

EDMUND¹ OF WOBURN
Fifth Generation

No. 7739

NAME: Nehemiah⁵ Chamberlain

Father: Stephen⁴ Chamberlain (No. 7630)
[Jacob³ (Jacob², Edmund¹)
and Sarah (Payson) Chamberlain]

Mother: Sarah Weld

Born: Bp. 26 Dec 1757, Roxbury, Suffolk Co., MA

Died: 14 Feb 1817, Roxbury, Norfolk Co., MA, "aged 59 years"

Buried:

Married: 25 Feb 1783, Roxbury, Suffolk Co., MA

Other Marriages:

No. 14271

SPOUSE: Sarah Steadman

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1763, probably MA

Died: 23 Jan 1819, Roxbury, Norfolk Co., MA, "aged 55 years"

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

- M 8047 Aaron⁶, bp. 27 Feb 1785, Roxbury, Suffolk Co., MA. Unmarried. Died 27 Nov 1817, Roxbury, MA, "aged 33 years."
- F 8048 Lucy⁶, bp. 11 Mar 1787, Roxbury, Suffolk Co., MA. Died 13 Nov 1787, Roxbury, MA, "aged 9 months."
- F 8049 Lucy⁶, bp. 12 July 1789, Roxbury, Suffolk Co., MA. Married her cousin Moses⁵ Chamberlain [LN 7751], 20 Dec 1807, Roxbury, MA. Died 27 Dec 1830, Roxbury, MA. [See his record.]
- F 8050 Hannah⁶, bp. 21 July 1793, Roxbury, Norfolk Co., MA. Probably unmarried. Died 29 June 1814, Roxbury, MA, "aged 21 years."
- M 8051 John Payson⁶, b. 31 Oct 1797, Roxbury, Norfolk Co., MA. He was mentioned in the settlement of his father's estate in 1818. The *Chamberlain Association Manuscript* says he died unmarried 8 Nov 1853.
- F 8052 Abigail⁶, bp. 31 Mar 1801, Roxbury, Norfolk Co., MA. Married Sylvanus Lindall, 5 Apr 1819, Roxbury, MA. Marriage not proven.

BIOGRAPHICAL

Nehemiah received a tract of land from his father and mother by a deed dated 6 Feb 1791.

An entry in the Roxbury vital records gives: “John Payson Chamberlain, son of Stephen & Sarah, died 17 Sep 1797, aged 7 months” (*First Congregational Society of Jamaica Plains* (Unitarian church)). Thus, born about Mar 1797. The John Payson Chamberlain, son of this couple was born 31 Oct 1797, “son of Nehemiah & Sarah.”

However, if the foregoing information is correct, there had to be two John Payson Chamberlains. The one who died 17 Sep 1797, was stated to be a son of *Stephen & Sarah* Chamberlain, and if so, who were they? Nehemiah’s father Stephen was still living in 1797, but his second wife Sarah, is believed to have been born about 1739, hence about 58 years old in 1797, which was just too old to be having another child at this time.

Nehemiah’s brother, Stephen Jr. had married Lois Bowker in 1793, and it may be that they were the parents of the John Payson Chamberlain who died 17 Sep 1797, and that the death record erred in calling Stephen’s wife Sarah instead of Lois. The matter is by no means clear, but it is obvious that there were two children named John Payson Chamberlain. The Roxbury records need to be rechecked to verify this information. Prentiss Glazier only mentions the son John Payson Chamberlain, who died in Sep 1797.

Glazier also suggests that Sarah Steadman (or Stedman) may be a step-sister to Nehemiah as his father also married a Sarah Steadman, probably a widow. Not proven that the widow Sarah Chamberlain, who died 23 Jan 1819, Roxbury, MA, is Nehemiah’s wife Sarah, but it appears logical.

Nehemiah is not found in the 1790 census.

In 1800, Nehemiah Chamberlain was living in Roxbury, Norfolk Co., MA, heading a family of 1101-1101 (1 male under the age of 10 years, 1 male between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 1 male between the ages of 26 and 45 years, 1 female 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).

In 1810, Nehemiah Chamberlain was again living in Roxbury, Norfolk Co., MA, heading a family of 02101-11011 (2 males 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 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, 1 female aged 45 years and upwards).

After Nehemiah’s death, his widow Sarah requested that Abijah Draper, physician, of Roxbury, be appointed Administrator. The “oldest son” Aaron was appointed with Dr. Draper and Lemuel Richards was chosen guardian of their children, John Payson and Abigail Chamberlain. In 1818, Nehemiah’s estate was divided with one third to the widow, and the balance to Lucy, wife of Moses Chamberlain, John Payson Chamberlain, Abigail Chamberlain, and the heirs of Aaron Chamberlain, deceased. The real estate was valued at \$ 4,547.26, above a mortgage to secure the dower rights of Sarah, widow of Stephen Chamberlain [his father’s second wife].

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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