

RICHARD¹ OF BRAINTREE

Seventh Generation

No. 6174

NAME: Sarah Sophia⁷ Chamberlain "Sophie"

Father: Elijah⁶ Chamberlain (No. 6126)
[Elisha⁵ (Simon⁴⁻³, Joseph², Richard¹)
and Hannah (Twitchell) Chamberlain]

Mother: Hannah Morrill

Born: 13 July 1834, Allen, Allegany Co., NY

Died: 30 June 1921, WaKeeney, Trego Co., KS

Buried: July 1921, Carpenter Plot, WaKeeney Cemetery, WaKeeney, KS

Married: 4 July 1853, Coudersport, Potter Co., PA

Other Marriages:

No. 15788

SPOUSE: Jonathan Post

Father: John Post (of Angelica, NY)

Mother: Elizabeth

Born: 19 Feb 1827, Cattaraugus Co., NY

Died: 5 Nov 1885, Alton, Osborne Co., KS

Buried: Pioneer Cemetery, Alton, KS

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

- M i Earl Gilman Post, b. 24 May 1854, Coudersport, Potter Co., PA. Married Carrie Seelye (Seeley ?), 14 June 1877, Davison, MI. Died 18 Dec 1944, Davison, MI. Four children: Lorenza, Lent Earl, Ethel, and Pearl Post.
- F ii Jeanette Elizabeth Ermina Post, b. 27 Nov 1856, Coudersport, Potter Co., PA. Married John Burdick Carpenter, 12 Jan 1878, Alton, KS. He was the son of William R. & Nancy (Burdick) Carpenter, of Hanover, MI. She died 3 Feb 1948, WaKeeney, KS, and was buried in the cemetery there. Six children:
 - F 1 Carrie Sophia Carpenter, b. 24 Apr 1879, Alton, KS; d. 14 Aug 1958, Aurora, CO. Married 30 May 1898, at Stockton, KS, to Delbert Rezin Gregg.
 - F 2 Emma Florence Carpenter, b. 26 July 1881, Alton, KS; d. 17 Apr 1937, Hill City, KS. Married 23 Jan 1902, Stockton, KS, to Robert W. Worland.
 - M 3 Joseph Harvey Carpenter, b. 10 Jan 1887, Flint, MI; d. 25 Apr 1968, WaKeeney, KS. Married 6 June 1915, Brownell, KS, to Blanche Edwards.
 - F 4 Ethel Jennie Carpenter, b. 8 Feb 1889, Alton, KS; d. 25 Aug 1958, WaKeeney, KS. Married 27 Sep 1916, Goodland, KS, to Walter Lawrence Moden. Mrs. Elene Wagner, is their daughter. In 1982-83, she supplied information on the family, from which this record and others were derived.

- M 5 Forrest John Carpenter, b. 23 Nov 1894, Damar, KS. Twin of Fern Jeanette.
- F 6 Fern Jeanette Carpenter, b. 23 Nov 1894, Damar, KS. Twin of Forrest John.
Married Clarence Christy and had (among others), Kendall and Bonnie Christy.
Resided at Forest Grove, OR.
- C iii Child Post, b. About 1856 (?), perhaps Coudersport, Potter Co., PA. Died young.

BIOGRAPHICAL

Sarah moved to Pennsylvania with the family before 1844. After her marriage, she and Jonathan lived in Coudersport, Potter Co., PA., until about 1858 or 1859, when they moved to Oakland Co., Michigan. Here Jonathan bought a farm in Avon township. Later he sold this farm and purchased another in Springfield township in Oakland county, living here until about 1874 when he sold out and moved to Kansas.

Jonathan took up government land in Osborne county, Kansas. He and his brother-in-law, George W. Chamberlain, built a combination grist and saw mill, located on the south fork of the Solomon River, about 1_ miles southwest of Bull City (now Alton). They operated this mill for several years before it was washed out by a flood. After the flood, the two families made another investment in a sorghum mill.

An account of the flood disaster appears in the book, *Prairie Days*, by Nettie Korb Bryson. An excerpt from this narrative, in the author's words reads as follows:

The Solomon River ran through a part of the Chamberlain claim. On the northwest corner it made a sharp bend. the soil here was alluvial, richer even than prairie land, and they were raising a wonderful garden and a big field of early corn. Both were prospering when the unpredictable cloudburst swelled the river and flooded out of existence all their hopes and hard work.

It was the most dramatic sight that I ever witnessed; a wall of black and foaming water, some fifteen feet high, rushing, rolling, tumbling, with irresistible force down on the comfortable farm home, and the mill that we were all so proud of, and so thankful for!

head of the water coming so fast, we saw Mrs. Post carrying her most valued possession: a new Singer sewing machine. She was determined to get it to safety, but it was a heavy load. It was nothing at all like the new electric table models we have now, but a good-sized piece of furniture, with a foot piece, big wheel, box top over the machine itself, and several drawers. Before she got very far, the oncoming waters swirled about her feet and she almost lost her balance, but would not let go of the machine. If brother Lou had not been racing to her rescue, she would no doubt have been drowned. Lou was a strong, resourceful chap, however, a worthy son of his hardy father, and in a few minutes he had both Mrs. Post and her prized machine on safe ground. The home from which she had so lately come was covered with water, and all of its furnishings ruined.

The saw mill, run by water power, was on very low land, and was badly damaged. Much of the lumber, too, was washed away. The flood waters soon receded, but left something almost harder to be endured; a solid coating of sticky mud all over the floors and furniture, farm implements and mill machinery. Everywhere mud, mud mud, and its accompaniment of rust and stain.

In the midst of their losses, instead of bewailing their "hard luck," these two Christian families offered up a prayer of thankfulness that no lives had been lost! Such was the courage in misfortune, and the religious fervor of the better class of pioneers.

After Jonathan died, Sophie lived with her daughter Jeanette and her husband John Carpenter. They lived at Alton on a farm, then about 1893; later they moved to Damar in Rooks county. About 1904 or 1905, the family moved to Trego county, Kansas.

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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Prairie Days, by Nettie Korb Bryson [not seen]
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