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**PENSION APPLICATION OF RUSSELL CHAMBERLAIN¹
& LOISA (HIGBEY) CHAMBERLAIN²
Application No. W. 16896**

New York

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Loisa Chamberlain, a Widow of Russell Chamberlain who was a pensioner under the Act of 1818 and who died on the 10th March 1832 of Erie Co in the State of New York who was a private in the company commanded by (not listed) of the Regt. Commanded by (not listed) in the Revolution for 2 years.

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Inscribed on the Roll of Albany at the rate of 80 Dollars ----- Cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March, 1836 and ending 29th day of August 1838 when she died.

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Certificate of Pension issued the 13th day of July, 1848, and sent to Samuel Lake Albion, Orleans County, New York.

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Recorded by Th. Franklin Clerk
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Reported Payable to³
Russell Chamberlin
Palmer Chamberlin
Betsy Nye
Laura Ide
Sylvia Harris
Clarissa Lamb
& Phebe Heighby (sp)
only children surviving

¹ Line of descent: Russell (6), Ebenezer (5), William (4), Joseph (3), William (2) and Henry (1)

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³ Stated children of Russell and Loisa (Louisa) Chamberlain

AFFIDAVIT OF RUSSELL CHAMBERLIN
April 13, 1818

State of New York
Niagara County s.s.

On this thirteenth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before the subscriber one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county personally came Russell Chamberlain aged sixty years a resident of Clarence in said county who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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". That the said Russell Chamberlain of Great Barrington in the State of Massachusetts in the month of June 1777 enlisted in the Company commanded by Capt. Warren in the 1st Regiment of Massachusetts troops commanded by Col. Bailey that he continued to serve in said corps or in the service of the United States until the month of June 1789 when he was discharged from service at West Point in the State of New York. That he was in the Battle of Monmouth and at the capture of the British Army commanded by General Burgoyne. That he is of reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services

Russell Chamberlain

Sworn to and declared the day and year aforesaid before me
Ch. Munsurd, Judge of Niagara Court of Pleas

I Charles Munsurd, Judge and as aforesaid do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Russell Chamberlain did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to the Secretary for the Department of War pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned Act of Congress.

Dated 30th April 1818
Ch. Munsurd

AFFIDAVIT OF RUSSELL CHAMBERLAIN
June 7, 1820

State of New York
Niagara County s.s.

On this seventh day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record, constituted as such by the laws of the State of New York, Russell Chamberlain resident in said county who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: that he served three years from and after the year 1777 in Capt. Warren's company belonging to Col. Bailey's Regiment of Massachusetts Troops – that in order to obtain the pension authorized by law, he did on 30th April 1818 make a declaration of the facts relative to his service in said war – and subsequently obtained a certificate that he was placed on the pension roll of the New York agency.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18 day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with the intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provided for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed –

Viz. 1 cow 1 calf 2 sheep 1 hog not worth more than	\$ 25.00
1 pot .75 – 1kettle \$ 1 ten cups and saucers .25 plates .18	<u>2.18</u>
	27.18

That this deponent is indebted to different individuals in the sum of about thirty dollars – That he is by occupation a farmer, but by reason of ill health is unable to labor but a small part of the time, that there is no other person residing in his family than his wife aged fifty six years and that she is able in part to support herself.

Russell Chamberlain

Sworn to and declared this 7th day of June 1820

AFFIDAVIT OF RUSSELL CHAMBERLAIN, JR
September 11, 1847

State of New York
County of Orleans s.s.

I Henry R. Curtis, Surrogate of said County, do hereby certify that at a Surrogate Court held in and for said County before me the said Surrogate, on the 11th day of September 1847 personally appeared Russell Chamberlain son of Russell and Loisa Chamberlain deceased who being duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration, that he is 52, fifty two, years of age and resides in the Town of Carlson in said County of Orleans and is a son of Russell and Loisa Chamberlain deceased. That his father was a Revolutionary War pensioner and died in the Town of Aurora in the County of Erie in this State on or about the 10th day of March 1832 leaving his mother the said Loisa Chamberlain a widow, that she survived him and remained a widow until the 27th day of August 1838 at which time she died in the Town of Ellery in the County of Chautauqua in this state as he has been informed and believes that this declaration is made in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" or to obtain the amount of pension due the said Loisa Chamberlain at the time of her death and which might have been obtained by her, had she made application for the same – I further declare that my mother was not married after the death of her said husband to my knowledge, but that she died a widow that she resided with me the principal part of her life after the death of her said husband. My father the said Russell Chamberlain deceased drew a pension of thirty six dollars a year under the act of 1818

Russell Chamberlain

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed

State of New York
County of Orleans s.s

I Henry R. Curtis Surrogate of said County do hereby certify that at a Surrogate Court held in and for said county before me the said Surrogate at Albion on the 11th day of September 1847 it was proved by the adduction of testimony satisfactory to said court that Russell Chamberlin a Revolutionary pensioner under the act of 1818 died in Aurora Erie County in this State on the 10th day of March 1832 leaving Loisa Chamberlin his widow, that the said Loisa Chamberlin died in the Town of Ellery in the County of Chautauqua in this State on the 27th day of August 1838 that she left her surviving the following (sp) children, viz Russell Chamberlin now residing in Carlton in said County of Orleans, Palmer Chamberlin & Betsy Nye now residing in Aurora, Erie County in this state, and Laura Ide now residing in Ellery Chautauqua County in this state. That the other children of the said Loisa Chamberlin if living are Silva Harris, Clarissa Lamb and Phebe Higby, that they moved west many years past, their residence, if living, is unknown, that they are her only children her surviving and each of them is over twenty one years of age.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said court this 11th day of September 1847.

Henry R. Curtis
Surrogate of Orleans County, N.Y.

**CERTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE OF RUSSELL CHAMBERLAIN AND
LOUISA HIGBEY
November 16, 1846**

Berkshire s.s. The Christian name and (sp) name of persons who have been joined together in marriage by Samuel Barnard a Justice of the Peace within the said County, also the time when they were joined together in marriage, as certified by said Barnard.

No. 13 1783 January 15th Russell Chamberlin and Louisa Higbey

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Record of Marriage found upon the records of Sheffield, in the County of Berkshire & Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Attest Billings Palmer, Town Clerk

Before me,
Edward F. Ensign
Justice of the Peace

Berkshire s.s. Nove16, 1846 I Charles Segwick (sp) Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for said County do certify that Edward F. Ensign, Esq before when the foregoing certificate by Billings Palmer was sworn and a justice.

October 24, 1933

Prentiss Glazier
10 Argyle Road
Brooklyn, New York

RA-J-ILL
Russell Chamberlin
W.16896
Samuel Chamberlin
S. 44735

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Benjamin and Russell Chamberlain who served from Massachusetts and moved to New York, also the record of Samuel Chamberlain of New York.

With the meager information furnished, it has not been possible to identify the record of the particular soldier name Benjamin Chamberlin in which you may be interested: the records of Samuel and Russell Chamberlin have been found and furnished herein as found in the papers on file in pension claims based upon their services in the Revolutionary War.

RUSSELL CHAMBERLIN – W. 16896

Russell Chamberlin enlisted at Great Barrington, Massachusetts sometime in June 1777, served as private in Captain Warren's company, Colonel Bailey's Massachusetts regiment, was at the capture of Burgoyne, was in the battle of Monmouth, and continued to serve until June 1780, when he was discharged at West Point.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 30, 1818, at which time he resided in Clarence, Niagara County, New York; he was then sixty years of age, the date and place of his birth and names of his parents not shown.

The soldier died March 10, 1832 in Aurora, Erie County, New York.

Russell Chamberlin married January 15, 1783, in Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, Louisa, or Loisa Higbey; the date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown. After the death of her husband, Loisa Chamberlin moved to Chautauqua County, New York. She died August 27, 1838, at the home of Levi Harris in Ellery, Chautauqua County, and was buried in Dewittville.

The names and residences of the children of Russell Chamberlin and his wife Louisa or Loisa, are shown in November 1847, as follows: Russell Chamberlin of Carlton, Orleans County, New York, who had lived formerly in Chautauqua County; Palmer Chamberlin, of Hamburg; Betsy Nye, widow of Isaac Nye, of Aurora, Erie County, New York, Laura, wife of Thomas Ide, of Ellery, New York; Clarissa Lamb, of Richmond, Tioga County, Pennsylvania; Silva or Silvia, Harris, of Kalamazoo County, Michigan; and Phebe Higby, or Bigby, residence not shown.

On February 10, 1847, the soldier's son, Russell Chamberlin, aged then about fifty-two years, applied for the pension due his mother on account of the services of her husband, Russell Chamberlin; the application was made on behalf of himself and his brothers and sisters named above. The claim was allowed.

The above record in that of the only soldier with the name Russell Chamberlin, or Chamberlain, on account of whose service in the Revolutionary War, claim for pension was made to the United States found on the records of this office.

SAMUEL CHAMBERLIN – S. 44735

Samuel Chamberlin enlisted sometime in the year 1777, in Richmond, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, for three years, served as private in Captain Jeremiah Miller's company, Colonel Joseph Vose's Massachusetts regiment, was in both battles at Bemis Heights, at the surrender of Burgoyne, and in the Battle of Monmouth, and continued to serve until the last of October, 1778, at which time he received a furlough on account of sickness, occasioned by intense heat at the Battle of Monmouth: he remained in Richmond, Massachusetts, as an invalid or three years, and did not return to duty.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 1, 1818 at which time he resided in Massena, St. Lawrence County, New York. He gave his age then as sixty-one years, but in 1820, he stated that he was sixty-six years old; the date and place of his birth and names of his parents are not shown.

In October, 1820, Samuel Chamberlin stated that his wife had died June 3, 1820, but he did not give her name; he stated further that he had four children then living, one son and three daughters, the only name shown is that of Prudence, who lived with her father.

Very truly yours,

A.D. Hiller
Assistant to the Administrator