

HENRY¹ OF HINGHAM

Ninth Generation

No. 294

NAME: James Lawrence⁹ Chamberlain

Father: David Rulon⁸ Chamberlin (No. 53)
[James Woodmansee⁷ (Thomas⁶, James⁵, William⁴⁻³,
John², Henry¹) and Rebecca (Rulon) Chamberlin]

Mother: Evalina Anderson

Born: 7 Nov 1829, probably Dover Twp., Monmouth Co., NJ

Died: 2 Jan 1896, Maywood, Frontier Co., NE

Buried: 5 Jan 1896, Maywood Cemetery, Maywood, NE

Married: 23 Mar 1858, Williamsburg, Clermont Co., OH

Other Marriages:

No. 11909

SPOUSE: Elizabeth Smith

Father: Abraham Smith

Mother: Sarah Waits

Born: 16 Aug 1842, Williamsburg, Clermont Co., OH

Died: 31 May 1926, Omaha, Douglas Co., NE

Buried: 2 June 1926, Maywood Cemetery, Maywood, Frontier Co., NE

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

F 4618 Lillian Eveline¹⁰, b. 3 Apr 1859, Livingston Co., IL. Died 19 Apr 1875, Fillmore Co., NE. Buried at the cemetery in Fairmont, Fillmore Co., NE. "The inscription on her tombstone reads: "Lilly, Daughter of J.L. and E. Chamberlain, Died Apr 19, 1875, aged 16 years, 16 days. Farewell Lilly, a long farewell, We meet no more on earth. Thy spirit hath now to dwell, Where joys celestial take their birth."

M 4619 Arthur Lawrence¹⁰, b. 22 Jan 1861, Livingston Co., IL. Died suddenly and inexplicably, 9 Apr 1879, Fillmore Co., NE. Buried at the cemetery in Fairmont, Fillmore Co., NE. His obituary appeared in the *Fillmore Chronicle* (probably) for April 1879, and reads:

The death, last Saturday afternoon, of Arthur Chamberlain, aged 18 years, son of J.L. Chamberlain, who resides about five miles north-west of this city, was as sad and sudden as it was unexpected. We are informed that he was in apparent good health in the forenoon, and was engaged as usual in the performance of farm duties, that he ate a hearty dinner, and was in company with his father, and Mr. John Bakewell, at the stable getting ready a team preparatory to coming to town, when he was taken suddenly ill, fell to the ground and almost instantly expired. As he heretofore enjoyed good health, not having been afflicted with any disease known to his parents, it is supposed by physicians to have been a sudden attack of heart disease or a termination of blood to the head. This is a sad blow to the parents, it being the third child they have lost within the last three months, thus filling the bitter cup of their affliction to overflowing. Young Arthur was an intelligent boy, much beloved and respected by all who knew him, and his sudden demise has cast a gloom over the entire neighborhood in which he resided.

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- M 4620 Walter Abraham¹⁰, b. 20 Mar 1863, Livingston Co., IL. Married Nellie Katherine Brown, 16 Oct 1892, Frontier Co., NE. Died 31 Mar 1943, NE. +
- F 4621 Anna May¹⁰, b. 10 Aug 1865, Livingston Co., IL. Married George E. Aldrich, 29 July 1886, "at the home of her parents," Fillmore Co., NE. Died 16 Mar 1889, Fairmont, NE. +
- F 4622 Sarah Stella¹⁰, b. 10 July 1868, Livingston Co., IL. Died 20 Oct 1873, Fairmont, Fillmore Co., NE. Buried at the cemetery in Fairmont, Fillmore Co., NE. Her tombstone inscription reads: "Stella, Daughter of J.L. and E. Chamberlin, Died Oct 20, 1873, aged 5 yrs, 3 months and 10 days."
- M 4623 Charles Bud¹⁰, b. 27 Nov 1870, Ray Co., MO. Married Della M. Mosso, 11 Jan 1898, Stockville, NE. Died 23 Mar 1910, Maywood, NE. +
- F 4624 Frances M¹⁰, b. 19 Feb 1874, Fillmore Co., NE. Twin of unnamed daughter. Died 19 Feb 1879, Fillmore Co., NE. Buried at Fairmont, NE.
- F 4625 Daughter¹⁰, b. 19 Feb 1874, Fillmore Co., NE. Twin of Frances M. Died 19 Feb 1874, Fillmore Co., NE. Buried at Fairmont, NE.
- F 4626 Elizabeth¹⁰, b. May 1875, Fillmore Co., NE. Died 1 Apr 1876, Fillmore Co., NE. Buried at Fairmont, NE.
- F 4627 Ada Nellie¹⁰, b. 8 Oct 1876, Fillmore Co., NE. Died 22 Feb 1879, Fillmore Co., NE. Buried at Fairmont, NE.
- F 4628 Margaret Lula¹⁰, b. 6 Apr 1880, Fillmore Co., NE. Married Samuel W. Gilbert, 30 June 1909, Maywood, NE. Died in 1959, probably Omaha, NE. +

BIOGRAPHICAL

He was undoubtedly the James L. Chamberlain, "of Ohio," who appeared in Chancery Court at Toms River, NJ, on the 20th of February to convey his interest in property inherited from his grandfather Chamberlin. (See LN 53 for full details.)

He was probably the James Chamberlain enumerated in the 1850 census as living with a Swift Connor, et al, as follows: Sterling Township, Brown Co., OH, #1914/1920, 22 Oct 1850, P. 409:

Chamberlain	James	21	M	W	Cooper	Ohio
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His future wife's family lived but a short distance away as follows: Sterling Township, Brown Co., OH, #1901/1906, 22 Oct 1850, P. 408:

Smith	Abraham	41	M	W	Farmer	\$ 790	Pennsylvania
Smith	Sarah	44	F	W			Ohio
Smith	James	24	M	W	Cooper		Ohio
Smith	Wesley	17	M	W	Laborer		Ohio
Smith	Margaret	14	F	W			Ohio
Smith	Almira	19	F	W			Ohio
Smith	Cornelia	3	F	W			Ohio

Their daughter Elizabeth was not listed and so was probably staying with relatives at the time of the census.

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Family records give their marriage date as indicated. However, the Marriage Return filed by the minister (A.V. Shepherd), gives the date as 11 Apr 1858. Possibly the date April 11th, was the date the marriage was recorded.

By 1860, James and his family were living in Livingston Co., IL, but an abstract of the census record is not available at present.

They were enumerated in the 1870 census as follows: Sunbury, Livingston Co., IL, #70/70, 16 June 1870, P. 10:

Chamberlin	James	40	M	W	Farmer	\$ 1,300	Ohio
Chamberlin	Elizabeth	32	F	W	Keeping House		Ohio
Chamberlin	Lillie	11	F	W	At Home		Illinois
Chamberlin	Arthur	9	M	W	At Home		Illinois
Chamberlin	Walter	7	M	W	At Home		Illinois
Chamberlin	Anna	4	F	W	At Home		Illinois
Chamberlin	Estella	2	F	W	At Home		Illinois
Chamberlin	Samuel	25	M	W	Farm Labourer		New Jersey

The Samuel Chamberlain living with them was probably a relative, but so far he remains unidentified.

In 1880, James and his family were living in Fillmore Co., Nebraska. They were enumerated there as follows: West Blue Twp., Fillmore Co., Nebraska, #86/86, 12 June 1880, P. 466:

Chamberlin	James	50	M	W	Farmer	OH	OH	OH	
Chamberlin	Elizabeth	45	F	W	Wife	Keeping House	OH	OH	OH
Chamberlin	Walter	17	F	W	Son	At Home	IL	OH	OH
Chamberlin	Anna	15	M	W	Dau	At Home	IL	OH	OH
Chamberlin	Charlie	10	M	W	Son		IL	OH	OH
Chamberlin	Maggie *	/3	F	W	Dau		IL	OH	OH
Smith	Charlie	12	M	W	Cousin	Herder	IL	OH	OH

* Aged 3 months, born in March 1880.

On 16 Jan 1884, James Chamberlain, of Fairmont, Nebraska, purchased 171.24 acres of land for \$1,727.90, from C.B. & 2 RR Company, the property being located in the NW quarter of Section 1, Township 8, Range 3.

On 22 Aug 1884, James Chamberlain, of Fairmont, Nebraska, purchased 160 acres of land for \$675.86, from C.B. & 2 RR Company, the property being located in the SW quarter of Section 1, Township 8, Range 3.

On 5 Dec 1885, James L. Chamberlain, of Fillmore county, Nebraska, purchased 80 acres of land for \$2,000, from Arthur C. Clark and Elizabeth L. Clark, the property being the North _ of the SE corner of Section 2, Township 8, Range 3. On 26 Apr 1889, James L. Chamberlain and his wife Elizabeth Chamberlain, of Fillmore county, Nebraska, sold this parcel for \$2,000 to Charles Weis, of McLean Co., IL.

By 1900, James was dead, but his widow was listed in the census as follows: Maywood Village, Frontier Co., Nebraska., #114/116, 18 June 1900, E.D. 183, Sheet 62:

Chamberlain	Elizabeth	Head	F	W	Aug 1843	56	OH	PA	PA
Chamberlain	Charlie B	Son	M	W	Sep 1871	28	MO	NJ	PA
Chamberlain	Maggie	Dau	F	W	Apr 1880	20	NE	NJ	PA
Chamberlain	Della *	GdDa	F	W	Mar 1900	/9	NE	MO	NY

* Aged 9 months.

Elizabeth (Wd 37 9 3) on census transcript (?).

Most information on his early life is supplied by his obituary which appeared in the *The Eagle Reporter* (Frontier Co., Nebraska), on January 9th, 1896, which reads in part:

James Lawrence Chamberlain was born in Monmouth Co., New Jersey, on Nov 7, 1829 and died January 2, 1896, aged sixty-six years one month and twenty-six days, leaving a widow, two sons and one daughter to mourn his loss.

He came of old English Colonial stock. His forefathers came to New Jersey shortly after the Land Grant to the Duke of York. The old cedar building where he, his father, and grandfather were born is still standing, moss covered but still intact. It was one of the first houses built in New Jersey and is now owned by a member of the family.

James Lawrence seems to have been an old family name, as it has been in the family for over two hundred years. His parents James Lawrence [should be David] and Eveline Anderson Chamberlain, moved to Salem, Ohio, when he was but four years of age. After one brief year, they both died of Cholera. Thus left alone in the world he was cared for by an uncle with whom he remained until he was thirteen years old, at which age he learned the cooper's trade; and having an inherent desire to travel and learn, he followed rafting down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, after which he went to La Salle Co., Illinois, where he pursued in his trade until 1852.

He then crossed the plains and mountains to California where he engaged in gold mining for several years. Disposing of his mining interests, he organized a company to go into Washington and build a flour mill, conveying the machinery on pack mules. Soon after the completion of his mill, the Indians became hostile. His life was saved by a friendly Indian who warned him of his danger. In order to escape he was compelled to travel nights and hide during the day. It was during this perilous journey that he hid one day near the beautiful Spokane Falls, being, perhaps one of its earliest white visitors. After a terrible journey, he at last reached a place of safety, penniless; the Indians made short work of his mill by burning it down. Having thus been forced to abandon his scheme of colonization.

On reaching California, he joined a surveying party and returned with it to Washington and made surveys in the region of Mt. Ranier. In the fall of 1857, he returned by way of Cape Horn to New York, and after visiting his old New Jersey home, went back to Ohio, where on March 23rd the following year, he married Elizabeth Smith. He presented her with a gold ring in the form of a strap and buckle, the gold having been dug by himself. The ring is now in possession of his younger son. After marriage, he moved immediately to Livingston Co., Illinois., where he lived twelve years. In 1871, they moved to Fillmore Co., Nebraska. where they were among the early settlers and suffered many hardships and privations. In 1890, they moved to Maywood, Frontier county, Nebraska, where he has since resided.

The funeral was held at the residence and very largely attended. Rev. J.M. Eads, a former pastor of the M.E. church at this place, preached a very appropriate and impressive sermon. The remains were interred in a metallic casket in the Maywood Cemetery, Sunday, January, 5th. The Sibley G.A.R. Post acted as an escort of honor."

The obituary of Elizabeth appeared in *The Eagle Reporter*, in June 1926. It reads in part:

MRS. ELIZABETH CHAMBERLAIN

The funeral services of Mother Chamberlain who passed away at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, was held on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S.W. Gilbert.

Her love for her children, home and friends was most marked, and her loyalty and thoughtfulness were manifested in the lives of others

She made her home her throne-room of honor, and from which she dispensed a most welcome hospitality.

She knew and loved the beautiful things in life, and many beautiful flowers were showered upon her by her loved ones and friends.

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Elizabeth Smith was born August 16, 1842, at Williamsburg, OH, and passed from his life on Monday, May 31, 1926, Aged 83 years, 9 months and 15 days.

On March 23, 1858, she was united in marriage to James L. Chamberlain who passed on January 2, 1896.

After their marriage they moved to Livingston county, Ill., where they resided for 12 years.

In 1871, they moved to Fillmore county, Nebraska where they were among the early settlers and suffered many hardships and privations.

In 1890, they moved to Maywood, Frontier county, Nebraska, where she resided for many years.

In her early life, she was a member of the Congregational church but later united with the Methodist church of Maywood.

She was the mother of nine [should be 11] children, seven of whom precede her to the better world. She also reared one granddaughter, Mrs. Helen Kirk, from infancy.

She leaves to mourn her loss, one son, Walter A. Chamberlain, of Maywood, Nebraska and one daughter, Mrs. S.W. Gilbert, of Curtis, with whom she spent the declining years of her life, two grandsons, four granddaughters, one great granddaughter and a host of friends.

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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Obituaries of James Lawrence Chamberlain and Elizabeth Chamberlain, *The Eagle Reporter*, Maywood, Nebraska, Jan 9, 1896 and June 1926.

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