

HENRY¹ OF HINGHAM

Eighth Generation

No. 63

NAME: Rebecca⁸ Chamberlin

Father: James Woodmansee⁷ Chamberlin (No. 44)
[Thomas⁶ (James⁵, William⁴⁻³, John², Henry¹)
and Mary (Woodmansee) Chamberlin]

Mother: Rebecca Rulon

Born: 22 Dec 1820, Forked River, Monmouth Co., NJ

Died: 6 Oct 1873, Waretown, Ocean Co., NJ, "aged 52 years, 9 mos, 2 days"

Buried: Oct 1873, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Waretown, NJ

Married: 15 Nov 1838, Forked River, Monmouth Co., NJ

Other Marriages:

No. 11696

SPOUSE: Elwood Wilkins

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1815, NJ

Died: After 1873, Virginia (?)

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

- F i Mary Wilkins, b. 1841, Dover Twp., Monmouth Co., NJ. Living at home at the time of the 1870 census, aged 28 years. According to Mrs. Ferguson, Mary Wilkins married Miles Bonnell in 1867, but never had any children. Died in 1922.
- F ii Hannah A Wilkins, b. 1842, Dover Twp., Monmouth Co., NJ. Married William Burden, 11 June 1862. He was born in 1841; died in 1919. She died in 1884. They had five children, Ella, Martha, Rhoda, John, and Rebecca. Ella married Edward Gulick and had seven children, three of whom were still living in 1972. Martha married Christian Rickert and never had any children. Rhoda married Harry Brown and had one child. John W. Burden married Katherine V. Jones and had five children. One of them, Rebecca, died at the age of two months. Among the other four were John Burden, of Rahway, NJ, 1972, and Elizabeth (*Betty*) who married David Ferguson. She gave information about the family in 1972. Mrs. Katherine V. (Jones) Burden died in 1971, aged 96 years.
- M iii Job Wilkins, b. About 1845, Dover Twp., Monmouth Co., NJ. He was living at home at the time of the 1870 census, aged 25 years.
- M iv Jonathan H. Wilkins, b. 15 Feb 1847, Dover Twp., Monmouth Co., NJ. Married Edith Camburn, 5 Nov 1870, probably at Waretown, NJ. Died 19 Dec 1932, Waretown, NJ. His son, Harold J. Wilkins, gave information about the family in 1972.

- M v William B. Wilkins, b. 1852, Union Twp., Ocean Co., NJ. Married Amelia Ridgeway. She was born in 1861 and died in 1936. He died in 1932, Waretown, NJ. Both are buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Waretown, NJ. They had two daughters; Laura married —?— Halloway and lived at Brookville, NJ. Oda married Fred Letts and had two children, both of whom were dead in 1972.
- M vi Edward E. Wilkins, b. 31 Aug 1859, probably at Waretown, Ocean Co., NJ. Died there 15 Feb 1862, “aged 2 years, 5 months and 15 days.” Buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery at Waretown, next to his mother.

BIOGRAPHICAL

Their marriage record calls him Edward and stated that they were both of Dover. They appear on land records in 1841 and 1850. In 1850, as heirs of James W. Chamberlin, they signed a deed to 8/10 of a Cedar swamp and upland in Union Twp. to George Moore, husband of her deceased sister Hannah.

They apparently always resided at Waretown. He was by occupation, a mason and a bricklayer and helped build the famous Barnegat Lighthouse which stands on the inlet to Barnegat. The inlet is between the Atlantic ocean and Barnegat Bay. Harold J. Wilkins stated that he thought Elwood removed to Virginia after the death of Rebecca and that it was where the family had originally come from.

Rebecca is buried next to her infant son Edward in the Cedar Grove Cemetery at Waretown. Her gravestone reads: “Rebecca, wife of Elwood Wilkins, Died Oct 6, 1873, Aged 52 years, 9 months and 15 days.” His gravestone reads: “Edward E (initial almost illegible, perhaps Everett or Elwood), son of Elwood and Rebecca Wilkins, Died Feb 15, 1862, Aged 2 years, 5 months and 15 days. Beautiful, lovely He was, but given a fair bud to earth, To blossom in heaven.”

PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

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1850 Federal Census Records, Ocean County, NJ
1860 Federal Census Records, Ocean County, NJ
1870 Federal Census Records, Ocean County, NJ
Federal Census Records, Monmouth County, NJ, 1840
Gravestone Records, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Waretown, NJ
Personal knowledge of Harold J. Wilkins, 120 3rd Avenue, Seaside Park, NJ, 29 April 1972 Interview
Letters from Mrs. Elizabeth Ferguson, 629 Marion Road, Neptune, NJ, 1972
Family Records, Diary of William Henry¹⁰ Chamberlin, 1884

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