

EDMUND¹ OF WOBURN
Eighth Generation

No. 8377

NAME: Francis Lee⁸ Chamberlain "Lee"

Father: Samuel Wood⁷ Chamberlain (No. 8197)
[Samuel⁶ (Moses⁵, Samuel⁴, Jacob³, John², Edmund¹)
and Martha (Gerrish) Chamberlain]

Mother: Sarah Wood Kendrick

Born: 6 Sep 1856, Three Oaks, Berrien Co., MI

Died: 9 Nov 1938, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA, "aged 82 years"

Buried:

Married: (1) Rebecca Belle⁶ Chamberlain, 16 June 1884, Three Oaks, Berrien Co., MI

Other Marriages: (2) Frances May Richardson, 26 Feb 1916, probably Los Angeles,
Los Angeles Co., CA

No. 8362

SPOUSE (1): Rebecca Belle⁸ Chamberlain

Father: Henry⁷ Chamberlain No. 8186)
[Moses⁶ (Moses⁵, Samuel⁴, Jacob³, John², Edmund¹)
and Mary (Foster) Chamberlain]

Mother: Rebecca VanDevanter

Born: 13 Oct 1859, Three Oaks, Berrien Co., MI

Died: 24 Jan 1915, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN
(By First Marriage)

- F 8451 Lois⁹, b. 16 Aug 1885, Three Oaks, Berrien Co., MI. Married Stuart McFarland Salisbury, 21 Feb 1912, Los Angeles, CA. Died in June 1958, probably Los Angeles, CA. +
- M 8452 Kendrick⁹, b. 19 Oct 1887, Columbus, Franklin Co., OH. Married Beatrice Beach, 16 Nov 1916, Pasadena, CA. She was b. 21 Mar 1893, Los Angeles, CA. No children. He was very tall and blond. While attending Stanford University, he was a member of the rowing team and a fine student. He developed tuberculosis from not using his lungs to the extent they had been developed (??) on the rowing team. His brother Mellen accompanied him to Indian Wells, near Palm Springs, where he went in an attempt to alleviate the disease. Kendrick was an orchard and fruit developer and lived in Coachella, CA, in 1918. Died 30 Mar 1919, Riverside, CA.
- M 8453 Henry⁹, b. 4 June 1889, Columbus, Franklin Co., OH. Married (1) Catherine Frances Smith, 14 Feb 1912, Los Angeles, CA; (2) Irene Catherine Armor, 4 Nov 1958, perhaps Los Angeles, CA. Died 9 Oct 1954, Los Angeles, CA. +

M 8454 Mellen⁹, b. 18 Sep 1892, Columbus, Franklin Co., OH. Married Katherine Pratt, 3 May 1916. Died 27 Oct 1927, Los Angeles, CA. +

No. 12836

SPOUSE (2): Frances May Richardson

Father:

Mother:

Born: 17 Feb 1871, Dracut, Middlesex Co., MA

Died:

Buried:

Other Marriages:

BIOGRAPHICAL

Lee and Rebecca were second cousins. They came to Los Angeles about 1897, from Columbus, OH. In 1910, they were both members of the old Chamberlain Association. In 1918, they were living at 402 N. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA. He never used his first name, only going by his middle name of "Lee."

Besides his AAA fame, Lee formed many companies in the iron and steel business in his lifetime. One of several operations at the Los Angeles By-Products Company, was baling the steel recaptured from all the materials collected at the plant. These bales were then sold to copper companies and, in turn, used in the process of smelting. Other bales were made from old car bodies which had been burned and formed into bales of approximately 3 x 3 x 2 feet in size.

He was involved with his brother-in-law, Paul Mellen Chamberlain, in various pursuits around the Los Angeles area in the early 1900s.

Recollections of his grandchildren all reveal great admiration of "Grandpa Lee." By all accounts he was "a mover and shaker" in his many accomplishments during his lifetime. However, he considered his family of the utmost importance.

Rebecca was devoted to her husband and children as well as to her family who had remained in Michigan when she accompanied Lee to the land of opportunity in Los Angeles, California. Approximately 26 years of correspondence exists in her handwriting, a majority of which is addressed to her parents. Like her brother Paul Mellen, she was also interested in her family genealogy and wrote down many listings of various family connections.

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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Descendants of John Moore of Canterbury, NH, 1918

History of Canterbury, NH, 1912

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