

THOMAS¹ OF WOBURN

Sixth Generation

No. 6774

NAME: Elisha⁶ Chamberlain

Father: Moses⁵ Chamberlain (No. 6645)
[Moses⁴ (Thomas³⁻²⁻¹)
and Deborah (Onion) Chamberlain]

Mother: Sarah Partridge

Born: 2 Sep 1763, Walpole, Norfolk Co., MA

Died: 11 June 1840, Swanzey, Cheshire Co., NH

Buried: June 1840, —?— Cemetery, Keene, Cheshire Co., NH

Married: 6 May 1784, Newton, Middlesex Co., MA

Other Marriages:

No. 13925

SPOUSE: Susannah Brown

Father: Ebenezer Brown

Mother: Elizabeth Jameson

Born: About 1766, Newton, Middlesex Co., MA

Died: 16 May 1846, probably Swanzey, Cheshire Co., NH, "aged 80 years"

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

(Order Uncertain – Perhaps Others)

F 7005 Elizabeth Brown⁷, b. 15 Aug 1786, probably Fitchburg, Worcester Co., MA. Married Ephraim Wetherbee (of Leominster, MA), 17 Sep 1804, Fitchburg, MA. Died 18 Apr 1862, West Swanzey, NH.

F 7006 Susan⁷, b. 23 Mar 1789, perhaps Fitchburg, Worcester Co., MA. Married Capt. Martin Newton, 18 June 1809, Fitchburg, MA. One daughter:

F 1 Emily Charlotte Newton, b. about 1832; d. 27 Jan 1903; m. 1 Dec 1853, James Freeman Dana Garfield, of Fitchburg, MA, son of Elisha & Bathsheba (Egerton) Garfield, b. 14 Aug 1828, Langdon, NH, d. 15 Dec 1911, Fitchburg, MA. Had issue. (DAR records.)

F 7007 Thankful Smith⁷, b. 6 Mar 1792, perhaps Fitchburg, Worcester Co., MA. Married Benjamin⁶ Douse, 15 Apr 1813, Sherborn, MA. Benjamin Douse was b. 1784, a son of Joseph⁵ & Deborah (Perry) Douse [Eleazar⁴, Jonathan³, Eleazar², Lawrence¹]; d. 1863, and was buried at Sherborn, MA. Thankful died at Sherborn, MA. One son:

M 1 Rev. Edmund⁷ Douse, b. 17 Sep 1813, Sherborn, MA. Died there 27 Apr 1905; m. 1843, Elizabeth Bowditch, b. 1817, d. 1864, daughter of Galen & Sarah (Davenport) Bowditch. See DAR records.

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- M 7008 John⁷, b. 10 Sep 1795, probably Fitchburg, Worcester Co., MA. Married (1) Nancy Stone, 18 Mar 1820, Fitchburg, MA (widowed); (2) Olive H. Wyman, 25 Sep 1822, Keene, NH (widowed); (3) Sylvia Perry, 13 Nov 1826, Medway, MA (widowed); (4) Harriet Ware, 7 Feb 1854, probably Swanzey, NH. Died 22 Aug 1870, probably Swanzey, NH, "Aged 75 years." +
- M 7009 Elisha⁷, b. About 1797 (?), probably Fitchburg, Worcester Co., MA. Probably the Elisha Chamberlain Jr., who m. Cyrena Metcalf, 1817, Keene, NH. Died 11 June 1822.
- F 7010 Martha⁷, b. 4 Mar 1800, probably Fitchburg, Worcester Co., MA. Married Joseph Dowse.
- M 7011 William Dana⁷, b. 4 July 1801 or 1802, probably Fitchburg, Worcester Co., MA. Married Mary Poor (or Poore), 17 Nov 1825, Keene, NH. In 1850, they were residing at Swanzey, NH. +
- M 7301 Weatherby⁷, b. 1 Nov 1803, probably Fitchburg, Worcester Co., MA. Married Eliza Bowker, 8 Nov 1830, Sherborn, MA. In 1850, they were residing at Sherborn, MA. +

BIOGRAPHICAL

Elisha Chamberlain enlisted in 1778 with Capt. Sabin Mann's Company, Col. Hawes' regiment at Walpole. On 19 Mar 1833, Elisha, then a resident of Keene, Cheshire Co., NH, applied for pension benefits for his service during the Revolutionary War. His pension application details what he could recollect of his military service, that he enlisted in the latter part of March 1778; he was born 2 Sep 1763, Walpole, MA (not 2 Sep 1762 as given in the Walpole vital records); served at least eight months mostly while in various engagements in Rhode Island, including the Battle of Rhode Island. Elisha also stated that after leaving Walpole he lived in Brooklyn, MA, for awhile before settling in Fitchburg, where he lived until 27 years ago (about 1806).

On 20 Mar 1843, Elisha's widow, Susannah Chamberlain, applied for pension benefits and deposed that she was 76 years old, that her husband Elisha died 11 June 1840; that she and Elisha were married on the 6th or 7th of May 1783 or 1784. Elisha's pension papers also include a sworn deposition from the Town Clerk of Newton, Middlesex Co., MA, that Elisha Chamberlain and Susannah Brown were married there on 6 May 1784. On 22 May 1854, John Chamberlain, son of this couple also filed for Elisha's pension benefits and stated that his mother Susannah, was then deceased.

At the time of his marriage, Elisha and Susannah were both of Newton, MA. After his marriage, Elisha lived for a time in Brooklyn, MA, and afterwards settled in Fitchburg, MA. He was spoken of first in the town records of Fitchburg on 1 Mar 1788, when references were made to certain alterations in a road past his house.

In 1790, Elisha Chamberlain was living in Fitchburg, Worcester Co., MA, heading a family of 1-0-3 (1 male 16 years of age and upwards, 3 females).

In 1800, Elisha Chamberlain was again living in Fitchburg, Worcester Co., MA, heading a family of 2001-2201 (2 males under the age of 10 years, 1 male between the ages of 26 and 45 years, 2 females under the age of 10 years, 2 females between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 1 female between the ages of 26 and 45 years).

In 1810, Elisha Chamberlain was living in Keene, Cheshire Co., NH, heading a family of 21101-01001 (2 males under the age of 10 years, 1 male between the ages of 10 and 16 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 aged 45 years and upwards).

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In 1820, Elisha Chamberlain was again living in Keene, Cheshire Co., NH, heading a family of 010001-00001 (1 male between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 1 male aged 45 years and upwards, 1 female aged 45 years and upwards). One person engaged in Agriculture.

In 1830, Elisha Chamberlain was again still living in Keene, Cheshire Co., NH, heading a family of 001000001-000000001 (1 male between the ages of 10 and 15 years, 1 male between the ages of 60 and 70 years, 1 female between the ages of 60 and 70 years).

In 1840, Elisha Chamberlain was again still living in Swanzey, Cheshire Co., NH, heading a family of 0000000001-0000000001 (1 male between the ages of 70 and 80 years, 1 female between the ages of 70 and 80 years). One person employed in Agriculture. In this record he is listed as Elisha Chamberlain, Federal Pensioner, aged 77 years.

Lineage Books, Vol. 27, says he died in 1841 (Swanzey records), and that he was on the pension rolls, Cheshire Co., NH, for service as a private in the Massachusetts Militia. His widow Susannah, of Swanzey, NH, applied for pension benefits in 1843, aged 76 years.

Mrs. Guilford Babcock's record supplies birthdates for daughters Elizabeth, Susan, Martha, and Thankful; supplies middle name for Thankful, and adds son Wetherbee. She incorrectly gives Elisha's year of death as 1841.

Prentiss Glaziers suggests that perhaps a Dr. Ebenezer Chamberlain, b. Swanzey, NH, 1790 (?), may be a son, and says to check *The Biographical Encyclopedia of Pennsylvania*, by — Kulp. However, no evidence has yet substantiated this hypothesis.

Glazier also suggests that possibly there may have been a daughter Charlotte who married an Ephraim Whitcomb in 1804, at Swanzey, NH. However, it appears in the light of the information at hand, that this Charlotte was not a daughter of this couple. To have married in 1804, she would surely have been at least 16 years age, hence born at least as early as 1788. The 1790 to 1810 census records corroborate the family structure as shown. Moreover, in 1804, Elisha and family were still living in Fitchburg, and did not settle in Swanzey until many years later.

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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