

HENRY¹ OF HINGHAM

Eighth Generation

No. 2911

NAME: Hiram⁸ Chamberlain

Father: Swift⁷ Chamberlin (No. 2456)
[Peleg⁶ (Peleg⁵, William⁴, Joseph³, William², Henry¹)
and Abigail (Smith) Chamberlin]

Mother: Mary Tuttle

Born: 1 Apr 1797, Monkton, Addison Co., VT

Died: 1 Nov 1866, Brownsville, Cameron Co., TX

Buried: Brownsville, TX

Married: (1) Maria Morse, 26 Oct 1825, Dorset, Bennington Co., VT

Other Marriages: (2) Sarah H. Wardlaw, 19 Apr 1836, probably St. Charles, St. Charles Co., MO

(3) Anna Adelia Griswold, 16 Oct 1842, Pinckney, MO

No. 12902

SPOUSE (1): Maria Morse

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1810 (?), West Hartford, Hartford Co., CT

Died: 24 Mar 1835, New Franklin, Howard Co., MO

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

(By First Marriage)

M 3465 Henry Martin⁹, b. 25 Sep 1826, St. Louis, St. Louis Co., MO. Died there soon after birth.

F 3466 Henrietta Maria⁹, b. 21 July 1832, St. Louis, St. Louis Co., MO. Married, as his third wife, Captain Richard King (1825-1885), about 1854, probably Brownsville, TX. He was the founder of the vast King ranch (Santa Gertrude), Kingsville, TX. In 1906, she was living in Corpus Christi, TX. Five children:

F 1 Henrietta King, m. Brig.-Gen. Edward Atwood, U.S.A.

F 2 Ella King, m. Louis Welton.

M 3 Richard King, b. 1860, m. Elizabeth Pearl Ashbrook (b. 1865), 1883. Resided at Corpus Christi, TX.

F 4 Alice G. King, b. 1862, m. Robert Kelberg (b. 1853), 1886. Resided at Corpus Christi, TX.

M 5 Lee King. Died unmarried.

M 3467 Payson Dwight⁹, b. 4 Mar 1835, New Franklin, Howard Co., MO. Died there the same day. Buried with his mother.

No. 12903

SPOUSE (2): Sarah H. Wardlaw

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1816 (?), New Providence, Rockbridge Co., VA

Died: — May 1840, probably St. Charles, St. Charles Co., MO

Buried: New Providence, VA

Other Marriages:

No. 12904

SPOUSE (3): Anna Adelia Griswold

Father: William Griswold

Mother: Aura Case

Born: 12 Apr 1816, Wethersfield, Hartford Co., CT

Died: 24 Nov 1882, Brooklyn, New York Co., NY

Buried: Brownsville, Cameron Co., TX

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN
(By Third Marriage)

M 3468 Hiram⁹, b. 28 Apr 1843, St. Charles, St. Charles Co., MO. Married Mattie Wiesiger. No children. Died July 1879, Danville, Boyle Co., KY.

M 3469 Milton Griswold⁹, b. 11 Sep 1845, St. Louis, St. Louis Co., MO. Died 16 June 1847, Somerville, Fayette Co., TN.

M 3470 Daniel Baker⁹, b. 24 Nov 1847, Somerville, Fayette Co., TN. Died young.

M 3471 Peter Bland⁹, b. 18 Dec 1848, Somerville, Fayette Co., TN. Married Filipa, about 1869, perhaps Brownsville, TX. Died in 1882, perhaps TX. +

M 3472 William Chapman⁹, b. 2 Oct 1850, Brownsville, Cameron Co., TX. In 1907, he was said to have been living at Laredo, Webb Co., TX, and had several children.

M 3473 James Wardlaw⁹, b. About 1852, Brownsville, Cameron Co., TX. Died young.

F 3474 Adelia⁹, b. 16 June 1855, Brownsville, Cameron Co., TX. Married Col. James Harding, 25 Nov 1873, New Brunswick, Middlesex Co., NJ. Resided at New York City, NY. +

M 3475 Edwin⁹, b. 30 Nov 1857, Brownsville, Cameron Co., TX. Married Adelaide Gillette, 6 Nov 1883, perhaps New York City, NY. Resided at San Antonio, TX. +

BIOGRAPHICAL

In 1818, he made a profession of religion at Rev. Dr. Gardner Spring's Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, and soon after entered Middlebury College in his native county in Vermont, from which he graduated in 1822. It was probably during his college life at Middlebury and earlier, that he "taught school" in Essex County, NY, on the opposite shore of Lake Champlain, at Lewis and Sharetown. Early in November 1822, he entered Andover Theological Seminary as a student, graduating in 1825, after a course of about a year (probably in 1823-24), at Princeton Theological Seminary.

In the spring of 1825, Hiram Chamberlain took an active and prominent part in the movement which had its rise at Andover, looking to the establishment of a National Domestic Missionary Society, and with which the origin and subsequent organization (in 1826) of the American Home Missionary Society was directly and closely connected. He received ordination as an evangelist or missionary from the New York Presbytery, 16 Oct 1825. Ten days later he and his first wife were married at Dorset, VT, and immediately thereafter in furtherance of the resolution made at Andover, he removed to Missouri, where, under commission from the United Domestic Missionary Society of New York, he entered upon his career of missionary work at St. Louis.

He remained at St. Louis until 1827, in which year he became the pastor at "Dardonne," MO. From 1828 to 1834, he was the pastor at Boonville, MO, being also, in 1828, agent of the American Home Missionary Society. He was the pastor at New Franklin and Fayette, MO, in 1834 and 1835, and also, in 1834, agent of Marion College.

During the years from 1835 to 1841, his pastorate duties were at St. Charles, MO, and from the latter year until early in 1845 he edited and published the Herald of Religious Liberty, at St. Louis. Relinquishing the editorial chair of the Herald, he removed to Tennessee, and became the pastor at Memphis from 1845 to 1847, and at Somerville and Bethany from 1847 to 1850. In the latter year in the most southerly part of distant TX—only then recently admitted as a State of the Union—he became the pastor at Brownsville (the Fort Brown of the Mexican War) on the lower Rio Grande, opposite Matamoros, Mexico. There he continued to reside, engaged in the work of his pastorate, until his death in 1866, having faithfully and able devoted forty years of his life to the cause of Home Missions.

The Presbyterian Church at Brownsville, the first Protestant church on the Rio Grande, was erected through his instrumentality, and stood as a fitting monument to his influence, ability and devotion until its destruction in 1867 by one of the worst tornados in living memory. This same tornado completely destroyed his family home in which all his family effects were lost.

At the time of his death, Mr. Chamberlain was Worshipful Master of Rio Grande Lodge No. 81, F.A.M., and District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of TX.

PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

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