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**PENSION APPLICATION OF THOMAS¹
AND MOLLY (WHITMAN) CHAMBERLAIN²**

Application No. W. 14475

Massachusetts 15478

Thomas Chamberlain of Plymouth in the State of Mass who was a sergeant in the company commanded by captain (not listed) of the regiment commanded by Col. Bailey in the Massachusetts line for 6 months Sergeant, 10 months private

Inscribed on the Roll of Massachusetts at the rate of 65 dollars 55 cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 19th day of June 1833 sent to E. L (sp) in Taunton

Arrears to the 5 th of March 1833	\$ 131.10
Semi-annual allowance ending Sept 1833	<u>32.77</u>
	\$ 163.87

Revolutionary Claim
Act June 7, 1832

Recorded by I. (sp) Blair Clerk
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¹ Line of descent: Thomas (6), Job (5), Freedom (4), Nathaniel (3), William (2) and Henry (1). Born 17 Oct 1758. Died 8 November 1836. Information by James Baldwin Parker.

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Massachusetts 2273

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Molly Chamberlain widow of Thomas Chamberlain who served in the Revolutionary
War, as a private

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Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of 65 Dollars 56 Cents per annum, to commence on the
4th day of March 1848.

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Certificate of Pension issued the 6th day of December 1848 and sent to Hm. A. Hale

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Recorded on the Roll of Pensioners under act February 2, 1848, Page 26 Vol 2

AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN
August 8, 1832

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSIONERS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

COUNTY OF PLYMOUTH, s.s.

On this eighth day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before Hon. Wilkey Woodbridge of the Court of Probate for said County now sitting at Middleborough within and for said County of Plymouth, Thomas Chamberlin a resident of East Bridgewater in said County of Plymouth, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. That is to say, that he entered into the service of the United States under the following officers, and served as herein stated.

He first enlisted in the month of December 1775 for six weeks in Capt. Robert Orr's Company and Col. John Bailey's regiment. The service was done at Roxbury. He served out his time and was honorably discharged. Nathan Alden, Esq. of East Bridgewater was with him in said service whose deposition he now has.

He afterwards enlisted for six months into Capt. William Walton's company and did duty for the period on the Gunnet in Plymouth Harbor when he was honorably discharged. Joseph Joselyn now living was with him during said six months whose deposition he now has. This service was in 1776 and ended in December.

In December 1777 he enlisted for three months and on the first of the following January he marched to North Kingston in the State of Rhode Island in Capt. Abram Washburn's company and Col. Sprot's regiment. He recollects that on the 29th day of March 1778 part of the company marched to Point Judith under Capt. Washburn and at the same time the ship Columbus was driven on shore and burnt. He served out said term and was honorably discharged. He has the deposition of John Whitman to this service. General Spencer (sp) commanded.

In the summer of 1779 he enlisted in Capt. Edward Sparrow's company, Col. Nathan Tyler's regiment for six months and during all said term did the duty of a sergeant under a warrant he had. He marched to Howland's Ferry and there to Providence and served there under Col. Putnam and continued in Providence three or four months, thence to Bristol, thence to the (sp) and continued through the term of enlistment. Nathan Mitchell Esq. was with him a part of said term. He also annexes to this declaration his sergeant's warrant. Gen. Gates commanded in the expedition.

In March 1776 he enlisted and went in Capt. David Kingman's company to Hoff's Neck and Dorchester Heights near Boston and was there five days after fortification of said heights.

He was born in Bridgewater 1758 and has always resided in that part of said town, now East Bridgewater. His birth is recorded in the Town records. He has not other documentary evidence than what is annexed hereunto. He has no discharge for an of said terms.

Thomas Chamberlain

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.
Attest Jacob H. Loud Register

AFFIDAVIT OF MOLLY CHAMBERLIN
October 2, 1838

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth County s.s.

On this second day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the Court of Probate for the County of Plymouth Molly Chamberlin a resident of East Bridgewater in said County of Plymouth aged seventy two years who being first duly sworn according to law make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Thomas Chamberlin who was a private soldier and sergeant in the War of the Revolution. That he obtained a pension for his services in the War of the Revolution under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 for proof of his services she refers to his declaration and documents connected therewith.

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Chamberlain on the third day of February in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five. That her husband the aforesaid Thomas Chamberlain died on the eighth day of November eighteen hundred and thirty six. That she was not married to him prior 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.

Molly (X) Chamberlin
Mark

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year above written, before

William Wood, Judge of Probate

Plymouth s.s.

I Jacob H. Loud Register of Probate for said county do hereby certify that Hon. William Wood is Judge of Probate for said County and that the above is his true and genuine signature.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Court of Probate for said County this sixth day of October 1838.

Jacob H. Loud

EXTRACT OF MARRIAGE RECORD
August 28, 1838

Copy from the Books of Records of Marriages belonging to the Town of Bridgewater in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

“Seventeen hundred and eighty four, February the third, Thomas Chamberlin and Molly Whitman both of Bridgewater by the Rev. Samuel Angwin”.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the record, with the exception of the date, which is expressed on the record in fair, legible figures as follows: 1785, Feb. 3rd.

Mitchell Keith, Town Clerk

I Mitchell Keith above named depose and say that I hold the office of Town Clerk of Bridgewater in the County of Plymouth and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that the above is a true extract from the records of said Town with the exceptions above named, as certified by me –

Mitchell Keith, Town Clerk of
Bridgewater, Mass

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth County s.s.
Sworn to before me
Philo Leach, Justice of the Peace

EXTRACT OF BIRTH RECORD
August 7 1832

This certifies that the birth of Thomas Chamberlin son of Job Chamberlin is recorded on the book of records of the town of Bridgewater as having taken place 17th Oct 1758

Bridgewater 7th Aug 1832 – Attest Holmer Sprague, Town Clerk

AFFIDAVIT OF CALVIN CHAMBERLIN
Not Dated

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth County s.s.

I Calvin Chamberlin of East Bridgewater in the County of Plymouth aged twenty nine years do depose, set forth and say that my father Thomas Chamberlin late of East Bridgewater deceased, died on the eight day of November in the year eighteen hundred and thirty six and that Molly Chamberlin of said East Bridgewater is the widow of the said Thomas Chamberlin deceased.

Calvin Chamberlin

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth County s.s.

Then personally appeared the above named Calvin Chamberlin and made oath that the foregoing affidavit by him subscribed is true and I further certify that the said Calvin Chamberlin is a man of truth and veracity.

Before me (sp) Going, Jus – Peace

**BRIEF in the case of Thomas Chamberlin
County of Plymouth in the State of Mass**

(Act 7th June, 1832)

1. Was the declaration made before a court or a judge? Open Court
2. If before a judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? 73
4. State his service as directed in the form annexed.

In 1775	1 mo. 15 days	As a private	Capt Ott	Col. Bailey
1776	6 mos.	As a private	Capt. Weston	
1777	3 mos.	As a private	Capt. Washburn	Col Sprots
1779	6 mos.	As a sergeant	Capt. Sparrow	Col. Tyler
1776	5 days	As a private	Capt. King—	

5. In what battles was he engaged? None mentioned.
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? Bridgewater, Mass.
7. In his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? Traditionary, documentary and four living witnesses.
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? Credibility of witnesses is not certified.

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

George Taylor, Examining Clerk