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Wyatt Chamberlin

Declaration for Pension
Dated 23 August 1818 © ¹

District and State of New York
Chenango County

On the twenty third day of August, 1818, ²
before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the
Court of Chenango Common Pleas, in the State of
New York, personally appeared before me, Wyatt
Chamberlain, aged fifty nine years, and resident in
the town of Guilford, State of New York, and in the
County of Chenango, ³ being by and duly sworn
according does 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 Services Of The United States In The
Revolutionary War.” ⁴

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² This is a very early Application for Pension that
remains extant.

³ He claims residency in Chenango County not
Ostwego County.

⁴ Make mention of this Act.

That the said Wyatt Chamberlain ⁵ enlisted in the town of Spencer ⁶ in the State of New York ⁷ under Captain Dickinson ⁸ in Colonel Elmore's ⁹ Regiment in March in the year 1776, for the term of one year. ¹⁰ (He) marched to Fort George ¹¹ and there kept garrison about four months and then

⁵ His name is constantly misspelled. His surname spelling is an on going discussion. His Christian name is spelled Wait, Wiat, or Wyatt.

⁶ Also called Spencertown..

⁷ In March and April of 1776 the major part of the enlistment took place for this regiment. Captain Dickinson's company recruited from three contiguous counties in three contiguous states: from Litchfield, Connecticut, Berkshire, Massachusetts, and from Columbia, New York. See Nathaniel Culver Biography found in the Colver-Culver Family Genealogy As Descended from Edward Colver of Groton, Connecticut to the 13th Generation in America, Santa Maria, California, Self Published, 692 pages, ps 92-94.

⁸ Captain Joel Dickinson. He marched with the Minutemen to Cambridge, Massachusetts and remained in military service until the defeat of General John Burgoyne. He was present at the assault on Quebec in December of 1775 and present at the Battle of Bemis heights and the Battle of Saratoga in October, 1777. After the Revolutionary War he moved to Westhaven, Rutland County, Vermont and then to Benson, Rutland county, Vermont. In 1812 he was made a local Justice and in 1813 he died at age 63 years. www.rootsweb.com/~vermont/rutland/benson.html.

⁹ Colonel Samuel Elmore was the commander of a Connecticut Regiment, Northern Department for the period of 1776-77. In 1776 he arrived at Fort Stanwick to replace Colonel Dayton

¹⁰ This first Declaration for Pension mentions only a single term term of service for one year from March, 1776 to March 1777.

¹¹ This is Fort George located on Lake George, New York not the Fort George located on Long Island, New York.

marched to German Flats ¹² until my time ran out and was then discharged at the expiration of one year. ¹³

That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. ¹⁴

Sworn and Subscribed
To before me the day
And year aforesaid
Wyatt Chamberlain

Isaac Sherwood, ¹⁵ one of the Judges
Of the Court of Chenango Common Pleas

22 March
13 January

¹² German Flats

¹³ Wyatt is in German Flats in March of 1777.

¹⁴ He is on the tax rolls of Chenango County but claims poverty.

¹⁵ Need information from Tom Gray

Wyatt Chamberlin

Amended Declaration for Pension
with Inventory
Dated 11 October 1820

State of New York
Chenango County

On the eleventh day of October, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty, personally appeared in open court, being a Court of Record for the County of Chenango and State of new York, Wyatt Chamberlin, aged sixty one years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 18th day of March, 1818, and of the 1st of May, 1820,¹⁶ that the said Wyatt Chamberlin enlisted for the term of one year on the 27th day of March in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six, in the State of New York, in a company commanded by Captain Robert Cocheand and afterward under Captain Joel Dickinson in the regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Elmore in the line of the State of Connecticut on the continental establishment.

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Show changes in the Act of 1820.

That he continued to serve in the said corps until the 1st of March in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven when he was discharged from the said service at Fort Dayton near German Flats¹⁷ in the State of New York.

And that he enlisted under Captain Joel Pratt¹⁸ in the year 1775,¹⁹ in the town of Spencer in the State of New York. (He) marched into Canada.²⁰

(He) served six months and was discharged at the time Burgoyne²¹ was taken. He was in a regiment of detachment commanded by General Fellows²² about five months.

And pursuant to the Act of the 1st day of May, 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a

¹⁷ Describe Fort Dayton.

¹⁸ Captain Joel Pratt, N.Y. Militia, 2nd Battalion, Colonel Peter Yates, 2nd regiment, Colonel Van Cortland. Joel Pratt later became known as the pioneer of Plattsburg, New York, having moved from Spencertown to Steuben County in 1799 and settling in the Plattsburg area in 1802. History of Steuben County, Chapter VII, (McMorters Publishing Co., 1853).

¹⁹ On April 23, 1775, enlisted with his brother Guerdon Chamberlin. This is four days after the Battles of Lexington and Concord. However in this paragraph Wyatt has his dates wrong.

²⁰ This needs further investigation. Mo

²¹ British General John Burgoyne was captured after surrender on October 17, 1777.

²² General John Fellows with his Brigade of Massachusetts Militia. General was instrumental leader in the Battle of Saratoga and the capture of British General John Burgoyne.

resident of the United States on the 18th day of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen, and that I have not since that time by gift or sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself with the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled, “An Act To Provide For Certain Persons Engaged In The Land And Naval Services of the United States in the Revolutionary War,” passed on the 18th of March, One Thousand eight Hundred and Eighteen,

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 herein annexed and by me subscribed, One mare cow which is now held by Zadock B. Chamberlin ²³ as security for money he had loaned to me in the amount of Eighty Dollars and Seventy Cents and he kept security for those dollars. Five sheets; One pot; One kettle; One

²³ Zadok B. Chamberlin is the oldest of 10 children born to Wyatt and Dinah Taylor. Zadok was born March 25, 1791 in Oswego County, (Butternuts). Wyatt and Dinah had seven other adult children at this time: Lucy Chamberlin born October 17, 1784 in Oswego County; Calvin C. Chamberlin born September 9, 1792 in Oswego County; Lasley M. Chamberlin born March 25, 1791, married Sally Swan on November 9, 1820 and died October 12, 1830.; Wyatt Chamberlin, Jr., born February 26, 1794 born in Chenango County; Israel born September 6, 1795 in Chenango County; Joel born April 19, 1797 and who died October 31, 1849, buried in Maplewood Cemetery) and married to Ellen Kerr; and Catherine Chamberlin born September 18, 1798 in Chenango County.

Tea Kettle, _____; _____; Two spinning wheels; _____; One Table; Six knives and forks; Six teacups and sausers; Six table spoons; Six plates; and _____. This is all that is worthy of notice. ²⁴

His occupation is that of a farmer. ²⁵ He is unable to perform but little labor by reason of an infirmity. ²⁶In his family is his wife and daughter, Charlotte, ²⁷seventeen years of age, one son Leslie N. ²⁸Sixteen Years, one son, Ashley T.,²⁹ fourteen years of age.

Wyatt Chamberlin

²⁴ The modesty of his living is worthy of note.

²⁵ Type of Farmer.

²⁶ Unable to work he still has three children residing at home.

²⁷ Charlotte Chamberlin was born September 18, 1798 in Chenango County.

²⁸ Leslie N. Chamberlin was born in April 4, 1802 in Chenango County

²⁹ Ashley Taylor Chamberlin, was born on October 22, 1805 in Chenango County and died April 29, 1845 in the same County. He was married twice: 1) Huldah Stetson and 2) Cynthia Sheffield Thompson.

Dinah Chamberlin

Declaration for Pension

Dated 5 March, 1839

State of New York

Cayuga County

On this 5th day of march 1839, personally appeared before Joseph L. Richards, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county, Dinah Chamberlain, a resident of the town of Auburn in said county and state, aged seventy seven 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 Acts of Congress passed July 4, 1836, March 3, 1837, July 7, 1838.

That she is the widow of Wyatt Chamberlain who was a private in the Army of the Revolution in the United States service and that he applied for and obtained a pension some time in or about the year 1822, and drew it up to the time of his death in 1827.

That when he drew his said pension he resided in Guilford, Chenango County, State of New York, and that his name will probably be found on the pension list roll of the New York agency, and would refer to those papers on file in

the War Office by which he obtained his pension for evidence of his service.

She further declares that she was married to the said Wyatt Chamberlain early in the year 1787. The date of their marriage can only be ascertained from recollection as there is no public or private record of that fact. The private family records having been lost, and there is no person now living who witnessed the marriage ceremony. They were married in the State of New York when it was not customary, nor required by law, to make record of marriages.

That her husband, the said Wyatt Chamberlain, died the 22nd day of January 1827 and she remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Dinah Chamberlain
Sworn to and Subscribed
On the day and year
Above written before
J. L. Richards
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas