

THOMAS¹ OF WOBURN

Fifth Generation

No. 6647

NAME: Thomas⁵ Chamberlain

Father: Thomas⁴ Chamberlain (No. 6584)
[Thomas³ (Thomas²⁻¹)
and Abigail (Nutting) Chamberlain]

Mother: Susanna Blanchard

Born: 10 Aug 1735, Dunstable, Middlesex Co., MA

Died: 22 Mar 1818, Topsham, Orange Co., VT, "aged 83 years"

Buried: Mar 1818, Cemetery on Currier Hill, near Topsham, VT

Married: (1) Sarah White, about 1762, perhaps Newbury, Orange Co., VT

Other Marriages: (2) Margaret Spear, about 1786 (?), probably Topsham, Orange Co., VT

No. 13836

SPOUSE (1): Sarah White

Father: William White

Mother: Mary Selden

Born: About 1739 (?),

Died: About 1784, Topsham, Orange Co., VT

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

(By First Marriage)

M 6781 Jacob Bailey⁶, b. May 1763, Newbury, Orange Co., VT. Jacob's middle name is variously given as Bailey or Bayley. He was the first white child born in Newbury, VT, and was named in honor of General Jacob Bailey. He helped his father clear off the land for the first homesite in what later became Topsham, VT. Jacob became a physician and practised near Napanee, Lennox, Canada. Married Nancy Embury, daughter of John and Mary (Dulon or Dolor). In 1835, he revisited his father's old house in Topsham. Jacob died 21 Sep 1841, Ontario, Canada. He is buried in the Mary Magdalene Anglican Cemetery located at the east end of Elizabeth street in Napanee, Lennox & Addington counties, Ontario, Canada, where his gravestone inscription reads:

"Sacred to the Memory of Jacob Bailey Chamberlain who departed this life
September 21, 1841, in the 78th year of his age" (Chamberlain Chain)

M 6782 Blanchard⁶, b. About 1767, Newbury, Orange Co., VT. Married (1) Betsey Leach, 19 Feb 1789, probably Topsham, VT; (2) Susanna Brown, 7 Oct 1819, probably Newbury, VT; (3) Mrs. Susanna (Carleton) Brown, 2 Jan 1822, Newbury, VT. Died 24 Sep 1843, Topsham, VT. +

F 6783 Sarah L⁶, b. About 1768, Newbury, Orange Co., VT. Married George Cox, 1788, Barnard, VT (*History of Barnard, Vermont*).

No. 13837

SPOUSE (2): Margaret Spear

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1745,

Died: 4 June 1835, Topsham, Orange Co., VT, "in her 90th year"

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN (By Second Marriage)

F 6784 Susan⁶, b. 19 Oct 1787, Topsham, Orange Co., VT. Probably unmarried. Died 28 May 1811, Topsham, VT.

M 6785 Thomas⁶, bp. 29 Aug 1794, Topsham, Orange Co., VT. Married Betsey Townsend, 26 Oct 1814, Groton, VT. The *History of Newbury, Vermont*, states of him: "He drifted away and was never heard from again." +

BIOGRAPHICAL

Thomas Chamberlain served in the Old French War in Capt. Joseph Blanchard's company. Later (about 1760), he went as a chain bearer with Blanchard to the valley of the Connecticut, and laid out the boundaries for the town of Newbury. The *John White Genealogy* says he was of Coos, NH, in 1762, when he married Sarah White, of Hadley, MA.

About 1762, he returned and settled in this area. The original proprietors of Newbury promised a bounty of 100 acres of land to the mother of the first male child born in the town and this premium was duly awarded to Mrs. Thomas Chamberlain, mother of Jacob Bayley Chamberlain.

Thomas Chamberlain was the first settler in Topsham, where he went in the summer of 1780. He cleared the timber from three or four acres of land on which he built a log cabin. During the winter, he kept the road open with his oxen, and in the spring of 1781, moved his family into the town. He was a man of high standing, both in Newbury and in Topsham. He was admitted to the church at Topsham on 22 Jan 1792. His wife was also admitted about the same time.

In 1790, Thomas Chamberlin was living in Newbury, Orange Co., VT, heading a family of 1-1-3 (1 male 16 years of age and upwards, 1 male under 16 years of age, 3 females).

In 1800, Thomas Chamberlin was again living in Newbury, Orange Co., VT, heading a family of 10101-01101 (1 male under the age of 10 years, 1 male between the ages of 16 and 26 years, 1 male aged 45 years and upwards, 1 female between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 1 female between the ages of 16 and 26 years, 1 female aged 45 years and upwards).

In 1810, Thomas Chamberlin was living in Topsham, Orange Co., VT, heading a family of 00101-00101 (1 male between the ages of 16 and 26 years, 1 male aged 45 years and upwards, 1 female between the ages of 16 and 26 years, 1 female aged 45 years and upwards). "Thos."

Prentiss Glazier warns that the *History of Barnard* partially confuses him with a later Thomas (also a distant cousin). Thomas' second wife, Margaret Spear, was from Newbury, VT.

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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