

WILLIAM¹ OF WOBURN
Fourth Generation

No. 8662

NAME: Theophilus⁴ Chamberlain

Father: Ephraim³ Chamberlain (No. 8550)
[Daniel² (William¹) and Mary (—?—) Chamberlain]

Mother: Anna Merriman

Born: 20 Oct 1737, Northfield, Hampshire Co., MA

Died: 20 July 1824, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Buried:

Married: (1) Editha White, 15 May 1768, probably South Hadley, Hampshire Co., MA
(Int. 21 Apr 1768, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA)

Other Marriages: (2) Lamira Humpherville, 24 Dec 1781, New Haven, New Haven Co., CT

No. 14593

SPOUSE (1): Editha White

Father: Joseph White

Mother: Editha Moody

Born: About 1739 (?), probably South Hadley, Hampshire Co., MA

Died: 17 Nov 1779, Bedford, Westchester Co., NY, "Aged 31 years"

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN
(By First Marriage)

M 16041 Joseph⁵, b. 1769, perhaps New Haven, New Haven Co., CT. Married, had issue, and died in 1791 according to the JRCC. Nothing further known.

F 8896 Lois⁵, b. 17 Dec 1772, New Haven, New Haven Co., CT. Married Samuel Greenwood, Jr., 20 June 1790, Halifax, NS, Canada. Died 1838, St. John, NB, Canada.

M 8897 Theophilus Merriman⁵, b. 16 Jan 1776, New Haven, New Haven Co., CT. Died 24 Apr 1776, New Haven, CT.

No. 14594

SPOUSE (2): Lamira Humphreville

Father: Thomas Humpreville

Mother: Elizabeth

Born: 25 Feb 1760, New Haven, New Haven Co., CT

Died: 25 Jan 1826, probably Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN
(By Second Marriage)

- F 8898 Sarah⁵, b. 27 Nov 1782, probably Bedford, Westchester Co., NY. Married Lt. James Money, 20 Oct 1802, on board his ship, H.M. Ship *Pheasant*, Preston, Nova Scotia (NS), Canada. James Money was a son of John & Mary (—?—) Money, born in Yorkshire, England. He died 6 May 1832, Preston, NS. Sarah died 3 July 1838, Dartmouth, NS. Their daughter Lamira Money married Charles Allen of Dartmouth. They had a daughter Catherine Allen married a Mr. Stephens of Halifax.
- M 8899 Theophilus Merriman⁵, b. 5 Oct 1784, Preston, Nova Scotia, Canada. Married Elizabeth —?—, 25 Apr 1828, probably Savannah, GA. She was living at “Twigg’s church in Savannah, GA, at the time of their marriage. Died May 1828 (right after marriage ?) according to the JRCC. Nothing further known.
- M 8900 William Morris⁵, b. 6 May 1787, Preston, Nova Scotia, Canada. Died 24 Nov 1805, Preston, Nova Scotia.
- M 8901 Thomas Humphreville⁵, b. 9 June 1789, Preston, Nova Scotia, Canada. He went to a place “100 miles east of New Orleans, Louisiana” according to *The New Chamberlain Association of America* (NCAAN). The JRCC says he married Ann Barbara Lennox, 24 Aug 1813, Lunenburg, NS. She was the daughter of John & Ann (Schupp) Lennox. +
- M 8902 John Heckman⁵, b. 14 June 1791, probably Nova Scotia, Canada. Married Harriet Hosterman, 3 Mar 1819, Preston, NS. Died 29 Sep 1847, Dartmouth, NS. +
- F 8903 Elizabeth Anna⁵, b. 1 Nov 1793, probably Nova Scotia, Canada. Married William Nobel Silver, 27 July 1811, Preston, NS. Died 12 Mar 1827, Halifax, NS. +
- M 8904 Samuel Matoon⁵, b. 21 Feb 1797, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Married Catherine Stevens, about 1821 (?), perhaps Preston, NS. Died 30 Nov 1847, St. John, NB. +
- M 8905 James Money⁵, b. 26 Oct 1803, Preston, Nova Scotia, Canada. Married Mary Irene Heckman, 2 Jan 1836, Lunenburg, NS. Died 28 Oct 1873, Preston, NS. +

BIOGRAPHICAL

Theophilus was adopted by a Mr. Moody of Northfield, a relative of his mother's. He was in Capt. Nathaniel Dwight's Company, of Belchertown, MA, from 15 Sep 1755 to 10 Dec 1755, and in the Crown Point Expedition in 1755 as taken from Dwight's Journal (*Massachusetts Archives*, Liber 95, P. 168; *NYG&B Record*, Vol. 33).

From 17 Mar 1757 until 15 Mar 1758, he took to the field as a member of Captain John Burk's company of rangers raised at Northfield and vicinity. He was present at the capitulation of Fort William Henry on 9 Aug 1758, and taken prisoner. He was carried by the Indians to Montreal, from which he escaped, was recaptured and removed to prison in Quebec. He remained in captivity until 11 Jan 1759, when he was exchanged at Halifax, Nova Scotia (*Ibid.* Liber 96, P. 42).

To save money for his passage to Boston, he worked as a bartender at an inn, returning home in February 1759. Returning to the home of Mr. Moody, then living in South Hadley, Massachusetts, he worked in Moody's tannery as a foreman. He went to Yale although he ran into debt for his education. He graduated in 1765. With Titus Smith of Yale, Class of 1764, he went to Eleazer Wheelock's Indian School in Columbia CT. This school later became the nucleus of Dartmouth College.

He was ordained as a missionary on 24 April 1765, and in June made his way to central New York, the home of the Six Nations Indians. "He established several schools among the Mohawks, visited the Onondagas and preached to them. He returned to Lebanon, CT, in October accompanied by two Oneida Indian youths who were placed under Dr. Wheelock's charge. He returned the following year to Mohawk country" (*Documentary History of the State of New York*). In September 1768, he opened a private Latin School in Boston. His first wife, Editha, was the niece of his guardian, Mr. Moody.

Theophilus was re-ordained in Boston as an elder of the Sandemanian religious sect which had been founded in 1764. By February 1769, he had moved to Danbury, CT, the seat of the base of the Sandemanians to establish a clothing business. Robert Sandeman, the founder, died at Chamberlain's house in April 1771.

In 1774, he moved to New Haven where he kept a country store with Thomas Gold. He also taught school. After the outbreak of the Revolution, the Sandemanians declared themselves non-combatants, bound to the King's allegiance. Theophilus took refuge within the British lines in Bedford, Westchester County, New York, where he purchased a farm. It was here that his first wife Editha died.

In 1783, he was appointed by the British government to superintend the dispatch of Loyalist families from New York state to Halifax, Nova Scotia. With his family he also made the move to Nova Scotia. He was commissioned a magistrate soon after his arrival in Halifax and appointed Deputy Surveyor-General of the province. Later after he had moved to Preston, Nova Scotia, in 1793, he was made Commissary Superintendent of Maroons.

See Nova Scotia records. Also see Portia Chamberlain card file for this man.

The James Robert Chamberlain Collection (JRCC) adds many details to the record given by the *New Chamberlain Association of America Newsletter* (NCAAN), but a few discrepancies remain. The NCAAN omits the sons Joseph and Theophilus by the first marriage and states that Lois died young. However, I am assuming the JRCC to be the most accurate source. Additional information is needed with references to original sources and records to substantiate this record.

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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