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**Application Of Benjamin¹ and Mary Chamberlin² (ain).
Application No. W. 23792
B.L. Wt. 11411-160-55**

Maine 19.36

Mary Chamberlain widow of Benjamin Chamberlain who was a private in the Mass Line for 11 months (undescipherable)

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of 57 Dollars 27 Cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March 1843.

Certificate of Pension issued the 12th day of Sept 1843 and sent to Hon A. K. Parris, Present

Act of March 3, 1843.
Recorded in Book A, Vol. 1, Page 3.

¹ Line of descent: Nathaniel (5), Freedom (4), Nathaniel (3), William (2) and Henry (1). Born 15 July 1761. Died 17 December 1822. Sister is Mary (Wife of Benjamin White). Lewis Chamberlain may be a brother. Information from James Baldwin Parker.

² Born 1765, Hebron, Maine. Married 17 May 1792.

Affidavit Of Mary Chamberlain
October 6, 1838

State of Maine
County of Oxford s.s.

On this the Sixth day of October, 1838 personally appeared before Stephen Emery Judge of the Court of Probate for said County of Oxford at a probate court specially holden at Paris within said County, Mary Chamberlain, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7th, 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of Benjamin Chamberlain who was a soldier of the revolution. That although she has no personal knowledge thereof that he served as a soldier in the American Army during the Revolution. That she has the best reason for believing and does believe that he did so serve for as many as eighteen months. She believes this from repeated conversations with him in which he has told her of such and from conversations between him and other old soldiers of the revolution concerning the events of the war. He told her that he entered the army when about sixteen years old, that he served in New York and New Jersey, that at one time he was in a company commanded by Capt. John Kilby Smith and another time in a company commanded by (undescipherable)- that he was draft by order of Gen. Lafayette out of his company into the light infantry – that Lafayette (remainder of sentence unintelligible) – that at the time often told, he marched (undescipherable) often late in the night in anticipation of certain (undescipherable), consequent (undescipherable) affair, that in the morning they received corrected orders (undescipherable) written discharge, which she has repeatedly (undeschipherable) after the Pension Act of 1818 she has applied for a pension (remainder of text undescipherable).

She further declares, that she was married to the said Benjamin Chamberlain in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-two and that her husband, the aforesaid Benjamin Chamberlain died on the (day) of December, 1822, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, viz: at the time above stated.

Witness S. Emery

Mary Chamberlain

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written:

Before Stephen Emery, Judge

BOUNTY LAND CLAIM

FORM OF DECLARATION FOR WIDOW OF A DECEASED OFFICER OR SOLDIER

State of Maine
County of Oxford s.s.

On this twentieth day of March A.D., one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary Chamberlin aged ninety years, a resident of Hebron in the State of Maine, who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that she is the widow of Benjamin Chamberlin deceased who was a private in the Revolutionary War.

She further states that she was married to the said Benjamin Chamberlin in Turner on the seventeenth day of May A.D. 1792 by one Ichabod Burney a justice of the peace and that her name before marriage was Mary Bradford that her said husband died at Turner on the seventeenth day of December A.D. 1822 and that she is a widow at the date of executing this her declaration; that she is a pensioner, record in the pension office on the roll of pensioners under that Act of February 2nd (undescipherable year) , page 6, vol 1. She refers to said declaration for evidence of her husband's service, and her marriage, & ec.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under act approved March 3rd , 1855. She also declares that she has never received nor applied for Bounty Land under this or any other Act of Congress.

Her
Mary X Chamberlin
Mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written; and I certify that I believe the claimant to be the identical person she represents herself to be, and that I have no interest in said claim and that the above (undescriphable) declarations were made before signed.

Henry R. Parsons, Justice of the Peace

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

STATE OF MAINE
COUNTY OF OXFORD, s.s.

On this twentieth day of March A.D., one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Libeon L. Packard and George W. Packard residents of the State of Maine and County of Oxford who being sworn according to law, declare that they are personally and well acquainted with Mrs. Mary Chamberlin who saw her sign her name (or made her

mark) to the foregoing declaration, that they know her to be the identical person therein represented and that she in now a widow; and the swear they are disinterested witnesses.

Libeon L. Packard
George W. Packard

Sworn and subscribed to before me twentieth day of March and year written A.D. 1855. I certify that the said Libeon L. Packard and George W. Packard are credible and respected citizens.

Henry R. Parsons, Justice of the Peace

AFFIDAVIT OF PHILIP CHAMBERLAIN
October 6, 1838

I Phillip Chamberlain of Campton in County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire depose and say that I am the son of Mary Chamberlain who has made the application on the opposite page of this (undescipherable) and of Benjamin Chamberlain therein named and I well knew that said Mary is the widow of said Benjamin Chamberlain that she has not married since the decease of said Benjamin Chamberlain which took place as stated in the application. I have often conversed with my father about his being a soldier in the Revolutionary War and heard him tell how long he served. My impression is that he served eighteen months. It is also my impression that he stated to me that he served at Cambridge in that island and another in New York and New Jersey. I remember my father telling of marching with his company at night to attack (undescipherable) York when every soldier had a piece of white paper placed on to the (undescipherable) of their hats or cape as a signal to know them as a man in the (undescipherable) battle, which (undescipherable) did not take place. He also told me of his being drafted out of his company into the Light Infantry by order of Lafayette and that Lafayette presented him with a feather for his cape. My said father applied for a pension (undescipherable) under the Act of 1818, but (undescipherable) He often complained that he could not have a pension when others obtained pensions after they had not served half the time he did.

Phillip Chamberlain

State of Main
County of Oxford s.s.

October 6, 1838 then the above named Phillip Chamberlain to me well known as a person of respectability and made oath to the truth of the foregoing deposition by him, subscribed before me Stephen Emery, Judge.

AFFIDAVIT OF MARY CHAMBERLAIN WHITE
March 2nd 1839

I Mary White of Hanover, in the County of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, wife of Benjamin White, in the eighty sixth year of my age, depose and say, that I was the daughter of Nathaniel Chamberlain of Bridgewater in said county, and that I resided at my father's during a part of the time of the Revolutionary War and I recollect perfectly that my brother Benjamin Chamberlain, then I should think about sixteen years of age, went to Rhode Island and served as a soldier, but under what officers I am unable to say. I was there at my father's when my brother went away and when he came home, and I should say he was gone three months in that service. I was about seven years older than my brother, which would make the time of his first service in 1777.

I also recollect that afterward he enlisted in the service and went to New York, where I am very sure I have heard Benjamin say that he served eight months. I believe that Lewis Chamberlain and Lewis Crocker went with him to New York; but I do not know under what officers he served.

Mary White

State of Massachusetts
Plymouth County s.s.

So subscribed and sworn to this second day of March, A.D. 1839. The depo- (end of original document)

SUBSEQUENT STATEMENT OF MARY WHITE
January 22nd 1841

I hereby certify that I am eighty-seven years of age and the late Benjamin Chamberlain who died in Turner in 1822 was my brother. I was married to Benj. White in A.D. 1780 in December about which time the said Benjamin Chamberlain returned from the army in New York. I distinctly remember that he went away into the army again after that time and after his return he visited me at the house where I now reside, but I do not remember where he went or how long he was gone.

I have given my affidavit as to the service of the aforesaid Benjamin Chamberlin and I will testify to the above statement under oath if necessary.

Mary White

Hanover, Mass.
Jan 22nd 1841

TOWN CLERK CERTIFICATE
TOWN OF TURNER, MAINE
October 5th 1838

I Hira Bradford, Town Clerk of the Town of Turner in the County of Oxford and State of Maine hereby certify that the record of Marriage of Benjamin Chamberlain and Mary Bradford by Ichabod Bourney, Esq appears on the book of Record of Marriages of said Turner as follows, viz, "The following are couples joined in marriage by Ichabod Bourney Esq from April 1792 to April 1793, viz "Benjamin Chamberlain and Mary Bradford of Turner, May the seventeenth, seventeen hundred and ninety two"

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Record with the exception of the date which is spelled on the record in fair legible figures as follows: May the 17th 1792"

I Hira Bradford, above named, depose and say that I hold the office of Town Clerk in the Town of Turner aforesaid, and that the above is a true extant from the records of said Town with the exception above named, as certified by me.

Hira Bradford, Town Clerk of Turner

State of Maine
Oxford s.s.

October 5th 1838. Personally appeared Hira Bradford above named, who is Town Clerk of the Town of Turner aforesaid, and mad oath to the truth of the above certificate by him subscribed and I certify that he is a credible and respectable witness.

Before Me,

Job Prince, Justice of the Peace