

## HENRY<sup>1</sup> OF HINGHAM

### Seventh Generation

No. 2557

**NAME:** Ralph C<sup>7</sup> Chamberlain

**Father:** Anson<sup>6</sup> Chamberlin (No. 1260)  
[Joel<sup>5</sup> (William<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>)  
and Lydia (Chapman) Chamberlin]

**Mother:** Hannah Noble

**Born:** 27 Feb 1805, Washington, Berkshire Co., MA

**Died:** 30 Dec 1872, Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., NY, "aged 68 years"

**Buried:** Dec 1872, Chamberlain Corners Cemetery, Waddington, St. Lawrence Co., NY

**Married:** 29 Oct 1835, probably Madrid, NY

**Other Marriages:**

No. 12798

**SPOUSE:** Martha McKnight

**Father:**

**Mother:**

**Born:** 20 July 1813, probably Berkshire Co., MA

**Died:** 7 Feb 1865, Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., NY, "aged 51 years"

**Buried:** Feb 1865, Chamberlain Corners Cemetery, Waddington, St. Lawrence Co., NY

**Other Marriages:**

## CHILDREN

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| M | 4539 | Lorenzo <sup>8</sup> , b. 4 Apr 1837, Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., NY. Died there 28 Dec 1837, "aged 8 months and 10 days." Buried at Chamberlain Corners Cemetery, Waddington, St. Lawrence Co., NY.                                            |
| M | 4540 | Theron M <sup>8</sup> , b. 9 Jan 1838, Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., NY. Married Ellen Adamson, 25 Dec 1861, probably St. Lawrence Co., NY. Died 10 Feb 1890, probably St. Lawrence Co., NY. She died 10 Mar 1895, probably St. Lawrence Co., NY. |
| M | 4541 | Eli J <sup>8</sup> , b. 13 Oct 1838, Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., NY. Married Hattie Bliss, 9 Mar 1864, probably St. Lawrence Co., NY. "Went west" says his father's bible record.                                                               |
| F | 4542 | Mary A <sup>8</sup> , b. 30 May 1841, Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., NY. Unmarried. Died 9 Sep 1889. Buried at Chamberlain Corners Cemetery, Waddington, St. Lawrence Co., NY.                                                                     |
| F | 4543 | Anna Maria <sup>8</sup> , b. 17 Aug 1843, Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., NY. Married Edward Freeman, 25 Mar 1874, probably St. Lawrence Co., NY. Died 13 Sep 1892 (?), probably St. Lawrence Co., NY.                                              |
| F | 4544 | Ellen P <sup>8</sup> , b. 20 Nov 1846, Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., NY. Married William Gould, 26 Sep 1866, probably St. Lawrence Co., NY. Died 19 Jan 1893, probably St. Lawrence Co., NY.                                                      |

## Ralph C<sup>7</sup> Chamberlain (No. 2557) – Continued

- F 4545 Frances<sup>8</sup>, b. 17 Sep 1850, Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., NY. Married Joseph Lalone, 15 May 1872, probably St. Lawrence Co., NY.
- F 4546 Eva M<sup>8</sup>, b. 25 Jan 1853, Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., NY. Probably unmarried. Died 17 Nov 1930, probably Madrid, NY. Buried at Chamberlain Corners Cemetery, Waddington, St. Lawrence Co., NY.
- M 4547 Charles A<sup>8</sup>, b. 5 Feb 1856, Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., NY. Married Emma A. Sears, 20 Mar 1887, probably St. Lawrence Co., NY. Died 5 Aug 1931, probably Madrid, NY. +

## BIOGRAPHICAL

Ralph's birthdate given in his bible record is 27 Feb 1805; the *Noble Genealogy* gives it as 24 Feb 1804. The same source also gives their marriage taking place in 1840, but as their first three children were before 1840, we estimate they were married in 1835 (or earlier).

In 1850, Ralph and family were living in Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., NY. Dwelling No. 2, Family No. 2, 16 Aug 1850, as follows:

| ID  | OR | Given   | Surname    | Age | Sex | Race | BP | LN    | Remarks              |
|-----|----|---------|------------|-----|-----|------|----|-------|----------------------|
| 516 | 1  | Ralph   | Chamberlin | 44  | M   | W    | MA | 2557  | Inn Keeper. \$2,000. |
| 516 | 2  | Martha  | Chamberlin | 37  | F   | W    | MA | 12798 |                      |
| 516 | 3  | Theron  | Chamberlin | 14  | M   | W    | NY | 4540  | School.              |
| 516 | 4  | Eli     | Chamberlin | 11  | M   | W    | NY | 4541  |                      |
| 516 | 5  | Mary    | Chamberlin | 9   | F   | W    | NY | 4542  |                      |
| 516 | 6  | Anna M  | Chamberlin | 7   | F   | W    | NY | 4543  |                      |
| 516 | 7  | Ellen   | Chamberlin | 4   | F   | W    | NY | 4544  |                      |
| 516 | 8  | Frances | Chamberlin | 0   | F   | W    | NY | 4545  | Aged 4 months.       |
| 516 | 9  | John    | Smith      | 22  | M   | W    | NY |       |                      |
| 516 | 10 | Abraham | McFaddin   | 24  | M   | W    | NY |       |                      |

Ralph inherited his father's house and general store at Chamberlain Corners. During the Civil War, it was used as the station of the underground railway. When slaves escaping from bondage in the south, tried to find refuge in Canada, the Chamberlains gave the top floor of their house for a hiding place. The negroes were kept there during the day and were conducted after darkness fell, to the St. Lawrence river and given passage to the northern shore and freedom. (Though New York State had legislated slavery out of existence, slaves could be captured within its borders and returned to their masters, with a substantial reward for the captors.) Those helping the fleeing slaves were known as "conductors," those who housed them were known as "station masters," and those who helped the cause with money were known as "shareholders."

Upon Ralph's death, the property passed to his son Charles and finally to Helen, only surviving child of Charles.

His bible record gives Martha's death as 7 Feb 1865; her gravestone has it as 17 Feb 1865.

## **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](http://www.chamberlain-society.org) >

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Letter from Mrs. Courtland Chamberlain, 128 Potters Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886, to Portia Chamberlain, 10 Jan 1978

Information supplied by Pauline Deshaies, 66 Ames St., Massena, NY, to Mrs. Portia Chamberlain, letters dated 1977-78

Chamberlain Corners Cemetery Records, Waddington, NY, as communicated by Mrs. Pauline Tedford, Waddington, NY, to Portia Chamberlain, July 1 1977

Family Bible Record of Ralph Chamberlain, as communicated by Francis C. LaVigne, Executor of the estate of Helen Chamberlain, to Portia Chamberlain, 6 Dec 1977

1850 Federal Census, Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., NY. NAM M-432, Roll No. 591 (FHL #444,307), P. 286 [SN 552]

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