

RICHARD¹ OF BRAINTREE
Third Generation

No. 476

NAME: Simon³ Chamberlain

Father: Joseph² Chamberlain (No. 461)
[Richard¹ and Sarah (Bugbee) Chamberlain]

Mother: Hannah Gilbert

Born: About 1696 (?), Sudbury, Middlesex Co., MA

Died: About Jan 1747, Douglas, Worcester Co., MA

Buried:

Married: (1) —?—, about 1723 (?), probably Oxford, Suffolk Co., MA

Other Marriages: (2) Abigail Taylor, 27 Dec 1735, Dudley, Worcester Co., MA

No. 12009

SPOUSE (1): Miss —?—

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1700 (?), probably Massachusetts

Died: About 1734 (?), probably Dudley, Worcester Co., MA

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN
(By First Marriage – Perhaps Others)

M 505 Simon⁴, b. About 1731, probably Oxford, Worcester Co., MA. Perhaps a son. Married Elizabeth Dodge, 7 Mar 1756, Dudley, MA. Died 21 Nov 1816, Angelica, NY. +

No. 12015

SPOUSE (2): Abigail Taylor (or Taller)

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1712 (?), perhaps Sutton, Suffolk Co., MA

Died:

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN (By Second Marriage – Perhaps Others)

- F 4692 Rebecca⁴, b. About 1736 (?), probably Oxford, Worcester Co., MA. Prentiss Glazier thinks she is perhaps a daughter. If so, she is a daughter of Simon's second wife. A Rebecca Chamberlain married a Daniel Dodge (Intention), 3 May 1760, Dudley, MA.

BIOGRAPHICAL

He removed from Sudbury to Oxford with his father in 1713, and resided there until about 1731, when he went to Dudley.

On 11 Oct 1722, Simon Chamberlain, and his brothers Benjamin and Joseph, sold 40 acres of land that had been their father's homestead, to Joseph Dana. This property was situated on Bonet Hill and included the area “around the great house,” formerly their father's.

He and his brother Benjamin were named as Executor's of their father's will in 1721. By the terms of this will, he and Benjamin received most of the lands, messuages and tenements, subject to legacies to be paid to other members of the family. In addition, Simon received his father's bay mare and was to give his brother Benjamin, the first colt from the mare.

On 20 Apr 1731, “Oxford Almshouse, Simon Chamberlain to Collins Moore, weaver, 40 acres, bordered south on village line; north on Isaac Learned, eastward on Bonet Meadow; 20 Apr 1731, Benjamin Chamberlain to Collins Moore, 50 acres near the foregoing.”

He resided at “Keekamoochaug” (Dudley) from 1731 until about 1744. On 14 Dec 1744, the State's committee deeded to him, 160 acres near New Sherburne, with all the improvements, lying at the southwest corner of the lot laid out to the first minister of the town.

On 15 Nov 1743, Elijah Moore, of Oxford, conveyed to Simon Chamberlain, “living in or near a place called New Sherborn,” two and one-half acres in Thompson Parish, Killingly, Windham Co., CT.

On 23 Apr 1733, he and two others were chosen to run a line around the township of Dudley.

On 20 Dec 1733, he entered a dissent against the vote relative to the location of the meeting house.

On 4 Mar 1734, he was chosen Hogreave in Dudley.

An order for appraisal of his estate was issued on 25 Feb 1747, and his brother Joseph was appointed administrator. His inventory was dated 23 May 1747, which included 160 acres in Douglas, and £90:2s:7d in personal property.

There is no solid evidence that the Simon who died at Angelica, NY, in 1816 is the son of the Simon of this record, although most family historians make this connection. The coincidence of given names seems to be the main evidence. He just as easily could have been a son of Simon's brother Benjamin, for example.

The gravestone of Simon⁴ gives his age as 85 years at the time of death (1816)—hence born about 1731. In any case, he could not have been a child of Abigail.

A thorough search of the land records for this region should show the disposition of Simon's real property which may provide a solid evidence of his heirs.

Abigail Taylor was of Sutton, MA, then in Suffolk County.

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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