

HENRY¹ OF HINGHAM

Tenth Generation

No. 85

NAME: Denton Benedict¹⁰ Chamberlin "Dent"

Father: John Wilbert⁹ Chamberlin (No. 67)
[Joseph⁸ (James Woodmansee⁷, Thomas⁶, James⁵, William⁴⁻³, John², Henry¹)
and Amy (Wilbert) Chamberlin]

Mother: Elizabeth Smart

Born: 3 Nov 1886, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT

Died: 16 Nov 1968, Salt Lake City, UT

Buried: 20 Nov 1968, City Cemetery, Salt Lake City, UT

Married: 15 Aug 1908, Salt Lake City, UT

Other Marriages:

No. 11713

SPOUSE: Martha Leone Coleman

Father: Dennis Addis Coleman

Mother: Mary Ann Sheedy O'Brien

Born: 25 Oct 1889, Clay Center, Clay Co., NE

Died: 14 Apr 1962, Salt Lake City, UT

Buried: Apr 1962, City Cemetery, Salt Lake City, UT

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

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| F | 107 | Hazel Leone, b. 21 July 1909, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT. Died there 24 July 1909. Buried next to her parents in the Salt Lake City Cemetery, Plat J, Block 5, Lot 2. |
| F | 108 | Ellen Denise, b. 6 Jan 1913, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT. Married Reed McMurrin Smith, 23 July 1941, Pocatello, ID. In 1985, they were residing at Salt Lake City, UT. + |
| M | 109 | John Denton, b. 15 Jan 1916, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT. Married (1) Ruth Karna Ohlson, 11 Oct 1939, Salt Lake City, UT (widowed); (2) Mrs. Edith Hall (Wood) Ellis, 3 Nov 1984, probably CA. In 1985, he and Edith were residing at Vallejo, CA. + |
| F | 110 | Bernadine Mary, b. 20 Sep 1917, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT. Married James Bruce Duncan, 12 Apr 1939, Salt Lake City, UT. Died 17 Dec 1972, Salt Lake City, UT. + |

BIOGRAPHICAL

Denton Benedict was named for the Chamberlin's family physician, Dr. Denton Benedict.

His obituary appeared in *The Deseret News*, Salt Lake City, UT, Tuesday, November 19, 1968, P. 26:

Denton B. Chamberlin, 82, 1503 19th East, died of natural causes Nov 16 at his home. Born Nov 3, 1886, Salt Lake City, to John W. and Elizabeth Smart Chamberlin. Married Martha Leone Coleman, Aug. 14, 1908, Salt Lake City. She died April 14, 1962. Member Argenta Lodge 3 F&A.M., York Rite, Mason. Chairman Sixth Municipal Ward, Democratic Party. Life member Sagebrush Club. Active in mining. Former member War Assets Administration, Ninth Army Engineers. Survivors: son, daughters, John D., Vallejo, CA; Mrs. Reed M. (Ellen) Smith, Salt Lake City; Mrs. James B. (Bernadine) Duncan, Roy; 8 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Wednesday, 10 a.m., Masonic Temple, 650 E. South Temple. Friends may call at 574 E. 1st South, Tuesday, 7-8 p.m. and Wednesday at the Masonic Temple one-half hour before services. Burial, Salt Lake City Cemetery."

Denton and Martha are both buried in the Chamberlin Family Plot located in Plat J, Block 5, Lot 2, of the Salt Lake City Cemetery, located on the north side of Grand Avenue, about midway between Center and Cypress streets in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. Their headstone reads: Chamberlin - Mother Martha L., October 25, 1889 - April 14, 1962; Father Denton B., November 3, 1886 - November 16, 1968; Daughter Hazel Leone, July 21, 1909 - July 24, 1909."

The following biographical notes were supplied by John Denton Chamberlin, son of Denton and Martha Chamberlin:

"My father was the only child of six by his father's second wife to survive childhood. His mother let him 'do as he wished' because she said: 'He'll never grow up anyway.' He never remembered his father who died when Dad was a small child.

He served his apprenticeship as a carpenter/cabinet maker and, as an apprentice, worked on the construction of parts of the tabernacle organ in Salt Lake. Subsequently worked on early flotation tanks at the copper mine at Garfield, Utah. Later he built several houses in Salt Lake. About 1922, left the building trade and, with others, formed the Mutual Coal Company (one of the of the earliest of what was to become known as Cooperatives). The years 1923-1927 were very prosperous.

But Dad was an incurable optimist - whatever was good today, would be better tomorrow. During the year 1928, Dad was in Montana trying to organize a Mutual Coal Company. The stock market crash of 1929 wiped him out. With much fortitude and encouragement from his wife, he survived the years of 1929-1932.

He was interested in politics and was a natural leader - a strong, individualistic, totally reliable, one-of-a-kind king maker. Probably could have been elected to any office in the state of UT between the years 1939 and about 194-? He was not a 'polished gentleman,' but a rough, tough contractor, outdoorsman, and remarkable marksman. In the long run, he was a real credit to the best in his ancestry and progeny.

My mother was the eighth of nine children born to her mother and the sixth of seven children born to her mother and father. She met Denton when the Coleman family came to Salt Lake City when she was three years old. Her father rented a house next door to Denton's mother on West Second South, Salt Lake. Martha was a high-spirited, very intelligent, mechanically inclined Irish Catholic girl. At the age of 17, she worked at Auerbach's store in Salt Lake City for a Mr. Groppy (?). He was Jewish and a hard taskmaster. In later years she gave much credit to the discipline, innate kindness, and ultimate fairness of Mr. Groppy.

Childbearing was extremely difficult for her and for some years after Bernadine (her youngest child) was born. She was in hospitals more than she was out. During the late twenties and early thirties, when the family was quite destitute, she was the 'tower of strength.' She somehow found the faith and the courage to sustain and encourage Dad and we three children through those times of hunger, foreclosure, and disappointment after disappointment. To the end she was a pillar of strength, a port in the storm, a tower of faith. It should be said of her that she walked through life's storms with her head held high."

PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

This record was prepared by the late David C. Chamberlin Sr., using data obtained from various sources as listed. Comments and additional information are welcome and should be sent to the World Chamberlain Genealogical Society. < www.chamberlain-society.org >
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Obituary of Denton Benedict Chamberlin, *The Deseret News*, SLC, UT, 19 Nov 1968, P. 26
Gravestone Inscriptions, Salt Lake City Cemetery, SLC, UT
Biographical notes supplied by John Denton Chamberlin to his sister, Ellen Smith, ltr dated 2 Apr 1985

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