

EDMUND¹ OF WOBURN
Ninth Generation

No. 8453

NAME: Henry⁹ Chamberlain

Father: Francis Lee⁸ Chamberlain (No. 8377)
[Samuel Wood⁷ (Samuel⁶, Moses⁵, Samuel⁴, Jacob³, John², Edmund¹)
and Sarah Wood (Kendrick) Chamberlain]

Mother: Rebecca Belle⁸ Chamberlain (No. 8362)
[Henry⁷ (Moses⁶⁻⁵, Samuel⁴, Jacob³, John², Edmund¹)
and Mary (Foster) Chamberlain]

Born: 4 June 1889, Columbus, Franklin Co., OH

Died: 9 Oct 1954, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA

Buried: Ashes scattered on Boney Mountain (where is this?)

Married: (1) Catherine Frances Smith, 14 Feb 1912, Los Angeles, CA

Other Marriages: (2) Irene Catherine Armor, 4 Nov 1948, perhaps Los Angeles, CA

No. 14463

SPOUSE (1): Catherine Frances Smith

Father: Francis William Smith

Mother: Margaret Amelia Mackay

Born: 18 Nov 1892, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA

Died: 4 Jan 1947, Los Angeles, CA

Buried: Forest Lawn Cemetery,

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN
(By First Marriage)

F 8485 Virginia¹⁰, b. 31 May 1913, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA. Married Ernest Lawrence Bickerdike, 19 Sep 1942. Died 19 Dec 1989, Santa Barbara, CA. +

F 8486 Catherine Ann¹⁰, b. 21 Sep 1916, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA. Married (1) Michael Salathiel Creamer (divorced); (2) Gerard Jordan Cassidy (divorced). No children. She resumed her maiden name. Died at her home, 6 Aug 1990, Pacific Palisades, CA; ashes scattered in the Pacific ocean at Paradise Cove, CA.

No. 14464

SPOUSE (2): Irene Catherine Armor

Father: Harry Armor

Mother: Carrie Minter

Born: 5 Dec 1909, Ardmore, Delaware Co., PA

Died: 23 Apr 1993 (?), Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILD
(By Second Marriage)

F 8487 Kendrick Armor¹⁰, b. 24 Oct 1951, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA. "Kendra." Married and divorced.

BIOGRAPHICAL

Henry attended Stanford University for about two years. After that, he decided he wanted to enjoy his real love—the great outdoors. He was really not interested in his father's business ventures, though for a time, he did try hard to "toe the line."

He was a horseman, a member of the Rancheros Visitadores from 1936 until his death in 1954; was instrumental in reviving the field dog trials in California; raised hunting dogs as well as other animals. He hunted big game in Korea, Africa, Manchuria and Canada, as well as the United States; was a member of the Izaak Walton League, the California Club, the Salt Air Beach Club and Los Caballeros, a true outdoorsman. He often went hunting with his wife's brother, Andrew Mackay Smith. He was very fond of his grandchildren.

In 1918, Henry and Catherine resided at 117 Manhattan Place, Los Angeles, California. At this time, he was the vice-president of the Los Angeles Foundry Company.

Henry and Catherine were married for 35 years. A granddaughter relates her impressions of her grandmother:

"Catherine was...slender, fragile and quick-moving...lovely hands...immaculately dressed at all times...she smelled divine of lavender...had bright blue eyes with dark hair and a ready, winning and infectious laugh. She was a caring, feeling person who was very observant and quick; she was preceptive, courteous and very kind to all people.

Her personality showed no preferences regardless of socio-economic backgrounds. She always worried about and took care of service people and their families, i.e., garbage man, butcher, and maid, etc. She had many friends and was close to quite a few. Everyone loved her! 'Granny' had a wonderful sense of humor—she was warm, witty and spontaneous.

There was nothing phony about her—she was fun to be around because she always gave one a lift. She always saw the nice and bright sides of people. As I remember, the first time I saw her, she sat right down and played jacks with me...in her elegant coat and hat! Everything was magic about Granny—from a meal to playing a game of Chinese checkers.

Food always tasted divine at her house—she made the most wonderful homemade mayonnaise. She made me feel loved, at home and accepted me for who I was...she was down to earth, loving and truly an upbeat person. I loved her as no one else...a wonderful and great influence...I still miss her.”

Henry’s second wife, Irene Armor came to Los Angeles in 1922, with her father, probably from Ardmore, PA. Her mother died when she was about 6 years old and she was separated from her siblings and spent the next five years living with a practical nurse (who had tended her mother) and the next-door neighbors. In Los Angeles, her father settled near the intersection of Western and West Adams boulevards. After graduating from Polytechnic High School in 1928, Irene worked through the summer and then began her employment with the telephone company in the fall of the same year. Starting in an entry-level position, she was quickly promoted. About this time, travel became a keen interest for her and one of her first major trips was to a war-torn China in 1939.

She met Henry Chamberlain in 1947, through a mutual friend. After they were married, Irene stayed on at the telephone company as supervisor of over 100 employees for awhile longer to achieve her twenty-year anniversary. They honeymooned in Africa; spent several months in the bush after sailing down the coast of South America to Kenya. A month was spent in Paris before returning to California to build their home in the mountains outside of Ventura in a canyon known as Little Sycamore...and named it Sage Hill.

After two heart attacks in close succession, Henry died, but Irene and their daughter Kendrick remained at Sage Hill for couple of years before moving into Beverly Hills. They finally settled in Westwood a year later and Kendrick was able to get her education in the Los Angeles City School District.

In 1979, Irene sold her home in Westwood and moved into an apartment in the Park La Brea development. She remained active in several of the groups of the National Charity League and travel also occupied much time and interest. Following a trip to the Amazon, Irene suffered a stroke in June 1989, which necessitated several months of hospitalization. She never fully recovered and died within a few years.

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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