

RICHARD¹ OF BRAINTREE

Seventh Generation

No. 5015

NAME: Joseph Wright⁷ Chamberlain

Father: Milo⁶ Chamberlin (No. 4808)
[Wright⁵ (Moses⁴, Nathaniel³, Joseph², Richard¹)
and Hannah (Heath) Chamberlin]

Mother: Sarah Cole

Born: 11 Aug 1808 or 1809, Gibson, Luzerne Co., PA

Died: 19 July 1867, Elkhart, Elkhart Co., IN

Buried:

Married: (1) Caroline Tryon, 3 Dec 1837, MI Center, Jackson Co., MI

Other Marriages: (2) Lydia A. Parmeter, 31 Oct 1853, Elkhart, IN

No. 13407

SPOUSE (1): Caroline Tryon

Father: David Tryon

Mother: Minerva Castle

Born: 3 Dec 1817, Granville, Washington Co., NY

Died: 28 Nov 1851, Elkhart, Elkhart Co., IN

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

(By First Marriage)

F 5337 Isadore⁸, b. 20 Sep 1838, probably Leesburg, Kosciusko Co., IN. Died 20 Sep 1840, probably Leesburg, IN.

M 5338 Orville Tryon⁸, b. 1 Sep 1841, Leesburg, Kosciusko Co., IN. Married Helen Maria Mead, 1 Sep 1869, probably Elkhart, IN. Died 27 May 1929, Prescott, AZ. +

F 5339 Sarah Minerva⁸, b. 29 Aug 1844, Elkhart, Elkhart Co., IN. Married Jacob S. Brown, 17 Oct 1865, probably Elkhart, IN. Died 5 Jan 1917, probably LaGrange, IN. +

M 5340 Tully⁸, b. 11 Mar 1848, Elkhart, Elkhart Co., IN. Unmarried. He was a conductor on the Truckee Railroad from Ogden to Salt Lake City. Upon entering Ogden, Utah, on Saturday night, 7 Sep 1873, he saw one of a Mormon mob maltreating a crippled fireman of the same train when he made the remark "That a man who would treat a cripple like that ought to be treated likewise," whereupon the man turned and shot him. He died from the effect of the wound on the following day, 8 Sep 1873, Ogden, UT.

F 5341 Helena Catherine⁸, b. 28 Oct 1850, Elkhart, Elkhart Co., IN. Married Adrian D. Brown, 30 May 1870, probably Elkhart, IN. In 1905, she was living at Indianapolis, IN. +

No. 13406

SPOUSE (2): Lydia A Parmeter

Father:

Mother:

Born: 31 Oct 1818,

Died: 15 Sep 1879, probably Elkhart, Elkhart Co., IN

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN (By Second Marriage)

F 5342 Caroline Emma⁸, b. 31 July 1854, Elkhart, Elkhart Co., IN. Married John L. Bottorff, 2 Sep 1874, probably Elkhart, IN. He was a machinist at Elkhart, IN, and died there 3 June 1895. Caroline died 3 June 1895, Elkhart, IN. One child.

M 1 Joseph Livy Chamberlain Bottorff, b. 10 June 1875; m. Inez Bentz, 12 Oct 1897. She was born 1 Aug 1878. In 1905, he was a clerk in the 1st National Bank of Elkhart, IN, a position which he had held for several years. One child: Albert Joseph Bottorff, b. 13 Dec 1916.

F 5343 Livy⁸, b. 22 Nov 1856, Elkhart, Elkhart Co., IN. Married Millicent A. Edmonds, 19 Nov 1879, probably Elkhart, IN. She was born 6 Mar 1855. (The *Compendium* gives her surname as Edwards.) He was a prominent lawyer and an insurance agent at Elkhart, IN. He died 30 July 1917, probably Elkhart, IN. No children.

BIOGRAPHICAL

He graduated from the Medical College in Castleton, Vermont, 14 Nov 1831. In 1833, he removed to the west and practiced medicine and surgery at White Pigeon, Michigan, and at Chicago. In 1836, he went to Michigan City. After his marriage to Caroline, they lived successively at Hudson, IN, Berrien Springs, MI, Milford, IN, Leesburg, IN, and in 1843, settled in Elkhart, IN, where he spent the remainder of his life.

In 1843, Elkhart, was a mere hamlet of 56 houses and contained only 67 voters. He was also postmaster at Milford, Leesburg, and Elkhart, IN. Practiced medicine and surgery at Elkhart, 1843-1867. He was an important factor in the development of Elkhart.

Soon after settling in Elkhart, Caroline, who was an earnest Christian worker, sought to hold Prayer Book exercises at her house and was rewarded by finding two families, those of Eliel G. Farr of Cleveland Co., and Chester Gore, adhering to the Episcopal Communion. Thus the first Episcopal service in Elkhart was held at their home as early as 1845.

His second wife, Lydia, and their daughter Caroline were among the 13 persons that comprised the first Episcopal confirmation class in Elkhart, 26 Apr 1868.

A letter which he wrote to his father [addressed to Milo Chamberlain, Esq., Genesco, Livingston Co., New York] in 1835 is extant which reads:

“Chicago, October 21st, 1835.

D'r Father:

You may be surprised to receive a letter from me at this place. I have just arrived here from Maryland City (8 o'clock in the evening) on an expedition to the west to see the country. I have entirely recovered my health and in fact think that it is better than it has been before in a year. My company in this journey is Col. Stewart from Maryland City. Our mode of conveyance is a horse and carriage. We think of going in the first place to Milwaukee a place 90 miles north of this place, on the Lake at the mouth of a river of the same name and in the Wisconsin Territory. Our object in going there is to get an interest in the town which is to be laid out there by which we hope to make our fortunes.

This place is about half way from this place to Green Bay. From Milwaukee we intend to return to this place and then go South to Ottoway and down the Illinois River to Peoria which is 160 miles from this place and return through the interior of Illinois and Indiana to Maryland City. I do not know that I shall leave Maryland City but may possibly. If I do it will be for the purpose of making money. I have done very well in my small speculation. I wrote you that I own a share in two or three lots and I have sold entirely out and have made clear \$220.00 which I have now in my pocket and from my business I have managed to pay up for my board, clothing and everything of the kind and have a hundred dollars due to me besides which I can collect in half a day any time, which will leave me a little over \$300.00 clear, which I intend to use to the best advantage. My love to all. In haste. Your ob't Son, J. W. C.

Write and direct your letters to Maryland City as usual.”

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In 1840, he was probably the Joseph W. Chamberlain, living at Berrien, Berrien Co., MI, heading a family of 000001-10101.

This family was enumerated in the 1850 census as follows: Concord Twp., Elkhart Co., IN, #357/363, 8 Aug 1850, P. 28:

Chamberlain	J W	41	M	W	Physician	\$ 2,000	PA
Chamberlain	Mrs.	32	F	W			NY
Chamberlain	Orville	9	M	W			IN
Chamberlain	Sarah	6	F	W			IN
Chamberlain	Tully	3	M	W			IN

Joseph Chamberlain began to write his name “Chamberlain” instead of “Chamberlin” like his father.

After his death, he was buried with all the honor peculiar to the organization of the I.O.O.F. of which he was a member.

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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Wright-Chamberlin Genealogy, by E.M. Barber, 1914, pp. 55-56, 61-64, 70 [RC 86]
Compendium of American Genealogy, Vol. IV [not seen]
1840 Federal Census, Berrien, Berrien Co., MI [RC 637-2]
1850 Federal Census, Concord, Elkhart Co., IN [RC 455-12]

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