

## RICHARD<sup>1</sup> OF BRAINTREE

### Third Generation

No. 472

**NAME:** Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> Chamberlain

**Father:** Joseph<sup>2</sup> Chamberlain (No. 461)  
[Richard<sup>1</sup> and Sarah (Bugbee) Chamberlain]

**Mother:** Hannah Gilbert

**Born:** 16 Sep 1687, Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA

**Died:** About Sep 1746, Oxford, Worcester Co., MA

**Buried:**

**Married:** About 1716 (?), probably Oxford, Suffolk MA

**Other Marriages:**

No. 12018

**SPOUSE:** Sibyl Moore

**Father:** Richard Moore (of Sudbury and Oxford, MA)

**Mother:** Mary Collins (of Middletown, CT)

**Born:** 2 Sep 1694, Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA

**Died:** After 1750, probably Oxford, Worcester Co., MA

**Buried:**

**Other Marriages:** (1) Ephraim Roper,

### CHILDREN

(Probably others)

F 491 Hannah<sup>4</sup>, b. About 1720 (?), Oxford, Suffolk Co., MA. Married Joseph Starr, of Middletown, Middlesex Co., CT, probably about 1740 (?).

F 4690 Mary<sup>4</sup>, b. About 1730 (?), Oxford, Suffolk Co., MA. Perhaps a daughter. A Mary Chamberlain married Abijah Kingsbury, 23 Sep 1756, Oxford, MA. No real proof that Mary was Ebenezer's daughter. However, her mother Sybil, does refer to two sisters of her daughter Hannah Starr in a letter written in 1750.

### BIOGRAPHICAL

He came to Oxford with his father Joseph in 1713, and remained there during the rest of his life. He was one of the original proprietors of Oxford, his home lot being at the northern extremity of Johnson's Plain, adjoining Isaac Learned on the north, and probably included the Johnson house and 2½ acres of the meadow in the rear. In January 1717, Richard Moore, was by vote, allowed to represent conditionally, the rights of Ebenezer Chamberlain, his son-in-law. Richard Moore apparently later came into possession of this property.

On 28 Oct 1746, administration on the estate of Ebenezer Chamberlain, of Oxford, deceased, was granted to Joseph Chamberlain (his brother), of Douglas. Elijah Moore, "Gentleman," also his brother-in-law, was surety on the bond. The latter being also of Oxford.

In 1750, his widow Sibyl, then living in Oxford, wrote a letter to her daughter Hannah and son-in-law, Joseph Starr, of Middletown, CT. This letter was preserved and printed in the History of Oxford. It reads as follows:

Oxford, May 25, 1750

“Loving Son and Daughter,

These [lines] are to inform you that I am yet at Father Moore's and am not well. I have the fever and ague — I have not been well all this spring. If you would come down next fall, if I am able, I will come up with you. I have sent by the bearer hereof, some camlet to make you quilt, and a pair of stockings. I desire above all things that you mind the good of your souls, more than for the things of this world, and I desire the same of your two sisters, and be often thinking of your wedding day, and let not the world steal your hearts from God—for I know not that whether I shall ever see you again.

And Hannah, I desire that you be very careful that you do keep bad company, but study the word of God, which is able to make you wise to salvation. Do not miss to read a chapter very day, my daughter Starr, remember how God has raised you even from the mouth of the grave, and give God the prayers and never forget his mercy to you, and to make thankful returns to God for the same. Son Starr, I desire that you write to me by Mr. Shattuck, and tell me how your wife does. My hearts desire and prayer is that you may be saved — and rest.

Your loving Mother,

Sibbel Chamberlin.”

“The camlet and stockings is for Ruth Mather.”

On the same sheet was a letter from Richard Moore, her father, to Mr. Starr, requesting him to urge Abijah, Richard's son, then living at Middletown, to “come down for Doc. Cannaday to see if he (could) get any help,” for a physical trouble he was experiencing.

This letter states that Hannah had two sisters, but gives no clue as to their names.

## PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

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