

RICHARD¹ OF BRAINTREE
Seventh Generation

No. 6164

NAME: DeWitt Clinton⁷ Chamberlain

Father: Elisha⁶ Chamberlain (No. 6125)
[Elisha⁵ (Simon⁴⁻³, Joseph², Richard¹)
and Hannah (Twitchell) Chamberlain]

Mother: Jane Reynolds

Born: 6 Jan 1834, Belfast, Allegany Co., NY

Died: 5 June 1919, Scotland, Bon Homme Co., SD, "aged 85 years and 5 months"

Buried: 8 June 1919, Rose Hill Cemetery, Scotland, SD

Married: (1) Heppsie Eliza Campbell, about 1856 (?), probably Coudersport, Potter Co., PA

Other Marriages: (2) Sarah Upwood, 3 Aug 1873, Emmetsburg, Palo Alto Co., IA

No. 13665

SPOUSE (1): Hepssie Eliza Campbell

Father:

Mother:

Born: 14 Apr 1837, Virgil, Cortland Co., NY

Died: 10 Sep 1888, Ness City, Ness Co., KS

Buried: 11 Sep 1888, Brown's Cemetery, near Ness City, KS

Other Marriages: (2) A V Higley, 25 Dec 1866, Potter Co., PA

CHILD
(By First Marriage)

M 10444 Archie Bayard⁸, b. 9 Feb 1857, Coudersport, Potter Co., PA. Married Florence F. Curtis, 20 Dec 1881, Monticello, IA. Died 13 May 1931, Winterset, IA. +

No. 13666

SPOUSE (2): Sarah Upwood

Father:

Mother:

Born: 19 Dec 1854, Hudson, Lenawee Co., MI

Died: 27 Sep 1946, Scotland, Bon Homme Co., SD

Buried: 29 Sep 1946, Rose Hill Cemetery, Scotland, SD

Other Marriages:

BIOGRAPHICAL

DeWitt Chamberlain and his wife Heppsie Eliza were divorced when their son Archie was about four years old. Years later, Archie remembered his mother kneeling in prayer with him before leaving him with his father.

Most of the following biographical account is taken from the *History of Madison County, IA, and Its People*, Volume II, pp. 339-341; published 1915.

D.W. Chamberlain was a Methodist Episcopal minister and also devoted some attention to farming. In 1863, he removed from Pennsylvania to Nora, Illinois, where he concentrated his attention upon the cultivation of the fields. He next [1864] went to Pontiac, Michigan, where he remained for a year, but in 1865, became a resident of Raymond, Black Hawk county, Iowa, and for seven years followed agricultural pursuits. During that time he helped to organize the Methodist Episcopal church at Raymond and was also quite active in public affairs.

His political allegiance has been given to the republican party since its organization and in ante-bellum days, while living in Pennsylvania, he was prominently connected with the underground railway and had some exciting experiences while aiding refugee slaves to Canada and freedom. A love of justice and courage which he manifested in that trying time has characterized his deeds throughout his entire life and has gained him the sincere respect of his fellowmen.

In 1872, he sold his land and removed to Emmetsburg, in this state, where for three years he engaged in general merchandising. In 1875, he severed his connection with that business and entered the Methodist Episcopal conference, thereafter holding pastorates in various places in South Dakota, including Vermillion and Scotland.

His obituary reads in part:

In 1887, after serving two years at Scotland, he retired from active service on account of an infection of the throat which impaired also his general health. He then made his home on a farm a few miles southwest of Scotland where he lived for about 15 years.

At the end of that time [1904], he sold his place and shortly after bought and moved into the home in Scotland and engaged in the sale of buggies, implements and harness until four years ago. While returning home from his place of business one winter day, he slipped on the icy walks and fell, breaking the hip bone. Owing to his advanced age, the bone never knit and for a period of four years and three months he had been almost helpless. During this time he was cared for in a wonderfully patient and efficient way by Mrs. Chamberlain. For some time he has been failing, but so gradually that it was scarcely perceptible.

On Tuesday of last week he was suddenly taken much worse and passed away Thursday, June 5th, 1919. The funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church, Sunday, June 8th, at 10:30 by the pastor, the Rev. C.W. Langdon, assisted by the Rev. C.E. Wilcox, a former pastor. Internment was made in Rosehill cemetery.

Mr. Chamberlain has been a well known and influential citizen during all of the time of his residence here. For 12 years he was Justice of the Peace and was interested in political affairs of the community. He always took a keen interest in the work of the church and was one of its most faithful and effective workers. Two characteristics stand out in his life, his tenacity of purpose and his willingness to stand by his convictions of duty. These convictions came of his desire to do what he believed to be right. In the death of Mr. Chamberlain, Scotland has lost one of her best citizens. There survive him the widow, Mrs. Sarah Chamberlain, who will make her home here; his son Archie, of Winterset, Iowa, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. To these, the sympathy of the community is extended in their sorrow.

The obituary of his first wife, Heppsie Eliza, appeared in a local newspaper at Ness City, KS, in September 1888, and reads:

Died — At her home in Ness City, Kansas, Monday, September 10, 1888, Eliza, wife of A.V. Higley, in her 52nd year.

Mrs. Higley was born at Virgil, in the State of New York, April 14, 1837. She married A.V. Higley in Potter county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1866, where they continued to reside until 1878, when her husband came to Ness county seeking a home for his family, and to which place she accompanied him two years later. Several years they lived upon a homestead in Johnson township, where the deceased was well-known and loved for her many good qualities by the settlers for miles around. Although she had been an invalid for the most of the time since her residence in this county, and particularly for the time her home has been in this city, her conduct and bearing was such as to make her beloved by all who knew her.

Through long months of sickness and suffering she was pleasant and patient, bearing the pains and ills of the invalid's couch with a meekness that is rarely witnessed. But through all she was comforted by the presence at her bedside of a husband whose devotion and careful attention to her slightest wants was indeed exceptional in this everyday, bustling world, he scarcely ever leaving her for an hour night or day during the many weeks of her illness. The immediate cause of her death was consumption, complicated with other forms of disease. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church Tuesday, September 11, 1888, under the direction of the Women's Relief Corps, of which she was a member. The interment was made at Brown's cemetery southeast of this city, and was attended by a large circle of friends and citizens. She leaves a husband and two sons to mourn her death.

By her second marriage to A.V. Higley, Heppsie Eliza, had a son Orte Higley who later lived at Quinault, WA. Olive Ralson recalls that Orte Higley visited them in Iowa when she was in high school (about 1930) and again in late 1940, this time accompanied by his daughter Helen.

The obituary of DeWitt Chamberlain's second wife, Sarah, appeared in the *Scotland Journal*, for Thursday, October 3, 1946, and reads:

MRS. CHAMBERLAIN AGED PIONEER LADY PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Sarah Upwood Chamberlain, long time resident of Scotland, South Dakota, died Friday morning at the Scotland clinic at 2:30 a.m., after an illness of three weeks.

Mrs. Chamberlain was born Dec. 19, 1854, in Hudson, Michigan. In 1871, she with her parents came to Emmetsburg, Iowa. On August 3, 1873, she was united in marriage to D.W. Chamberlain, at Emmetsburg, Iowa. In 1885, they moved to Scotland, South Dakota, where she has resided ever since.

Mrs. Chamberlain became ill September 8, and was taken to the local clinic, where everything possible was done for her comfort. She passed peacefully away Friday, September 27, 1946, at the age of 91 years, 9 months and 7 days.

She was preceded in death by Mr. Chamberlain in 1919.

Mrs. Chamberlain was an untiring worker in the Methodist church and Ladies Aid.

She leaves to mourn nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church, Sunday at 3:00 p.m., with Rev. C.E. Wilcox, of Tripp, preaching the service and Rev. Edgar Hammerle assisting.

Pallbearers were: Clinton Cass, Pete Ellinger, Milford Brown, Bert Bowers, Tim Ireland and Ben Erps.

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Out-of-town people attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Chamberlain, Roy Grimes, May Grimes, Evelyn Green, Mrs. Ira Burham and Mrs. Stella Warner Jaycox.

The Goehring Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

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