

THOMAS¹ OF WOBURN

Fourth Generation

No. 6618

NAME: Benjamin⁴ Chamberlain "Lawyer"

Father: Joseph³ Chamberlain (No. 6569)
[Samuel² (Thomas¹)
and Elizabeth (—?—) Chamberlain]

Mother: Elizabeth Stevens

Born: 23 Oct 1733, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA

Died: 26 Dec 1812, Chelmsford, MA, "aged 79 years"

Buried:

Married: 21 Mar 1758, Chelmsford, MA

Other Marriages:

No. 13819

SPOUSE: Susanna Barron

Father:

Mother:

Born: 1738, probably Massachusetts

Died: 7 Oct 1801, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA, "aged 63 years"

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

(Uncertain)

M 6735 Samuel⁵, b. 15 Dec 1758, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA.

F 6736 Susanna⁵, b. 3 Aug 1760, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA.

F 6737 Elizabeth⁵, b. 17 July 1762, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA.

F 6738 Sarah⁵, b. 19 Aug 1764, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA. Probably married Benjamin Barrett, 3 Sep 1786, Chelmsford, MA.

M 6739 Benjamin⁵, b. 27 July 1766, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA.

F 6740 Olive⁵, b. 10 Aug 1768, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA. Probably married Joshua Hunt, 20 Nov 1794, Chelmsford, MA. +

F 6741 Martha⁵, b. 20 Feb 1770, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA.

F 6742 Lucy⁵, b. 17 Mar 1772, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA.

M 6743 Ellis⁵, b. 21 Apr 1774, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA.

M 6744 Willard⁵, b. 23 Oct 1776, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA.

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- F 6745 Lydia⁵, b. 3 Jan 1779, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA. Twin of Hannah.
- F 6746 Hannah⁵, b. 3 Jan 1779, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA. Twin of Lydia.
- C 6747 Child⁵, b. About 1782, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA. Probably a twin. Buried 23 Apr 1782, Chelmsford, MA.
- C 6748 Child⁵, b. About 1782, Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA. Probably a twin. Buried 14 Jan 1783, Chelmsford, MA.

BIOGRAPHICAL

He was commonly called the “Lawyer,” but strangely left no will. His marriage record calls him Benjamin III.

Considerable confusion exists between the families of this couple and those of his cousin Benjamin⁵ Chamberlain, LN 6656 (Benjamin⁴, Samuel³, Thomas²), who was contemporaneous with him in Chelmsford for a number of years. The Benjamin of this record was sometimes called “The Lawyer” and Benjamin Jr. The other Benjamin seemed to have had no distinguishing title. Both men had a wife Susanna.

Apparently one of his children was buried on 29 Dec 1768 and another on 23 Jan 1769. Four other infant deaths are recorded, but are simply given as “child of Benjamin” while the two preceding deaths (above) are given as belonging to *Benjamin Jr.* The other deaths are burials on 29 July 1778, 12 Aug 1778, 23 Apr 1778, and 14 June 1783. (Note that the other Benjamin died in 1780.) It is also quite possible that some of the children listed in this record may belong to the other man and vice versa.

Benjamin and Susanna owned the Covenant in the church, 26 Nov 1758.

He received a conveyance from his father, 22 Apr 1755, which was partly a gift, and partly as a purchase. The entire property was in land and buildings, of which his father then possessed. In return, Benjamin promised to cede to his father, the unrestricted use of half the premises during the remainder of his life.

The death record of Susanna simply calls her the wife of Benjamin. Since he was alive in 1801, it is felt that this refers to the Susanna of this record rather than the Susanna, wife of the other Benjamin who had died in 1780. For if she was the wife of the man who died in 1780, the record would have called her “widow of Benjamin.”

In 1790, Benjamin Chamberlin was living in Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA, heading a family of 2-1-5 (2 males 16 years of age and upwards, 1 male under 16 years of age, 5 females). "Benja."

In 1800, Benjamin Chamberlin was again living in Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA, heading a family of 00001-00101 (1 male aged 45 years and upwards, 1 female between the ages of 16 and 26 years, 1 female aged 45 years and upwards). "Benjm."

In 1810, Benjamin Chamberlain was again still living in Chelmsford, Middlesex Co., MA, heading a family of 00001 (1 male aged 45 years and upwards). "Benjm."

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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