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**PENSION APPLICATION OF
NATHANIEL AND PRUDENCE CHAMBERLIN¹**

Application No. 15963

New Hampshire

Prudence Terry, formerly the widow of Nathaniel Chamberlin who died on the 1795 of Cheshire Co. in the State of New Hampshire who was a (sp) in the company commanded by Captain (sp) of the Regt commanded by (sp) Ward in the Massachusetts line for 7 mos. 8 days

Inscribed on the Roll of Concord at the rate of 26 dollars 63 cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 30 day of March, 1846 and sent to Jacob Wales, Fitzwilliam, NH

Arrears to the 4 th of March '46	\$ 399.45
Semi-annual Allowance ending Sept	<u>13.31</u>
	\$ 412.76

Revolutionary Claim
Act of July 4, 18366
Section the 3rd
Recorded by (sp) Clerk

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¹ Line of descent unknown at this time. Nathaniel was born 29 Nov 1754, died 9 April 1795. Married Prudence Rice 24 Dec 1774.

AFFIDAVIT OF PRUDENCE TENNY
January 3, 1846

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the 3rd section of the Act of Congress of the 4th of July
1836
State of New Hampshire
Cheshire County s.s.

On this third day of January 1846 personally appeared before me Horace Chapin, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Cheshire the widow Prudence Tenny, a resident of Troy in said County aged ninety years who being first duly sworn 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 4th 1836. That she is now the widow Able Tenny late of said Troy deceased. That the said Tenny died in said Troy November 10, 1829. That she has remained a widow ever since. That her first husband's name was Nathaniel Chamberlin for whose services she now claims a pension. That she was married to said Nathaniel Chamberlin in the Town of Westborough in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts by a justice of the peace by the name of Edward Whipple in the month of January seventeen hundred and seventy five but that she has no record of the marriage and therefore can not give the exact day of said January, but that she was published the latter part of the month of December 1774 the 24th day of said December as appears by the certificate of E.M. Phillips, Town Clerk of said Westborough, and that she well remembers that she was married very soon after she was published, that she had one child by Chamberlin whose name she called Eli at the time he marched to Lexington at the alarm in April 1775. She further says her husband the said Nathaniel Chamberlin died in the Town of Southborough in said County of Worcester where they were then residing in the month of April 1795 but that she has got no record and therefore can not give the exact day. She further says she had ten children by her first husband the said Nathaniel Chamberlin whose births and names are as follows by an old record which she has in her possession viz. Eli born April 12th 1775. Hannah Dec 12, 1776, Edward Feb 10, 1779, William August 5, 1781, Sally October 9, 1783, Prudence Nov. 4, 1785, Lucy Sept 14, 1788, Polly Nov 30, 1790, Nathaniel Aug 30, 1793 and Submit January 23, 1795. That about five years after the death of her first husband the said Chamberlin, she married a man in said Southboro by the name of Abel Tenny then moved to Hubbardston, Mass where she resided a number of years then to said Troy where she has resided ever since. That her first husband the said Chamberlin for whose services she now claims a pension as before stated was a soldier in the War of the Revolution and as he always told her and from the best recollection she now has of his services served nine months or more in all at several different times. That he was at Lexington in 1775 when the British came out of Boston that she well remembers he was at Dorchester Point but cannot tell the exact years, was at Bennington Battle and served two or three months at that time, was at New York at the time the British left that place. That at the time she made a declaration before Luther Chapman Esquire of said Troy by which she obtained a certificate of a (sp) of her said husband's services. She at that time

made the best statement of his services & different towns, that she was capable of from recollection naming such officers as she then thought of but after having the name of Capt. Edmund Brigham mentioned to her she recollected at once of his being an officer and that her husband was under him more or less of the time he was out. She further says that her husband was a drummer and fifer and she thinks served in that capacity more or less when out. She further says that her husband the said Chamberlin originated from said Westboro and resided in that place during the war but she is not positive but that he might moved over the line into said Southboro before the war closed. She further says the reason why she did not make application under said act for a pension before is that until within about four years she did not know that the widows of soldiers were entitled and after she (sp) that they (sp) entitled, she mad an attempt to get it and sent by a man to Mr. Edward A. Greene and he sent her word that she must know what officers her husband was under, her marriage and that she was unable to it herself and no one volunteered to assist her and she did nothing further about it until last spring when she employed Mr. Wales to assist her.

Prudence Tenny

Subscribed and sworn to on the day and year above written. Before me Horace Chapin.
Justice of the Court of Common Pleas

The age and infirmity of the person making this declaration is a sufficient reason for being taken out of court.

Horace Chapin, Judge of C.C. Pleas

AFFIDAVIT OF POLLY COLLINS
November 22, 1845

I Polly Collins of Southborough in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts fifty six years of age this 30th day of this present month of November 1845 testify and say that I am the daughter of Nathaniel Chamberlain and Prudence his wife, that my first recollections are living with them in said Southborough and I lived with them until my father's death which was in 1795 when I was near five years of age. I well remember his death and what he said to me just before he died, mother had ten children by her first husband the said Nathaniel Chamberlain, to wit Eli born in 1774 or 1775, Hannah 1776, Edward 1779, William 1781, Sally 1783, Prudence 1785, Lucy 1788, myself name Polly 1790, Nathaniel 1793, Submit 1795, that my mother married Abel Tenny when I was near ten years of age, that I was present at the marriage, that said Tenny and my mother went to live in Hubbardston, Mass, that I went with them and lived with them at Hubbardston near three years, that my mother and said Tenny then moved to Troy, New Hampshire where she now lives, that said Tenny died, as near as I can recollect, twelve years since, that my mother has remained a widow since his death and that I have always understood that my father the aforesaid Nathaniel Chamberlain was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and that I visited and spent a week with my mother in September last at Troy in the State of New Hampshire.

Polly Collins

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester s.s.

November 22. 1845

Then the above named Polly Collins made oath to the truth of the foregoing affidavit by her subscribed and I certify from personal knowledge that she is a credible witness.

Before me,
Sullivan Fay
Justice of the Peace

I Edle Phillips of Westboro in the county of Worchester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts depose and say that I hold the office of Clerk in said Town of Westboro having been duly elected and qualified according to law and have in my care and keeping the documents and records of said Town. And I further certify that from the examination of the Records of said Town the following intention of marriage is recorded. "Nathaniel Chamberlain and Prudence Rice entered their intention of marriage Dec 24, 1774"

A true Copy of Record
Attest Edle Phillips. Town Clerk

I further certify that the marriage of the aforesaid Nathaniel Chamberlain and Prudence Rice is not found in the records of Westboro in my possession.

Edle Phillips, Town Clerk

Worchester s.s. November, 22 1845
Sworn to by the above named Edle Phillips.

Before me
Sullivan Fay, Justice of the Peace