. That he entered as a volunteer soldier into the company of Capt Abner Seely during the winter of 1780 at the age of sixteen and served in said Seely's company during the spring, summer and fall including and quit the service during the winter thereafter.

That he served nine months during that campaign when he returned to Thetford, Vermont for winter quarters. That he received a discharge from Major Sanford Kingsbury which is lost – That he was stationed at Corinth, Vermont. That the regiment built a fort and called it Fort Waite and scouted the country between the Connecticut River, Lake Champlain and the Canada line in order to keep off the Tories and Indians who infested those regions.

That when he entered the service he resided at Thetford, Vermont but cannot state the precise month when he entered the service.

That during the next season being the spring, summer and fall and until the snow was deep he was stationed at Strafford, Vermont fourteen miles distant from Corinth aforesaid. That during the campaign he served under the command of the aforesaid Capt Seely in the same company in which he served the year before. The said company was engaged in scouting the country between the Connecticut River, Lake Champlain and the Canada line. That he remembered that one Morgan was a Lieutenant in said Seely's company during the second campaign and a part of the time that he acted as a waiter to said Morgan. That the object of the company was the same as during the year before, to repel the indians and Tories and to guard the frontiers of New Hampshire and Vermont.

He remembered that he quit the service when the snow was deep, sometime during the winter, when he returned home. He thinks that he served the same amount of

time on the Second Campaign as in the first, which was as he believed nine months. He cannot state whether he received a written discharge or not or when he finally quit the service. He did not serve in any Continental regiment but in troops raised by New Hampshire and Vermont. That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person who can testify to his service unless it be Oliver Root who belonged to Strafford, Vermont whose name is on the pension roll as he has heard. Where he, the declarant, does not know.

That he freely relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. That the reason why he has never applied for a pension before is because he supposed that the evidence of some living witness would be required to substantiate his claims to a pension.

That he was born in the Town of Hebron, Connecticut on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1764. That he was brought up in the Town of Thetford, Vermont. That in 1805 that he removed to the State of New York, Town of Scopio, Cayuga County where he acted as a magistrate. That he removed from Scopio to Rochester, New York, where he now resides and has there resided for the last nine years.

And the declarant says that he was in active service during the revolutionary war during the campaigns as they were then called. That he remembers distinctly that he volunteered in the winter and went into active service early in the spring and continued in active service late the next winter. That he can not state the exact time when he entered or quitted the service but truly believes that he served nine months during the first campaign and that he again volunteered as a common soldier and entered the service during the spring, summer and fall and served until the snow was deep and he believes that he was in active service nine months during the second campaign.

The declarant can not say with a positive certainty that he was in active service eighteen months but says that he was in the service eighteen months according to the best recollection and belief of the declarant. That he can state positively that he was in the service twelve months and more during the two campaigns as they were then called. And this declarant says neither he nor the regiment was engaged in no battles during the war of the Revolution.

John Chamberlain

Subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid  
A Gardiner

State of New York  
Monroe County

We, Benjamin Flouard (sp) a clergyman residing in the village of Rochester county and state aforesaid and Eli Stillson and Eleasor Bush of the same place hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Chamberlain who has subscribed and sworn

to the above declaration that we believe him to be sixty nine years of age and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resided to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed that day and year aforesaid

A. Gardiner

Benjamin Flourard (sp)

Eli Stillson (sp)

Eleasor Bush

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
LYDIA CHAMBERLAIN  
Dated: May 17, 1845**

*State Of New York  
Livingston County s.s.*

Be it remembered that on this seventeenth day of November 1845 before me Samuel H. Fitzhugh Esquire a judge of Livingston County Court personally came Lydia Chamberlain and made oath in the form of law in order to obtain the benefits of the various acts of Congress providing for the payment of pensions to the widows of Revolutionary War soldiers, that she is the same person who is named in the aforementioned affidavits of Joseph Hosford & Heman Hosford as Lydia Hosford. That on the fifth day of March in the year 1788 she was united in marriage to John Chamberlain by Doctor Asa Burton who was then the minister of the gospel in Thetford in the State of Vermont. That said marriage took place in Thetford aforesaid where this deponent for the said John Chamberlain then resided. That after said marriage this deponent continued to live with the said John Chamberlain in Thetford aforesaid until the spring of the year 1805 when he removed to what was then called the Town of Scopio in the County of Cayuga and the State of New York now know as Springport. That in the spring of 1815 the said John Chamberlain removed to the town of Sparta in the County of Livingston & State of New York where this deponent continued to reside with him till about ten or twelve years ago when the said John Chamberlain became (sp) in his circumstances and went to the City of Rochester in the County of Monroe and State of New York to reside with his son who lived in that city and this deponent remained with another son in Sparta aforesaid. That said John Chamberlain continued to reside in Rochester until the eleventh day of April 1843 or about that date when he died as this deponent is informed by her son with whom he lived in Rochester. That this deponent is now in the seventy fourth year of her age. That her maiden name was Lydia Hosford. That after the said John Chamberlain went to the City of Rochester he obtained a certificate entitling him to draw a pension as a Revolutionary Soldier of the United States as this deponent is informed and believes that this deponent always understood that said John Chamberlain was a soldier of the United States in the Revolutionary War days. This deponent was married to him. And this deponent further said that she has not intermarried with any other person since the death of said John Chamberlain.

Sworn and subscribed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845 before me  
Samuel H. Fitzhugh  
Judge Livingston County Court  
Common Plea Supreme Court

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
HARLEM G. CHAMBERLAIN  
May 17, 1845**

*State of New York  
Livingston County s.s.*

Harlem G. Chamberlain aged fifty --- years and upward being duly sworn said that he is a son of John Chamberlain and Lydia his wife who was named in the preceding affidavit of Lydia Chamberlain. That the said Lydia Chamberlain has continued to reside with this deponent in the town of Sparta in said County since the time that the said John Chamberlain went to live with this deponent's brother in Rochester. That the said John Chamberlain died as this deponent is informed and believes in the spring of 1843 and that the said Lydia Chamberlain has remained the widow of the said John Chamberlain since his decease.

Sworn and subscribed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845 before me  
Samuel H. Fitzhugh  
Judge Livingston County Court  
(sp) Supreme Court

State of New York  
Livingston County s.s.

I, Samuel H. Fitzhugh Judge of Livingston County courts do certify that the above named Harlem G. Chamberlain and Lydia Chamberlain are persons of credibility and good standing. That I have no reason to doubt the statements above made by them

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
OCTAVIUS P. CHAMBERLAIN  
Dated: July 28, 1849**

*State of New York  
Monroe County s.s.*

O.P. Chamberlain being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a resident of the City of Rochester in said county. That he is forty six years of age and is a son of Lydia Chamberlain an old lady (widow of John Chamberlain) now applying for a pension on account of the services of her late husband in the Revolution. That he is the eighth child of the said John and Lydia Chamberlain and is well acquainted with the said applicant. That his father the said John Chamberlain resided in his family at his death and deponent is well acquainted with the affairs of the family of his said father and mother aforesaid. That his father the said John Chamberlain and Lydia Chamberlain never kept a family record of the births and deaths of their children as deponent *verily* believes having never seen or known of any. And deponent further says there is no record either public or private of the marriage of his said father and mother nor any record of the births or deaths of his brothers or sisters.

O.P. Chamberlain

Subscribed and sworn to this 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
July 1849 before me James Schrgon  
Justice of the Peace

State of New York  
Monroe County s.s.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1849 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in the foresaid county appeared O.P. Chamberlain to me known to be the individual described and who took and subscribed his name to the above affidavit and who by the duly sworn to the truth of the same and further I hereby certify that the said deponent is a man of good moral character and his statements therein contained are entitled to credit.

James Schrgon J.P

**War Department  
Pension Office**

Sir,

The evidence in support of your claim under the act of June 7, 1832 has been examined and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the (sp) notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed you will find marked in the margin with a brace. You will, when you return your papers to this department, send this printed letter with them; and you will by complying with the request greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement showing the service of John Chamberlain

				69 years, born in Hebron, Ct.
1780	9 months	Private	Capt Seelye, Col Waite	Entered service in Vt.
1781	9 months	Private		
		or Waiter	Nelson	

Proof by which the declaration is supported:

Fractionary certificate of clergyman and 2 citizens – credible.

Knows of no living witness except Oliver Root – who is a pensioner, but does not know where to find him.

Papers authentication.

I am respectfully your obedient servant,  
James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions

**Rev & 1812 War Section**

July 24, 1928

C. A. Sprague  
Business Manager  
The Corvallis Gazette-Times  
Corvallis, Oregon

Sir:

I advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, V. 2602, it appears that John Chamberlain was born in Hebron, Connecticut, November 9, 1764.

While a resident of Thetford, Vermont, he enlisted during the winter of 1780 and served nine months in Captain Abner Seeley's Company, Colonel Benjamin Waite's Vermont Regiment.

He enlisted in the spring of 1781 and served nine months in Captain Abner Seeley's Vermont Company.

In 1805 he moved from Thetford, Vermont to Scpio, Cayuga County, New York, and from there in 1815 to Sparta, Livingston County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 6, 1834, while a resident of Rochester, Monroe County, New York, where he had lived for nine years. He died there April 11, 1843.

Soldier married, March 12, 1788, in Thetford, Vermont, Lydia Hosford, of said Thetford. She was allowed pension on her application executed May 17, 1845, while a resident of Sparta, New York, aged seventy-three years.

A son, Harlem G. Chamberlain, was living in Sparta, New York, in 1846, and stated that his father had also served in the War of 1812. Another son, Octavius P. Chamberlain, in 1849 resided in Rochester, New York, was then aged forty-six years and stated that he was the eighth child of John and Lydia Chamberlain. The names of the other children are not given.

Respectfully,

**Winfield Scott**  
Commissioner