

WILLIAM¹ OF WOBURN Fourth Generation

No. 8664

NAME: Ephraim⁴ Chamberlain "Captain"

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

Mother: Anna Merriman

Born: About 1742, Northfield, Hampshire Co., MA

Died: 13 June 1810, Conway, Hampshire Co., MA, "aged 68 years"

Buried: June 1810, Howland Cemetery, Conway, MA

Married: About 1765 (?), probably Wallingford, New Haven Co., CT

Other Marriages:

No. 14597

SPOUSE: Sarah

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1748, probably Connecticut

Died: 1 Sep 1823, Eaton, Madison Co., NY, "aged 75 years"

Buried: Sep 1823, Pratt Hollow Cemetery, Madison Co., NY

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN (Order Uncertain)

M 8906 Theophilus⁵, b. 20 Apr 1766, Wallingford, New Haven Co., CT. Died young.

F 8907 Sally⁵, b. About 1768 (?), Wallingford, New Haven Co., CT. Married Oliver Ives, about 1792 (?), probably Southwick, MA. They settled in Lenox, MA, where they were living in 1811.

F 8908 Mary⁵, b. 16 Aug 1770, Wallingford, New Haven Co., CT. Married David Pomeroy, about 1794 (?), probably Southwick, MA. David Pomeroy was of Conway, where they were living in 1811.

M 8912 Merriman⁵, b. About 1771 (?), Wallingford, New Haven Co., CT. Married Polly Hubbard, 2 Oct 1806, Goshen, MA (Int. 5 Aug 1806, Conway, MA, calls him of Conway and Polly of Amherst, MA.) In 1806, his father deeded him half of his farm, calling him his "eldest son." He was chosen to Administer his father's estate after his mother declined. He purchased land at Chesterfield and Cummington, MA. In 1810, Merriman Chamberlain was living in Conway, Hampshire Co., MA, heading a family of 101-00011 (1 male under the age of 10 years, 1 male between the ages of 16 and 26 years, 1 female between the ages of 26 and 45 years, 1 female aged 45 years and upwards). "Meriman."

- M 8912 Merriman⁵ – Continued. In 1820, Merriman Chamberlin was living in Eaton, Madison Co., NY, heading a family of 10001-1001 (1 male under the age of 10 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 26 and 45 years). One person engaged in Agriculture.

In 1830, Merriman Chamberlain was living in Canandaiga, Ontario Co., NY, heading a family of 0000001-01100001 (1 male between the ages of 40 and 50 years, 1 female between the ages of 5 and 10 years, 1 female between the ages of 10 and 15 years, 1 female between the ages of 50 and 60 years). "Meriman." Merriman is not found in any of the later censuses nor any other records after 1830.

- M 8909 Ephraim⁵, b. 15 Feb 1773, Wallingford, New Haven Co., CT. Married Anne Coe, about 1798, probably Southwick, MA. Died about Oct-Nov 1813, Champion, NY. +
- F 8910 Lurinda⁵, b. 6 June 1775, Wallingford, New Haven Co., CT. Married David Wilcox, about 1799 (?), probably Southwick, MA. David Wilcox was of Southwick, MA, where they were living in 1811.
- M 8911 James Francis⁵, b. 12 Nov 1778, Wallingford, New Haven Co., CT. Married Huldah Coe, 1 June 1800, Southwick, MA. Died 1839, Eaton, NY. +
- F 8913 Clarissa⁵, b. About 1783 (?), probably Southwick, Hampshire Co., MA. Married Amariah Thwing, Int. 8 May 1804, Conway, MA (both of Conway). In 1811, they were living at Conway, MA.
- M 8914 Isaac⁵, b. About 1787, probably Southwick, Hampshire Co., MA. Died 31 Aug 1803, Conway, MA, "son of Captain Ephraim and Sarah, aged 16 years." Buried in Howland Cemetery, Conway, MA.
- F 8915 Alma⁵, b. About 1793, probably Southwick, Hampshire Co., MA. Died 16 Sep 1803, Conway, MA, aged 10 years. Glazier calls this child Alva, a son, and cites a 1793 baptism in Southwick, MA. However, the Conway death records give "Alma," daughter of Ephraim & Sarah," aged 10 years. Buried in Howland Cemetery, Conway, MA. Could there have been twins, Alva and Alma?

BIOGRAPHICAL

Ephraim Chamberlain settled in Wallingford, CT, by 1766, when he probably married Sarah. On 1 Jan 1777, Ephraim was a First Lieutenant in the 7th Connecticut Line; In Nov 1778, he was a Captain; On 1 Jan 1781, he was transferred to the 2nd Connecticut Line; retired 1 Jan 1783 (*Heitman's Register*, P. 149). He was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

About 1784, Ephraim removed from Wallingford, CT, to Southwick (then in Hampshire County), MA, where he bought land and buildings on Simsbury Road from about 1783 to 1794. In 1801, he sold this property, and removed to Conway, MA, where he purchased an 109-acre farm in 1802. He was known as Captain Chamberlain. In 1806, he conveyed half of his farm to his eldest "beloved son," Merriman Chamberlain.

In 1790, Ephraim Chamberlain was living in Southwick, Hampshire Co., MA, heading a family of 2-2-5 (2 males 16 years of age and upwards, 2 males under 16 years of age, 5 females). "Captain Ephraim."

Ephraim is not found in the 1800 or 1810 censuses. However, the *Names and Sketches of the Pioneer Settlers of Madison County, New York* (P. 49), states that Ephraim had a store in Poolville, NY, in 1800 (then in Chenango County, NY; Madison county was organized in 1806 from Chenango), which may be why he was missed in the 1800 census at Conway. In any case, he returned to Conway, where he died, but this may be why his sons Merriman and James settled in that area, and his widow Sarah, died there.

On 10 July 1811 (?), (*The New Chamberlain Association of America* gives the date as 10 July 1802, which has to be wrong), Ephraim's estate at Conway was to be administered by his widow Sarah. "Being advanced in life and out of health," Sarah recommended "her son Merriman." The real estate was set off to him and he paid his brothers and sisters \$900 each as their respective shares. On 11 Feb 1811, the recognized heirs of Ephraim were: Ephraim Chamberlain, Jr.; James F. Chamberlain; David Wilcox and wife Lurinda C; Oliver Ives and wife Sally C; David Pomeroy and wife Mary C; and Amariah Thwing and wife Clarissa C.

In 1801, Ephraim and Sarah conveyed land at Southwick, formerly of Jonathan Ashley's heirs. Glazier this suggests a clue as to Sarah's maiden name, and checking the Ashley family genealogy.

The Congregational church record at Conway gives Ephraim's death date as 14 June 1810, aged 67 years. However, his gravestone gives it as 13 June 1810, aged 68 years."

In his section on Revolutionary Pensioners, Glazier states there were no papers in Ephraim's pension file (BLWT372-300). Ephraim was issued a Bounty Land Warrant on 6 Feb 1797, but he died long before Congress passed legislation for Revolutionary War pensioners. In somewhat cryptic note, Glazier also suggests a check of the Francis family of the Wethersfield, CT, area for "Sar. (---)"

PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

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