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**PENSION APPLICATION OF SILAS<sup>1</sup>  
AND SUZANNA (JONES) CHAMBERLAIN<sup>2</sup>**

**Application No. W. 23788**

Maine 5595

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Suzanna Chamberlain widow of Silas Chamberlain, dead who was a pensioner under the Act of (not described) and who died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 1813 of Cumberland in the State of Maine who was a private in the (not described) commanded Captain (not described) of the Regt. Commanded by Col. Jackson in the Massachusetts line for 2 years private.

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Inscribed on the Roll of Maine at the rate of 80 Dollars – Cents per annum to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1836.

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Certificate of Pension issued the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1840 and sent to George W. Morton, Augusta, Maine

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Arrears to the 4 <sup>th</sup> day of September 1840	\$ 370.00
Semi-annual allowance ending 4 March	<u>40.00</u>
	410.00

Act July 7, 1838

Recorded by S.A. (sp) Clerk  
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<sup>1</sup> Line of descent: Silas (6), Joseph (5), Joseph (4), Thomas (3), Thomas (2) and Thomas (1). Information from James Baldwin Parker. b. 14 Feb 1756, Dracut, MA. d. 23 Oct 1813 probably Minot, ME.

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## DECLARATION

**In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1838 entitled  
“An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.”**

### STATE OF MAINE

Cumberland County s.s.

On this twenty first day of April A.D. 1840 personally appeared before the probate court for said county in open court at a regular court held at Portland in said county Susanna Chamberlain a resident of Minot in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine, aged seventy six 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 provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1838, entitled “An Act granting half pay and pension to certain widows” That she is the widow of Silas Chamberlain late of said Minot, deceased who she has reason to believe and does believe enlisted in 1777 as private for three years in Col Michael Jackson’s regiment of the Massachusetts line and who after serving out his term was honorably discharged in 1780. That she does not recollect the name of the Captain and (sp) upon the rolls for proof of service. She further states her belief that her said husband served eight months in Capt (sp) company of the Massachusetts troops, Cambridge. That at the time of both said enlistments as aforesaid, the said Silas was an inhabitant of Dracut in Massachusetts, where she was afterwards married to said Silas by (sp) Varnum. That her maiden name was Susanna Jones and after her marriage she removed with her husband to said Minot where he died.

She further declares, that she was married to the said Silas Chamberlain on the twenty ninth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and eighty four; that her husband, the aforesaid Silas Chamberlain died on the twenty third day of October eighteen hundred and thirteen; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, viz. at the time above stated, that she has remained a widow ever since this death as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Joseph Chamberlin<sup>3</sup>

her

Susanna X Chamberlin

Mark

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written, before  
Barrett Potter, Judge of the Court of Probate

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<sup>3</sup> Note that in the originals of both affidavits of Susanna and Joseph, her son that he signed with the spelling “Chamberlin”.

**AFFIDAVIT OF HENRY RICHARDSON**  
**November 4, 1838**

I Henry Richardson of Dracutt in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (sp) of lawful age to testify, depose and say as follows – I hold the office of Clerk of the Town of Dracutt and have the care and custody of the records of said town and cannot find any record of the marriage of Silas Chamberlin and Susanna Jones having been solemnized but I find in due order and place as to time the following record of intention of marriage thereafter to be solemnized to wit. Mr. Silas Chamberlin entered with me his intention of marriage with wife Susanna Jones both of Dracutt. Dated at Dracutt February twenty ninth seventeen hundred eighty four.

William Hildreth, Town Clerk

The above is a true extract from the records of said town with the exception of the date which is expressed on the record in fair legible figures as follows to wit date at Dracutt, February 29<sup>th</sup> 1784

Henry Richardson, Town Clerk of Dracutt

I further depose and say there are numerous intentions of marriages recorded between the dates of February 13<sup>th</sup> 1773 and July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1788 but no record of the same intentions of marriages actually being had and solemnized and there is no record of the solemnization of any marriage between said dates.

Henry Richardson

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex s.s. November 7<sup>th</sup> 1838  
Sworn before me, Joel Adams, Justice Peace

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Judges Office, ov 7 1838  
I hereby certify that the above Joel Adams is a justice of the peace for the County of Middlesex.

John O. Bigelow  
Judge of the Court

**AFFIDVIT OF JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN<sup>4</sup>**  
**May 7, 1840**

I Joseph Chamberlain of Minot in the County of Cumberland, being fifty five years of age on oath testify and say, that I an the son of Silas and Susanna Chamberlain and that my parents removed from Dracut in Mass to this town about 1798, that I have lived with my parents until the decease of my father, the said Silas Chamberlain, who died the twenty third day of October eighteen hundred and thirteen. My mother Susanna Chamberlain has not married since the decease of my father but continues the widow the said Silas Chamberlain, also that the said Silas kept a family record in his old family bible containing a record of his marriage with Susanna Jones and the births of their children from which I took the date of my own birth (sp) a record of my own, but the bible and record have been destroyed and no part of it is now extant.

Joseph Chamberlin

State of Maine  
Cumberland s.s.

Sworn and subscribed the seventh day of May 1840 (the deponent being a credible and competent witness

Before me Thomas Perkins, Justice of the Peace

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<sup>4</sup> Son of Silas and Susanna Chamberlain.