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**PENSION APPLICATION¹ OF MOSES CHAMBERLAIN²
Application No. S 36967**

Maine

Moses Chamberlain of Somerset in the State of Maine who was a private in the company commanded by Capt. Mills of the regiment commanded by Col. M. Jackson in the Massachusetts line, for the term of three years from the year 1781 to the year 1784.

Inscribed on the Roll of Maine at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on the 23 day of April 1818.

Certificate of Pension issued the 20 of March 1819 and

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Restored to the Roll on the 2nd day of January 1829 and notification sent to Hon. R. Sprague at House of Representatives. Pension commencing on the 16th of December 1823.

Amount due on 4th of March 1829 \$ 21.16

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² Line of descent: Moses (7), Moses (6), John (5), John (4), Thomas (3), Thomas (2) and Thomas (1). Information by George Richard Chamberlin.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOSES CHAMBERLAIN

April 3, 1818

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

I Moses Chamberlain, aged fifty six years, a citizen of the United States, born in Pepperell, Massachusetts, now resident in Solon in the District of Maine, upon oath testify and declare that I enlisted into the revolutionary war upon the continental establishment against the common enemy in the month of February 1781 for the term of three years into the company commanded by Capt. Carr and regiment commanded by Col. Michael Jackson, 8th Regiment of Massachusetts line – I served until after the peace and took my final honorable discharge from the army at New York City, January 1784. My discharge was signed by Maj. General Knox – My discharge is lost and not in existence to my knowledge – From my reduced circumstances in life I am in need of the assistance from my country for support. I hereby relinquish all claim to any pension issued heretofore allowed me by the Laws of the United States, if any; but I am not now to my knowledge borne on any pension list whatever. I request that I may be placed upon the pension list for the District of Maine. I was transferred about one year after my enlistment into Capt. John Davison's Co of infantry in the same Col. Jackson Regiment and was (sp) I think in Capt. John Mills company of the Massachusetts line January 4, 1784 as I above stated.

Moses Chamberlain

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Somerset County s.s.

On the twenty third day of April AD 1818, Moses Chamberlain above named, after having been carefully warned, made oath to the truth of the foregoing declaration, by him subscribed.

Before me,

Nathan Weston, Esq, Chief Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

AFFIDAVIT OF EDMUND PARKER

No date

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

I Edmund Parker of Norridgewock, Maine, aged fifty five year upon oath testify and declare that I am well acquainted with the above named Moses Chamberlain. I have known him for many years, was born in the same town he was, and am knowing to his having been in the continental service in the Revolutionary War, and fully believe he served as he has above stated – From his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of the assistance of his country for support – he sustains the character of a man of truth.

Edmund Parker

DECLARATION,

In order to be restored to the Pension List, under the act of the 1st March 1823

State of Maine

County of Somerset s.s

ON this eleventh day of June 1823 personally appeared in open court before the Supreme (sp) Court being a Court of Record for said County, proceeding according to the course of this common law, having original jurisdiction unlimited in amount, keeping record of their proceedings, and having the power of fine and imprisonment, Moses Chamberlain, resident in said County, aged sixty one years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of the eighteenth of March, eighteen hundred and eighteen, the first of May, eighteen hundred and twenty, and the first of March, eighteen hundred and twenty three – that the said Moses Chamberlain enlisted for the term of three years on the twenty eighth day of February in the year 1781 in the State of Massachusetts in the company commanded by Capts. Burnham, White and Mills in the Regiment commanded by Col. Michael Jackson in the line of the State of Massachusetts on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until January 4, 1784 when he was discharged from the said service in New York City in the State of New York that his name has been placed on the pension list, and dropt thereupon on account of his property.

AND, in pursuance of the Act of the first of May, eighteen hundred and twenty, I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the eighteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and eighteen, 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 to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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 eighteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and eighteen, and that I have no, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, of debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

Signed, Moses Chamberlain

SWORN to and declared, on the Eleventh day of June 1823

Jonathan Weston, Judge

SCHEDULE of the Real and Personal Estate (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) belonging to me the subscriber, viz. No real estate and no personal property except old house food shelf (besides bedding) viz. 4 old chairs, 1 table, 1 old chest with one drawer – a few articles of crockery (sp), 1 kettle and the rest of my iron ware is broken, a few wooden forks, 3 spoons all in value not exceeding five dollars.

Signed Moses Chamberlain

SCHEDULE of the family residing with me Moses Chamberlain who, by occupation am a farmer which I am unable to pursue by reason of infirmity of age but a part of the time.

Mary my wife	50 years	Health very poor consumption
David my son	29 years	Non compensable to maintain himself
Neri my son	20 years, 8 mos	Is healthy as common
Mary my daughter	16 years	Health good
Aaron my son	12 years	Poor health
Hannah my daughter	7 years	As healthy as common

That since the exhibition of my first schedule, the following changes have been made to my property. The notes mentioned in my first declaration I have given up and the same are cancelled and discharged so that I have now no debts due me (undecipherable).

Signed, Moses Chamberlain

I, William Allen, Clerk of all the Judicial Courts within the County of Somerset do hereby certify, that it appears, to the satisfaction of the Court, that the said Moses Chamberlain did serve in the Revolutionary War, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy, for the term of nine months, under one engagement, on the continental establishment. I also certify, that the foregoing oath, and the Schedule thereto annexed, are truly copied from the Records of said Court; and I do further certify, that it is the opinion of said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is five dollars.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said Court, on the fourteenth day of June, 1823.

William Allen, Clerk of the Courts of the County aforementioned.

AFFIDAVIT OF JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN
December 10, 1828

I Joseph Chamberlain of Moscow testify and say that on the 3rd day of January 1818 my father Moses Chamberlain then of Solon gave me a deed of his farm in Solon containing about two hundred acres being about one half under improvement and at the same time delivered me all of the personal property of which he was then (sp) except old household furniture, the personal property then sold and delivered to me, consisted of the five stock and farming utensils on the farm estimated at that time at two hundred dollars and the farm at that time was considered fairly worth thirteen hundred dollars and I gave my father my notes for that sum payable in ten years with intent it being expressly understood that all the property conveyed to me as aforesaid should be held for the payment of my father's debts. The health of my father had begun to fail before the transfer of his property. I had just then arrived to the age of twenty one year, and it was confidently expected that my father's debts might be all paid and a part of the property transferred to me might be saved. At the time of the transfer and long before, my father owed John Ware, Esq a large debt and on the 13th day of March 1818 I gave said Ware a mortgage deed of the said farm for \$ 319.35 the amount of his demand against my father as collateral security for the payment of said debt. Other demands against my father were presented to me for payment on security immediately after the transfer of the property from my father to me, it being generally known and understood that I was to pay the debts of my father as well and manage the concerns of the family. And, in all cases where requested, I gave my personal for my father's debts and paid as fast as my means would enable me. It being understood and agreed between my father and myself that whatever sums I paid for him, whether for old debts or for the immediate use of himself and family should be allowed me on the notes my father held against me. On the 6th day of January 1823 I sold one half of the farm to Silas Maynard of Solon for \$ 500 and paid the amount on my father's debts. On the 28th day of December 1824 I sold the other half said farm for \$ 600. Before I could make sale of the farm I was hard pressed for payment of the aforesaid debts, and several times past I was compelled to borrow money in several instances, and in one case I borrowed of the Waterville Bank about 400 all of which tended to increase my embarrassment. In the early part of the year 1822 my health began to fail and for three years I was unable t labor. My health is now better but I am not now able to labor constantly. My father is now very feeble and destitute. After I had paid for my father's debts \$ 1003.45 and supported the family then numerous from the time of the transfer of the property, my health meantime failing me, I expected my father to give me up the notes he held against me for the farm and personal property transferred to me. He then gave me up the notes under the full amount that I have paid for him, more than the property I received of him was worth or could be sold for at the time of the transfer or at any other time. That I labored beyond my strength and to the full extent of my abilities to relieve my father from embarrassment that I probably injured my health by the undertaking and that I lost several years time and suffered great perplexity in the business. The following sums were paid by me for my father to wit.

March 13, 1818 to John Ware	\$ 319.35
Calvin Loden (sp)	30

Amos (sp)	63.73
Goff Moore, Jr.	13.
John Pierce	12.
B B Boses	34.
D. Steward, Jr	28.77
Cooledge L. (sp)	157.60
Mos. Thompson	70.
Elp. Wood	62.
Simeon Matthews	60.
L.G. Fletcher	49.
Caleb Jewett	40.
Jos. Maynard, Jr	30.
David Maynard	10.
(sp) Bosworth	5.
John Rundlet	6.
Doc. Clement	5.
Goodale and Co.	8.

	\$ 1003.45

In addition to the foregoing list I have paid for my father many other small debts of which I have now no correct amount amounting, I believe, to more than two hundred dollars. The supplies for the use of the family and which were absolutely necessary, were furnish by me to the amount more than three hundred dollars. And I distinctly declare that there has been no intention on my part of smuggling or conveying any of my father's property in any way whatever with a view or wish to bring him within the provisions of any acts of Congress enacted for the benefit of revolutionary soldiers.

Joseph Chamberlain

State of Maine
Somerset s.s

December 10, 1828 then the above named Joseph Chamberlain to me well known as a credible witness made solemn oath to the truth of the following deposition by him subscribed before me Calvin Selden, Justice of the Peace

I, James Dinsmore, Clerk of the Judicial Courts in the County of Somerset and State of Maine, do certify that Calvin Selden, Esq. before whom the above proceedings were held is a Justice of the Peace for said and duly qualified to administer oaths.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal f the Supreme Judicial Court, this sixteenth day of December A.D. 1828

James Dinsmore. Clerk

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section

February 16, 1925

Mrs. G. R. Otis
Sauk Center,
MINN

Madame:

I have to advise you that from the papers in Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 36967, it appears that Moses Chamberlain was born in Pepperell, Massachusetts, date not stated.

He enlisted in Massachusetts February 28, 1781, served as private in Captains Carr, John Burnham, White and John Mills' Companies, Colonel Michael Jackson's Massachusetts Regiment and was discharged January 4, 1784.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 23, 1818, while resident of Solon, District of Maine, aged fifty-six years. He died December 9, 1833.

In 1820 soldier referred to his wife, Mary aged forty-eight years, and children, David, aged about twenty-six years, Joseph, about twenty-three years, Neri, eighteen years, Moses, sixteen years, Mary, thirteen years, Aaron, nine years, and Hannah, five years.

Respectfully,

Commissioner