

RICHARD¹ OF BRAINTREE

Seventh Generation

No. 871

NAME: Mark Andrew⁷ Chamberlain

Father: Joseph⁶ Chamberlain (No. 769)
[Benjamin⁵ (John⁴⁻³, Benjamin², Richard¹)
and Jerusha (Green) Chamberlain]

Mother: Electa Sayre

Born: 21 Oct 1829, Thetford, Orange Co., VT

Died: 3 July 1905, Winthrop, Buchanan Co., IA

Buried: July 1905, Oakwood Cemetery, Independence, Buchanan Co., IA

Married: About 1853, probably Connecticut

Other Marriages:

No. 12194

SPOUSE: Mary Elizabeth Bartholomew

Father: Cholester Bartholomew

Mother: Marinda Hall

Born: 4 Apr 1830,

Died: 12 June 1896, Glendora, Los Angeles Co., CA

Buried: — June 1896, Oakwood Cemetery, Independence, Buchanan Co., IA

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

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| F | 875 | Belle ⁸ , b. Winter of 1854-55, near Waterford, Dakota Co., MN. Died there of lung fever after only a few months. Buried on the homestead. |
| M | 876 | Andrew Mark ⁸ , b. 24 Feb 1856, near Waterford, Dakota Co., MN. Married Ida Almina Pulis, 4 July 1876, Winthrop, IA. In 1905, he was living at Waterloo, IA. + |
| F | 877 | Carrie E ⁸ , b. 4 Apr 1858, near Waterford, Dakota Co., MN. Unmarried. Died 23 Oct 1873, Winthrop, IA. Buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Independence, IA. |
| F | 878 | Nellie M ⁸ , b. 15 July 1860, near Waterford, Dakota Co., MN. Married George Franklin Spangler, 5 Dec 1882, probably Winthrop, IA. George Spangler was born in March 1858. They resided at Winthrop, IA. She was D.A.R. # 47645. She was buried at the Oakwood Cemetery, Winthrop, IA. |
| M | 879 | Theodore Parker ⁸ , b. 7 Nov 1862, near Waterford, Dakota Co., MN. Married Hattie Isabelle Elliott, 25 Nov 1886, Coshocton, OH. Died 11 Aug 1909, probably Waterloo, IA. + |

- F 10479 Minnie M^s, b. 23 Apr 1865, probably near Waterford, Dakota Co., MN. Married J. Winfield Dietrich (1861-1913), 10 Dec 1885, probably Winthrop, IA. Two daughters: (1) Eloise (or Elvira?) M. Dietrich, b. 28 Aug 1890, Waterloo, IA, m. Eugene Osborn; D.A.R. # 100609; (2) Marion Dietrich, b. 4 May 1893, Waterloo, IA. Minnie and her husband removed to California where she died of consumption, 6 Sep 1896, probably Winthrop, IA. Her husband married a second time.
- M 10480 Herbert Erastus^s, b. 22 July 1869, Winthrop, Buchanan Co., IA. Unmarried. Died 10 Nov 1894, Winthrop, IA. Buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Independence, IA.
- F 7748 Ethel June^s, b. 25 July 1872, Winthrop, Buchanan Co., IA. Married Mack A. Hurlbut, 5 June 1895, Winthrop, IA. They resided at Ft. Dodge, IA. She was D.A.R. # 52587. One daughter, Corathy Chamberlain Hurlbut, b. 20 Apr 1896, probably Winthrop, IA.

BIOGRAPHICAL

A typed copy of the obituary of Mark Andrew Chamberlain, was provided by Bess Dilley Dickenson, in January 1978, to Mrs. Audrey Fate Whitcomb (original source unknown). It reads as follows:

MARK ANDREW CHAMBERLAIN, M.D.

Mark Andrew Chamberlain was born Oct. 21, 1829. He was one of a large family, having five brothers and five sisters, all of whom he survived. His parents were of the strict New England Puritan type.

His father died when he was ten years old and he was placed with a neighbor for whom he split wood, drove the cattle, and helped clear the stony New England farm, for which he received the privilege of walking three miles to school during three cold winter months of the year.

When twelve years of age, he was apprenticed to a farmer for nine years. The pay stipulated in the contract for his nine years labor being one hundred dollars, two suits of clothes, and his board. At the age of sixteen, he began clerking in a dry goods store in Boston, where he remained until 1850, except for a short time spent at Thetford Hill Academy. After leaving Boston, he took up the study of medicine in New Haven, Connecticut. During the study of medicine, he became deeply interested in the great theological discussions which were being strongly advocated by the leading divines at that time. He missed no opportunity to hear the lectures and sermons and read the writings of such men as Channing, Beecher, Murray, Freeman Clark, and Theodore Parker, the latter of whom he thought a great deal and after whom he later named one of his sons. His mother frequently admonished him for becoming interested in their line of thinking, cautioning him that they were emissaries of the evil one. It was during this period that he formed the habit of deep thought on the theological questions and all things which pertain to the welfare and betterment of humanity, which was one of his characteristics.

In 1855 [should be 1853], he was married to Mary Elizabeth Bartholomew and removed to Dover, IL. In 1856, they moved to Northfield [actually near Waterford and Lewistown, Dakota County], MN, entering 150 acres of land from the government. There he commenced the practice of his profession and there occurred the most thrilling incidents of his life. Always taking an interest in the welfare of his country, he early became identified with the Republican Party and in 1860, he was elected a Representative to the Minnesota legislature.

In 1861, he enlisted in the Eighth Minnesota Infantry Volunteers, with which he served as hospital steward and surgeon. His regiment was stationed in Minnesota to guard against Indian outbreaks, a frequent occurrence at that time. In 1864, his regiment was ordered south where he served with them through the war. His diary related the many bitter experiences on the march and in battle, and of going hungry to bed on the cold, wet ground, and the cruelties of war. It was during his soldier experiences that he contracted his ailment for which he was destined to suffer ever after.

After being mustered out of the service, July 11, 1865, he returned to Minnesota. After selling his interests there, he came to Winthrop, IA, with his wife and children, Andrew, Carrie, Nellie, Theodore, and Minnie. In Winthrop, he built up a large practice and where he was held in great esteem, being elected member of the school board and holding the offices of the town clerk, justice of the peace, country coroner, and postmaster.

He was made a Mason in the Masonic Lodge at Winthrop in 1868, being one of the charter members, and always was an active worker in the order, and followed during his whole life, the teachings of Masonry. In 1889, Mr. Chamberlain moved to California, hoping to find relief from the asthma, from which he became a constant sufferer. On June 12th 1896, his wife died while they were in California, and in 1897, returned to Winthrop, where he has since made his home with his daughter Nellie.

On his return from California, he joined the Grand Army Post of Winthrop, and at the time of his death, was an officer of the society. Four children survive him; Andrew M. and Theodore P. at Waterloo, IA, Nellie M. Spangler, of Winthrop, IA, and Ethel I. Hurlbut, at Ft. Dodge, IA.

Here, he ended his days among relatives and friends, and was buried with Masonic and Grand Army honors. "In the death of Dr. Chamberlain, there passed away a loving father, a true friend, a good soldier, an upright citizen, one who at all times and in all places was honourable and worthy of trust." (*Chamberlain Association of America, Annual Report, 1904-05*, pp. 34-35.)

In 1850, mistakenly called "Clark," he was living with his brother George (LN 868) in Boston (Ward 5), Suffolk Co., MA.

PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

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Chamberlain Association of America, Annual Report, 1904-05, pp. 34-35

National Year Book, 1914, P. 265

Lineage Books, Vols. 48, 53, 99, 101

Obituary of Mark Andrew Chamberlain provided by Mrs. Audrey Fate Whitcomb, Route 1, Hastings, Nebraska 68901, 17 Jan 1984

Personal papers and Journal of Dr. Mark Andrew Chamberlain [LN 871], circa 1897-1900, in possession of Mr. Robert C. Keagy, 3616 Mariella St., Riverside, CA 92504, June 1984

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