

RICHARD¹ OF BRAINTREE

Second Generation

No. 461

NAME: Joseph² Chamberlain

Father: Richard¹ Chamberlain (No. 457)

Mother: Sarah Bugbee

Born: About 1656 (?), probably Roxbury, Suffolk Co., MA

Died: 8 Aug 1721, Oxford, Suffolk Co., MA

Buried:

Married: 28 Aug 1682, Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA

Other Marriages:

No. 12011

SPOUSE: Hannah Gilbert (or Gibbert ?)

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1660 (?), probably Massachusetts

Died: Before 8 Aug 1721, probably Oxford, Suffolk Co., MA

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

(Order uncertain and possibly others)

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| M | 471 | Joseph ³ , b. 4 Feb 1682/83, Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA. Married Patience —?—, about 1715 (?), probably Oxford, MA. Died between 1762 and 1766, probably Douglas, MA. + |
| M | 472 | Ebenezer ³ , b. 16 Sep 1687, Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA. Married Sybil Moore, about 1716 (?), probably Oxford, MA. Died about Sep 1746, Oxford, MA. + |
| M | 473 | Nathaniel ³ , b. About 1689, Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA. Married (1) Elizabeth Hunkins, 31 Mar 1714, Oxford, MA; (2) Martha —?—, before 1737, probably Northfield, MA. Died 7 Nov 1780, Northfield, MA. + |
| F | 474 | Hannah ³ , b. About 1692 (?), Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA. Married Joseph Rocket, about 1713, probably Oxford, MA. Died after 1732, probably Oxford, MA. + |
| M | 475 | Benjamin ³ , b. About 1694 (?), Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA. Married Mary Amidown, 8 July 1728, Oxford, MA. Died before 21 Sep 1745, Dudley, MA. + |
| M | 476 | Simon ³ , b. About 1696 (?), Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA. Married (1) —?—; (2) Abigail Taylor, 25 Dec 1735, Oxford, MA. Died about Jan 1747, Douglas, MA. + |
| F | 477 | Rebecca ³ , b. About 1698 (?), Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA. Married Nathan Kenny, 23 Feb 1718/19, Woodstock, CT. + |

M 478 George³, b. 26 Nov 1703, Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA. Died young as his brother Simon was called “my youngest son” by their father Joseph in his will of 1721.

BIOGRAPHICAL

Joseph Chamberlain was baptized on 4 June 1665, along with his brother Benjamin and sisters Mary, Rebecca, and Anna, by the Rev. John Eliot at the his church in Roxbury.

In 1675, he enlisted in Captain Jonathan Poole's Company, probably at Concord, MA. His brother Benjamin also enlisted in this company. Capt. Poole's company marched to Hadley and Hatfield, MA., and defended the latter town from an attack of the Indians on 19 Oct 1675. He took part in the famous “Swamp Fight” which occurred in December of the same year. On 25 Jan 1675/76, he received £ (?) and 4 shillings for his services under Capt. Poole. On 7 Apr 1676, he re-enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. William Turner. While in this company, he was in the celebrated “Falls Fight” which occurred on 19 May 1676, at the place which has ever since been known as “Turners Falls.” He was at the garrison in Westfield, MA, on 24 Aug 1676, when he received £14 and 8 shillings for his services.

After his military service, he returned to Sudbury where he married and where all his children were born. About 1712, he and his wife Hannah sold their homestead in Sudbury, consisting of 60 acres, a dwelling house, orchard, etc. They acknowledged this deed on 28 Mar 1712/13. From Sudbury, they went to Oxford, MA, where he, his sons Joseph, Ebenezer, and Nathaniel were among the original proprietors of that place. His brother Benjamin and family also settled at Oxford, coming from Lyme, CT. Of Oxford, he bought 40 acres of land from Joseph Dudley, of Roxbury, MA.

The town of Oxford had been formerly founded late in the preceding century by French Huguenots, but was later deserted by them, and the successors of the original grantees of the town brought in 30 English families to found a new town. To Joseph Chamberlain, Sr., was assigned an important lot on “Bondetts” (later called Prospect Hill) which included the “Great House,” it being the house formerly occupied by the famous French Huguenot, Rev. Daniel Bondett, who with his 30 families had failed to establish their settlement in Oxford. The original proprietors’ records describe his property: “Joseph Chamberlain, No. 21: On bondet Hill; H.38. “May 13, 1713, surveyed for Joseph Chamberlain, Sen., Round the great house, 40 acres....four acres and one rood being allowed for a highway,” by John Chandler, Jr., Surveyor. “Approved and established per order of the original proprietors provided he pay for the bettering of his Lott for former Improvement and building per John Chandler who made such an agreement at the beginning....”

He was bequeathed £20 by the terms of his father's will in 1673. He was Selectman of Oxford in 1713. His wife Hannah was a member of the church at Sudbury before 1706 and died at Oxford, sometime after 1713 and before 1721.

Joseph Chamberlain made his will on 24 Mar 1720/21; proved 13 Apr 1722, at Boston, MA.

In this document, he called himself a yeoman and made the following bequests: son Joseph 25 acres of land and another lot of 12 acres; son Nathaniel, a lot of 12 acres; sons Benjamin and Simon, Executors, and to receive all his lands, messuages, and tenements, subject to paying the stated legacies to other heirs; to Sybilla Rocket, his granddaughter, a cow; to Elizabeth, daughter of his son Nathaniel, a cow, before eight years; to grandson Richard Chamberlain, son of his son Nathaniel, £10 when the said Richard is 16 years old; to daughter Rebecca, within two years, a cow; son Ebenezer, or his heirs, £5 when they shall stand in need of it; to granddaughter Patience, the daughter of son Joseph, a cow within five years of his decease; to son Joseph, the blackish gray mare; to daughter Hannah Rockett, his gray mare; to son Nathaniel, his heirs and assigns, the first colt that comes of said gray mare, which the said Hannah is to keep until the said colt is a year old; to son Benjamin, the young black horse colt; to Simon, his youngest son, his bay mare; and said Simon is ordered to give the first colt from the said mare to Benjamin.

The entire property was appraised at £306, 13 shillings and 6d, of which, £220 was for homestead and buildings, 10 shillings for books, £4, 6 shillings and 6d for pewter and brass and £3 and 5 shillings for three guns.

On 22 Feb 1731, Ebenezer Chamberlin, Joseph Rockett and his wife Hannah, Benjamin Chamberlain and Simon Chamberlain, children of Joseph Chamberlain, deceased, conveyed to their brother Joseph Chamberlain, of Keehamoochaug, all their rights in their father's lots laid out or to be laid out to "ye soldiers which were in ye fight commonly called ye Narragansett or Swamp Fight."

PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

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