

1913 PHOTOGRAPH OF CHAMBERLAIN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



The group photograph of the members of the Chamberlain Association of America was dated in for the fall of 1913, based upon ladies' fashion as determined by NEHGS professional archivists. General Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, the Organizations Founder and only President at the time, is missing from the photograph and very likely lying on his death bed. He died in February, 1914. I would not be surprised to learn that the photograph was taken for his benefit.

Many of the individuals in the photograph, (presently un-named), appear to be 60 years old, or older. These individuals either fought in the American Civil War, 1861-1865, or lived through that war. If he or she was born after the war, they heard first hand stories about the war from their parents.

Many of those in the photograph knew his or her grandparents and great grandparents who lived through the American Revolution, 1776-1783, or even fought in the American Revolution. In any case, grandparent or great grandparent were likely alive when the Country was formed and George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States.

Our relatives are in this photograph. Can we identify them? Remember, there does exist 8" by 10" photographs of many of the CAA members in the CAA collection. There may be other hints in the CAA Grey Boxes referring to the photograph. Would it not be rewarding to identify some if not many of them pictured?

There could not be a more historic photograph for the benefit of posterity. This photograph is priceless for any of us in the Chamberlain family! I am proud to have a copy hanging on my living room wall above T.V. set. Every time I watch TV and look at that photograph I am reminded of why I am motivated to work with, and for the WCGS! I am on a mission to give life to the genealogical efforts that those people provided his or her children, grandchildren, and generations yet unborn.