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From files of George Richard Chamberlin**

**PENSION APPLICATION  
OF  
NATHANIEL & HULDAH (PERLEY) CHAMBERLAIN<sup>1</sup>**

**Application No. W. 21950**

Maine 3455

Hulda Perley widow of Nathaniel Chamberlain who served in the Revolutionary War, as a private and sergeant.

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Inscribed on the rolls at the rate of 70 dollars 55 cents per annum to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1848

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Certificate of Pension issued the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1819 and sent to J. (sp), Portland, ME.

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<sup>1</sup>Line of descent: Nathaniel (5) Ephraim (4) Samuel (3) Samuel (2) Thomas (1) (Information by George Richard Chamberlin. Born 27 Jun 1758, died 13 Apr 1806, Grand Menon, MA, married Huldah Perley 06 Jan 1765, Andover, MA. Huldah died 22 Aug 1854.

**AFFIDAVIT OF HULDAH CHAMBERLAIN**  
**January 1, 1845**

State of Maine  
Cumberland County, s.s.

Be it known that on this first day of January anno domini eighteen hundred and forty-five personally appeared before the Honorable Barrett Potter, Judge of the Probate Court for said County, the same being a court of record, Huldah Perley a resident of Lisbon, in the County of Lincoln and State of Maine, aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled an "act granting half pay and pension to certain widows", and also of the joint resolve of August 1842 and the subsequent acts of Congress continuing the pensions granted by the above act and resolve for one year and four years passed March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1843 and June 17<sup>th</sup> 1844 – that she was formerly the widow of Nathaniel Chamberlain who was a waiter, private and orderly sergeant in the War of the Revolution and served to the best of her recollection as follows, viz – I did not know Nathaniel Chamberlain till after the War of the Revolution, but have often heard him speak of being out in the war as a soldier. He was out two if not three times, and in the whole about two years but not quite to the best of my recollection. I have also heard his Brother Ephraim who was out nearly the whole war and was a pensioner now dead, speak of his brother Nathaniel's being a soldier in the War of the Revolution and remember his saying to me that his brother Nathaniel was not out quite two years. I have heard others also speak of his being out in the Revolutionary War. But I do not remember who his Captain or Colonel was or what Company or Regiment he belonged to. He was very young when his first went out. Not more than 16 or 17 years old and must have belonged then to the same regiment as Doctor Prescott, for I have often heard him speak of being with Doctor Prescott as a kind of assistant – said he used to help the Doctor dress the wounded. He said his father interceded with the Doctor to take him with him that his duties might be easier. I remember he was part of the time in the State of New Jersey and he used to tell me a good deal about the Dutch. The one time I have heard him say he did the duty of adjutant, but I don't know that he was ever commissioned. And for some time he was orderly sergeant or Sergeant Major. He had often told me how hard his duties were at the time and he had some books which he called his old army books. There was a great book full of orders which he called the orderly book. It was in his handwriting. I used to see them and when we lived in Waterford, I have often looked over them some. We moved from Waterford to Portland and I have moved several times since and the old books are lost. My former husband Nathaniel Chamberlain lived in Westford, County of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts before he went into the army and returned there from the army. Afterward he moved to Waterford in the State of Maine. He married me at my father's at Bridgeton in this State Feby 17 A.D. 1791. He moved me to Waterford. We lived there about seven years and then moved to Portland in this State. Mr. Chamberlain died April 13<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1806. I afterwards moved with my children back to Bridgeton. I lived a widow till February A.D. 1815 when I married Daniel Perley in Bridgeton. Daniel Perley died in

1838 and I have remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Huldah Perley

At a Special Court of Probate held at Portland within said County of Cumberland and State of Maine on the first day of January A.D. 1845 – Personally appeared before me the above name Huldah Perley and in open Court made oat that the preceding declaration by her signed in true. Witness my hand and Seal Official the day and year above written.

Barrett Potter, Judge

I John Appleton, Register of Probate Court for the County of Cumberland in the State of Maine hereby certify that the Honorable Barrett Potter is Judge of said Court, that he is duly qualified to act as such – that full faith should be given to all his doings in said capacity and that the foregoing signature on this page, purporting to be his is genuine- In witness whereof I have hereto placed my name and the seal of said court this first day of January in the year Eighteen Hundred and Forty five.

John Appleton

**AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES EMERSON**  
**January 3, 1845**

I James Emerson of Webster in the County of Lincoln in the State of Maine aged seventy five years last August depose and say that I am well acquainted with the widow Huldah Perley now of Lisbon in the County of Lincoln and State of Maine. I have always been well acquainted with her for forty-five years at least. I knew her when she was Huldah Peabody, the daughter of Capt. John Peabody of Bridgeton. She married Nathaniel Chamberlain who came from Massachusetts when he was a young man and settled in Waterford in this state. At the time I was a boy Mr. Chamberlain came to Bridgeton and kept our school. I went to school when a year or two afterwards he married Huldah Peabody and moved to Waterford – afterwards they moved to Portland – After Mr. Chamberlain’s death the widow Chamberlain, as we then called her, moved with her children back to Bridgeton. After remaining a widow for some years she married again to Daniel Perley of Bridgeton. Said Perley died about I think six years ago or more and Huldah Perley his widow and formerly the widow of Nathaniel Chamberlain has remained a widow ever since. I was well acquainted with Nathaniel Chamberlain during the most of the time he lived after he came to this State and was well acquainted with many who know him before he came to this state – The first settlers of Bridgeton and Waterford the adjoining town most all came from Massachusetts and I have always understood that Nathaniel Chamberlain who married Huldah Peabody was a soldier of the Revolutionary War but I was not myself and don’t know of my own knowledge that he was.

James Emerson

Lincoln s.s.

January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1845. Personally appeared before me Sam Moody one of the justices of the peace within and for the County of Lincoln and State of Maine and made solemn oath that the above deposition by him subscribed in my presence was true. I do also certify that am well acquainted with same James Emerson, that I a justice of the peace and of the (undecipherable) entitled to full credit.

Sam Moody  
Justice of the Peace

**AFFIDAVIT OF CALEB F. PAGE**  
**January 16, 1845**

**STATE OF MAINE**

County of Cumberland, Town of Bridgeton, January sixteenth in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. I Caleb F. Page, Pastor of the First Congregational Parish in said town of Bridgeton, hereby certify that I find on the Book of Church and Marriage Records and Records of Deaths, formerly kept by Nathan Church former pastor of this parish and now deceased the following entry of marriage viz:

“Bridgeton February seventeenth in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one. This day were married Nathaniel Chamberlain of Waterford and Huldah Peabody of Bridgeton”

The foregoing extract is a true copy of the record above mentioned with the exception of the date, which is ex(sp) on the record in fair legible figures as follows – “Bridgeton February 17, 1791”

I Caleb f. Page above named depose and say that I hold the office of Pastor of the first Congregational Parish in the County Town and State aforesaid and the above is a true extract from the records of said Nathan church former Pastor as aforesaid, with the exception above mentioned, as certified by me

Caleb F. Page  
Pastor of the Congregational Church and Parish of Bridgeton

State of Maine

County of Cumberland, January 16 A.D. 1845. Sworn to and subscribed b said Caleb F. Page, who is known to me to hold the office of Pastor of the first Congregational Church and Parish in said Bridgeton as above stated.

Before me

Henry Center  
Justice of the Peace for the County of Cumberland in said State