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**PENSION APPLICATION¹ OF MOSES CHAMBERLIN
AND
ABIGAIL STEVENS CHAMBERLIN²
W. 4652**

Pennsylvania 2164 216

Abigail Chamberlain widow of Moses Chamberlin who died on the 14th of February 1832 of Susquehanna in the State of PA who was a Sgt and Lieutenant³ in the company commanded by Capt. Barrows⁴ of the Regiment commanded by Col. Beedel⁵ in the N.H. line for

1 year lieutenant
1 year sergeant

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Subscribed on the Roll of Penn at the rate of 220 Dollars and 00 Cents per annum to commence on the 14th day of February, 1832.

Certificate of Pension filed the 29 day of June, 1838 and sent A.S. Post, Montrose, Penn

Arrears to 4 th of March 1838	\$ 1,320.00
Semi-annual allowance ending 4 September (1838)	<u>110.00</u>
	\$ 1,430.00

Recorded by D.D. Addison Clerk
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Dead

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² Moses Chamberlin b. 10 Dec 1749, Litchfield, CT, d. 14 February 1832, Gibson, PA. m. Abigail Stevens, 20 May 1779, Newbury, VT. Line of descent: Moses (4), Nathaniel (3), Joseph (2) and Richard of Braintree (1)

³ According to New Hampshire Military Records 1623 – 1861 “The Military History of the State of New Hampshire, From It’s Settlement in 1623 to the Rebellion in 1861”, Part 1, Page 353 Moses Chamberlain was a second lieutenant.

⁴ According to New Hampshire Military Records 1623 – 1861 “The Military History of the State of New Hampshire, From It’s Settlement in 1623 to the Rebellion in 1861”, Part 1, Page 353 correct spelling appears to be Barron.

⁵ Historic New Hampshire, Major Isaac Butterfield of Westmoreland and His Surrender at the Cedars, 1776 by Charles H. Butterfield, Page 31. Footnote 26 states in part that “Bedel (various phonetic spelling imply that the name was pronounce “Bee-dul”)” Correct spelling appears to be Bedel.

Paid at the Treasury under the Acts of 6th April 1838
8 of 9 children from 4th March to 12 April 1840.
Agt notified 24 Sep 1841

18,544
Pennsylvania

Moses Chamberlin of Gibson in the State of Pennsylvania who was a sergeant in the Regiment commanded by Col. Reed of the New Hampshire Line, for the term of 1 year

Subscribed on the Roll of Pennsylvania at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on the 9th of May 1818.

Certificate of Pension issued the 11 of April 1822 and sent to the Honorable d. Burrows H.R.

Arrears to 4 th of Mar 1822	\$ 366.99
Semi annual allowance ending 4 Sept 1822	<u>48.00</u>
	\$ 414.99

Revolutionary claim Act 18th March, 1818 & 1st of May 1820

AFFIDAVIT OF MOSES CHAMBERLAIN
September 5th, 1820

District of Pennsylvania

On this fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open court vis. the Court of Common Pleas holden at Montrose in the County of Susquehanna and State of Pennsylvania before the Honorable Edward Hurick, Resident Judge thereof and Davis Dimock and William Thompson his associates. Moses Chamberlain a resident of the township of Gibson aged seventy years in December last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he the said Moses Chamberlain enlisted for the term of eight months and served out the term he enlisted for and then he enlisted (sp) as Sergeant for the term of one year on Winter Hill near Boston on the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six in the State of Massachusetts in the company commanded by Benjamin Mann, Capt and in the regiment commanded by Col. James Read in the line of the state of New Hampshire on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps until the 17th of February in the year 1777 having stayed six weeks longer than enlisted for the new army to be recruited then he was discharged with the approbation of his officers from the said service in Morristown in the State of New Jersey. That he was in the Battle of Boston, that he was in the retreat out of Canada, that he was in the Battle of Trenton in New Jersey at the taking of the Hessians and in the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey and also at the taking of Burgoyne – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his service except the depositions of Emerson Bonlife and William Hapton and that he applied by original declaration dated May 9th 1818 for his pension which was rejected because the (sp) from Col. Read was not dated and the judge did not certify the reduced circumstances I was in.

And in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby 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 eighteen hundred eighteen and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or (sp) , debts or contracts due to me (unintelligible portion of sentence)have I income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

I am a carpenter by occupation but by infirmity of old age entirely unable to follow my occupation. I have a wife Abigail fifty seven years old very infirmed and unable to do much for our support also a son of 16 years of age small of his age and not able to do much for his support.

The cause of my indigency was I lived near the frontiers in New York State and the enemy came upon us in the late war⁶, drove me off and I lost the most of my property – I lived near what was called the French Mills.⁷

Schedule

27 acres of land. 8 partly under improvement the rest uncleared and most of it very stony and rocky.

1 horse

1 2 (sp) iron kettle

1 pine leaf table

1 pair plough irons

1 pair (sp) and tongs

1 broad axe. 1 narrow ax

1 auger – pair chisels

1 pair of (sp) yards

1 shoat⁸

1 hand saw I took from Burgoine

Debts that I have

To Remembrance Chamberlain ⁹	\$ 70.00
To Andrew Peters	26.00
To Austin Jones	23.00
To John Belcher	12.00
To Joel Chandler	11.00
To Enoch Smith	7.00
To Daniel Smith	11.00

And a number of other small debts in this neighborhood.

Signed Moses Chamberlin

Sworn to and declared in open court on the fourth day of September before me Jabez Hyde junior clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Susquehanna County.

I Jabez Hyde Junior Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing oath and (unintelligible scrip) are truly copied from the record of the said Court and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total value of the property exhibited in the schedule is \$ 85.75. In testimony whereof I have set my

⁶ Moses is presumably referring to the war of 1812 and Franklin County, NY. From the Centennial History of Susquehanna County by Rhamanthus M. Stocker, 1887. Page 754.

⁷ Probably Ft. Covington in Franklin County, NY

⁸ A shoat is a young pig.

⁹Probably the brother to Moses and Wright. From the preface to The Wright-Chamberlin Genealogy, From Emigrant Ancestors To Present Generations, By Eunice Miena Barber, Published 1914.

hand and affixed the seal of said Court on this fourth day of September eighteen hundred twenty.

Jabez Hyde, Jr
Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Susquehanna County

AFFIDAVIT OF ABIGAIL CHAMBERLIN

March 6th, 1837

State of Pennsylvania
Susquehanna County s.s.

On this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before the Honorable Davis Dimock, Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the county and state aforesaid, Abigail Chamberlin a resident of the Township of Gibson in the county and state aforesaid aged seventy three 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 Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 – that she is the widow of Moses Chamberlin a pensioner for services performed in the war for American Independence that the said Moses Chamberlin enlisted as she believes sometime in April (1776) seventeen hundred and seventy six into the continental service under Capt. Timothy Barrows¹⁰ in Col. Read's regiment as a private in the first campaign and went of service to Canada, and returned in February or March the next year (1777). That he served during the campaign of seventeen hundred seventy seven as she believes under, and as a sergeant in Capt. Timothy Barrow's company of the New Hampshire line and Col. Beedle's Regt. She thinks he went to Canada in this campaign, that he was some time a Lieutenant in the company under the same captain and colonel. The she believes and is confident that she understood at the time that he was at the Battle of Trenton and at the taking of Burgoyne. She thinks he served at least under Capt Barron during most if not all of the year (1778) seventeen hundred and seventy eight and some in (1779) under the same Captain and after that as a (sp) under different captains on skirmishes at different times till the end of the war. She is confident that he served three or four years before serving as a Minute Man.

She further declares that she was married to the said Moses Chamberlin on the fifteenth day of May in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine, that her husband the aforesaid Moses Chamberlin, died on the fourteenth day of February in the year eighteen hundred thirty two, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Abigail Chamberlin

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written, she the said Abigail being a credible person and unable by reason of bodily infirmity to appear in open court, before me

Davis Dimock, Associate Judge

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State of Pennsylvania
Susquehanna County s.s.

I George Walker, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said county do certify that
Davis Dimock whose name is subscribed above is associate judge of the Court of
Common Pleas of the county and state aforesaid on the first day of March A.D. 1837 and
that his signature as above is genuine. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of said court this fifteenth day of April A.D. eighteen hundred and
thirty seven.

George Walker, Clerk

AFFIDAVIT OF WRIGHT CHAMBERLIN

April 12th, 1837

Susquehanna County s.s.

I, Wright Chamberlin of Gibson township in the County of Susquehanna and State of Pennsylvania aged seventy nine years do depose and say that I was well acquainted with Moses Chamberlin what was eight years older than myself who was a soldier of the revolutionary war, who died in the township of Gibson five years ago last February past and who left a widow who had made a wife of his youth and remained (sp) his widow since his death (sp) maiden name Abigail Stevens. I was not present at the marriage but had seen her before and am now near neighbor to her and was have been since my brother's death. The (sp) my brother performed in the army after his marriage the length of time I cannot tell but know it was lieutenant in the Militia (sp) and was a pensioner of the United State at the time of his death by Act of Congress 1818 and further this deponent sayeth not.

Wright Chamberlain

State of Pennsylvania
Susquehanna County s.s.

On the 12th day of April 1837 personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the justices of the peace in and for the County of Susquehanna, Wright Chamberlin and on his solemn oath and according to law said that the above deposition by him subscribed contains the truth and nothing but the truth and I further certify that the said Wright Chamberlin is a credible witness and his statement is entitled to full credit.

Joseph Washburn, Justice of the Peace

State of Pennsylvania
Susquehanna County s.s.

I, George Walker, Clerk of the County Court of the aforesaid county certify that Joseph Washburn whose name is written above is a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Susquehanna duly commissioned and qualified according to law and was the same at the time of signing the above and that the signature of the said Joseph Washburn is his genuine signature. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal of office and subscribed my hand this twelfth day of April eighteen hundred and thirty seven.

George Walker

AFFIDAVIT OF SIMEON STEVENS
March 9th 1837

I Simeon Stevens of Newbury in Orange County and State of Vermont aged sixty nine years do depose and testify and say that I was present at the marriage of Moses Chamberlin and Abigail Stevens in the month of April 1779 at my father Simeon Stevens' in Newbury, Vermont and they were married by Peter Powers Minister of the Gospel. I know it was in the month of April because it was in the time of making maple sugar and I know it was in the year 1779 because my mother died that year. Said Abigail was my sister and I am now informed she is the widow of said Moses Chamberlin – said Moses lived at the time of his death in Gibson Pennsylvania. My sister at the time of her marriage with said Moses was not sixteen years old till the month of October next after her marriage and further this deponent sayeth not.

Simeon Stevens

State of Vermont
Orange County s.s.

At Bradford in said Orange County the 9 day of March 1837 then personally appeared before me the above named Simeon Stevens and made solemn oath that the above deposition by him subscribed contains the truth and nothing but the truth and I hereby certify that the above named Simeon Steven is a credible witness.

Adams Preston, Justice Peace

Rev. and 1812
Wars Section

July 21, 1930

Mr. R.E. Dale
540 North 26th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W. 4652, that Moses Chamberlin was born in December, 1749, place not stated.

While a resident of Newbury, Orange County, Vermont, he enlisted before the Battle of Bunker Hill and served eight months, dates of his service and officers names not given.

He enlisted in the State of Massachusetts, January 1, 1776, served as a sergeant in Captain Benjamin Mann's¹¹ Company, Colonel James Read's¹² New Hampshire Regiment, and was discharge February 17, 1777.

He enlisted in September, 1777, and was at the capture of Burgoyne, duties and officers names not stated, and on December 15, 1777, he received his appointment as sergeant major in Colonel Timothy Bedel's¹³ Regiment, but it is not stated whether this last named service was as sergeant major.

It is stated that from the spring of 1778, he served one year as lieutenant¹⁴ in Captain Timothy Barron's¹⁵ Company, Colonel Bedel's Regiment, and that from sometime in 1779 until the close of the war he was called out on a number of tours in the

¹¹ Benjamin Mann. Captain 3rd New Hampshire, 23rd April to December, 1775; Captain 2nd Continental Infantry, 1st January to 31st December, 1776. Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army during the War of the Revolution, April, 1775, to December, 1783 By Frances B. Heitman, Clearfield Co., Inc, Baltimore, Maryland. 2003 p. 378.

¹² James Reed. Captain in Lexington Alarm, April, 1775; Colonel 3rd New Hampshire 23rd April to December, 1775; Colonel 2nd New Hampshire Infantry, 1st January, 1776; Brigadier General Continental, 9th August, 1776; became blind and retired from service, September, 1776. (Died 13th February, 1807) Ibid p. 461

¹³ 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. Ibid p. 95

¹⁴ It is stated that Moses Chamberlain served as 1st Lieutenant of Bedel's Regiment, Vermont Militia 1st April, 1777, to 1st April 1779. Ibid p. 149.

¹⁵ Timothy Barron. Captain of Bedel's Regiment Vermont Militia, 1st April, 1778, to 1st April, 1778, to 1st April, 1779. Ibid p.89

scouting service, a part of the time as first lieutenant in Captain Frye Bayley's¹⁶ Company.

He was in the retreat from Canada, the battles of Boston, Trenton and Princeton and in several skirmishes.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 5, 1820, at which time he was a resident of Gibson Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.

He died February 14, 1832, in Gibson Township, Pennsylvania.

The soldier married May 20, 1779, in Newbury, Vermont, Abigail Stevens, who was born in October, 1763. They were married at the home of her father, Simeon Stevens. It is stated that her mother, whose name is not given, died the year of Abigail's marriage.

She was allowed pension on her application executed March 6, 1837, at which time she was residing in Gibson Township, Pennsylvania, with her youngest son, Samuel S. Chamberlin, one of her nine children referred to, no other name given.

She died April 12, 1840.

The Revolutionary War records of this bureau fail to afford any information in regard to another Moses Chamberlain, searched under all spellings, as described by you.

Very truly yours,

E.W. Horgan
Acting Commissioner

¹⁶ Frye Bayley. Captain Vermont Militia in 1777; was a prisoner; when and where taken not stated. Ibid p. 92.