

HENRY¹ OF HINGHAM

Tenth Generation

No. 3904

NAME: Ernest Rogers¹⁰ Chamberlain

Father: Philander Chase⁹ Chamberlain (No. 3553)
[Jacob Sherrill⁸ (Sylvester⁷, Jonathan⁶, Peleg⁵, William⁴, Joseph³, William², Henry¹)
and Mary (Chase) Chamberlin]

Mother: Jennie Marie Safford

Born: 18 Aug 1892, Topeka, Shawnee Co., KS

Died: 29 Aug 1981, South Pasadena, Los Angeles Co., CA

Buried: 4 Sep 1981,

Married: About 1915 (?),

Other Marriages:

No. 13118

SPOUSE: Ethel E. —

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1892, Omaha, Douglas Co., NE

Died: 29 Sep 1983, South Pasadena, Los Angeles Co., CA

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

(Perhaps not in order)

- M 4318 Safford¹¹, b. About 1916 (?), perhaps Washington, D.C. Married and had issue. In 1983, he was living in South Pasadena, CA. +
- F 4319 Winifred H¹¹, b. About 1918 (?), perhaps Washington, D.C. Unmarried and living in Pasadena, CA, in 1983.
- M 4320 Thornton¹¹, b. About 1920 (?), perhaps Washington, D.C. Probably unmarried and had no issue. Killed in Europe in World War II.

BIOGRAPHICAL

The following obituary for Ernest Chamberlain appeared in the *Pasadena Star News*:

After graduation from Washburn College, Ernest Chamberlain served as a Warrant officer in France during the World War I. After the war he earned a law degree from George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

He returned to the Midwest, settling in Oklahoma City, where he practiced law briefly and worked as a professional musician before devoting many years to newspaper work with the Oklahoma City News and Oklahoma Leader.

During his work at the Leader, he became closely associated with the pioneer American Socialist Oscar Ameringer. Chamberlain's series, "The Romance of Coal," published in Ameringer's paper, The Illinois Miner, attempted to give miners a sense of romance and dignity about their work.

He became active in socialist and reform politics in Oklahoma during the 1920's and 1930's, working for Senator Thomas Gore and others as publicist, lobbyist, researcher and organizer. Among his activities were helping Indians and small farmers to form oil cooperatives.

He moved to California in 1937 to work in a campaign of Sheridan Downey for U.S. senator and in 1938 joined the restaurateur Clifford Clinton in a movement to recall the then-mayor of Los Angeles, Frank Shaw, and to reform city government.

Chamberlain's and Clinton's association was a lasting one. In 1945, when Clinton sought to develop an inexpensive protein food to fight world hunger, Chamberlain interested Dr. Henry Borsook, then a biochemist at Caltech in Pasadena, in the project.

Borsook developed the food, Clinton established "Meals for Millions" to distribute it worldwide, and Chamberlain became the foundation's general secretary, serving in that position for 18 years until his retirement in 1964. The product was known as Multi-Purpose Food and was adaptable to the needs and resources of countries around the world.

During the years that Chamberlain was secretary, the foundation received five Freedoms Foundation awards for its program. Chamberlain also served on the board of Meals for Millions until the early 1970's.

In the 1970s, Chamberlain was active in senior citizen affairs. He was a member of the Pasadena Planning Council's Committee on Aging, chairing the city's project Find-Response advisory committee. He also received a citation for his "Directory of Services and Opportunities Available to Older People in the Pasadena-Alhambra Area."

He also found time to enjoy music and was flutist in the Pasadena Symphony Orchestra when the late Dr. Richard Lert was the conductor. During his activities with Find-Response, he devoted many hours establishing community service centers for older people.

Until recently, Chamberlain was an active member of the Neighborhood Church and the South Pasadena Democratic Club.

The following obituary for Ethel appeared in the *Pasadena Star News*:

SERVICES TO BE HELD FOR LONGTIME RESIDENT

A memorial service for Ethel E. Chamberlain, a South Pasadena resident for almost half a century, will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Pasadena Neighborhood Church.

Mrs. Chamberlain died Sept. 29 [1983] at her home in South Pasadena. She was 91.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, she was raised in Topeka, Kansas, and was graduated from Washburn College. She completed her music studies at Northwestern University and was a piano teacher in South Pasadena for many years before her retirement. She was also a longtime member of the Neighborhood Church.

Her husband, Ernest R. Chamberlain, died in 1939 [misprint—should be 1981].

She is survived by a son, Safford Chamberlain and a daughter, Winifred Chamberlain, of Pasadena, and two grandchildren, Desiree Chamberlain and Thornton Chamberlain of South Pasadena."

PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

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