

THOMAS¹ OF WOBURN

Sixth Generation

No. 6771

NAME: Silas⁶ Chamberlain

Father: Joseph⁵ Chamberlain (No. 6638)
[John⁴ (Thomas³⁻²⁻¹)
and Lydia (—?—) Chamberlain]

Mother: Priscilla Coburn

Born: 14 Feb 1757, Dracut, Middlesex Co., MA

Died: 23 Oct 1813, Minot, Androscoggin Co., ME

Buried:

Married: 29 Mar 1784 (Int. 29 Feb 1784), Dracut, MA

Other Marriages:

No. 13924

SPOUSE: Susanna Jones

Father: Nathaniel Jones

Mother: Jane Fletcher

Born: 1763,

Died: After 1840,

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

- M 6998 Joseph⁷, b. 22 Aug 1784, Dracut, Middlesex Co., MA. Probably married Lucy —?—, about 1817 (?), probably ME. In 1850, they were residing at Greene, ME. +
- F 6999 Susanna⁷, b. 26 May 1786, Dracut, Middlesex Co., MA.
- M 7000 Silas⁷, b. 6 Dec 1788, Dracut, Middlesex Co., MA. Glazier mentions a Silas Chamberlain, of Beverly, MA, who married Elizabeth Brown, 1813, Ipswich, MA, which could be this man. However, he may also be the Silas Chamberlain listed in the 1810 census for Washington Co., KY, aged 16-26, heading a family of 201-2001. In 1820, a Silas appears in Lebanon, Washington Co., KY, aged 26-45, heading a family of 12001-1201. He seems to disappear after this; not found in the 1830, 1840 or 1850 censuses.
- F 7001 Sally⁷, b. 6 Feb 1791, Dracut, Middlesex Co., MA.
- M 7002 Aaron Jones⁷, b. 8 Mar 1793, Dracut, Middlesex Co., MA. Probably married Jane —?—, about 1825 (?), probably Maine. In 1850, they were living at Auburn, ME. +
- F 7003 Patty⁷, b. 20 June 1795, Dracut, Middlesex Co., MA.
- F 7004 Rachel⁷, b. 25 July 1797, Dracut, Middlesex Co., MA.

BIOGRAPHICAL

Silas Chamberlain served in the Revolutionary War, having enlisted in the Massachusetts Line, in Col. Michael Jackson's Regiment in 1777, for three years; discharged in 1780. He also served for eight months under Captain Varnum at Cambridge, MA.

Silas and Susannah were married by Justice Varnum. The date of their marriage was supplied by Silas' widow, Susannah, in her pension application. It does not appear in the Dracut vital records.

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

In 1800, Silas was probably the "Mr Chamberlain" who was living in Poland, Cumberland Co., ME, heading a family of 1201-2101 (1 male under the age of 10 years, 2 males between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 1 male between the ages of 26 and 45 years, 2 females under the age of 10 years, 1 female between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 1 female between the ages of 26 and 45 years). Note that the only Silas listed in the entire 1800 census was living at Newbury, VT.

In 1810, Silas Chamberlin was living in Minot, Cumberland Co., ME, heading a family of 00301-22211 (3 males between the ages of 16 and 26 years, 1 male aged 45 years and upwards, 2 females under the age of 10 years, 2 females between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 2 females between the ages of 16 and 26 years, 1 female between the ages of 26 and 45 years, 1 female aged 45 years and upwards).

On 21 Sep 1799, Silas Chamberlain, of Dracut, Middlesex Co., MA, bought 100 acres in the township of Poland, Cumberland County, Maine, for \$100 (*East Cumberland County Deeds*).

On 21 Apr 1840, Silas' widow Susannah, aged 76, of Minot, ME, applied for a state land bounty claim (under the acts of Congress in 1835 and 1836). In her application she gave information about the family history, including the date she and Silas were married, and the death date of Silas as 23 Oct 1813, which was witnessed by her son Joseph Chamberlain. In a separate deposition, on 7 May 1840, Susannah's son, Joseph *Chamberlin*, aged 55, deposed that the date of his parents marriage came from an old family bible, which also contained the names and birth dates of their children, but which at this time (1840), was since destroyed."

Susannah's claim was approved, and she was authorized for benefits to commence on 4 Mar 1836, Certificate filed 7 July 1840. Accordingly she was paid \$410 for the benefits in arrears. An unnamed source says Susannah received a tract of 200 acres of land, but this information is not found in the pension papers.

See the record of Silas' father, Joseph Chamberlain (LN 6638) for details regarding the correct birth date for Silas.

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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