

WILLIAM¹ OF WOBURN

Fourth Generation

No. 8667

NAME: Isaac⁴ Chamberlain

Father: Thomas³ Chamberlain (No. 8551)
[Daniel² (William¹) and Mary (—?—) Chamberlain]

Mother: Abigail Pierce

Born: 30 Oct 1732, Billerica, Middlesex Co., MA

Died:

Buried:

Married: About 1754 (?), probably Westmoreland, Cheshire Co., NH

Other Marriages:

No. 14601

SPOUSE: Miss —?—

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1734 (?), perhaps Massachusetts

Died:

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILD

(Perhaps Others)

M 8928 Isaac⁵, b. About 1755 (?), probably Westmoreland, Cheshire Co., NH. Married (1) —?—, about 1782 (?), perhaps Westminster, VT; (2) Molly Gannett, 1800, Springfield, VT. +

BIOGRAPHICAL

In 1755, Isaac's father, Thomas Chamberlain, of Westmoreland, NH, and an Isaac Chamberlain, along with others crossed over the river and joined the garrison at the newly completed fort in the "Great Meadow," Vermont (*History of Eastern Vermont*). Isaac's father Thomas had a brother Isaac, who may been the one to accompany Thomas to the garrison rather than the Isaac of this record. According to Glazier, he or his father's brother Isaac, lived in Westmoreland from 1744 to 1783, where he was a Lieutenant, selectman, moderator, and representative.

In 1790, Isaac Chamberlin was probably the Isaac living in Chester, Windsor Co., VT, heading a family of 1-0-2 (1 male 16 years of age and upwards, 2 females). Glazier makes the same identification for this record.

Glazier states: "There appears to be no record of a marriage or family, at least in Massachusetts, Vermont or New Hampshire." Glazier goes on to suggest that this man may have been the Isaac Chamberlain who married Elizabeth Wallis, Int. 4 Jan 1759, Boston, MA.

[Compilers Notes: From the information at hand, I have great doubts about this family, and the correct identification of the several Isaac Chamberlains (this man, his uncle and supposed son). While there is no question that Thomas² had a son Isaac born in 1732, he also had a brother Isaac, born in 1695. Then we have the record of an Isaac marrying in 1759, and the two Isaacs cited by Glazier, as living in Chester and Westminster, VT, in 1790.

Certainly the Isaac born in 1732 was old enough to accompany his father in 1755. However, Glazier states that an Isaac was active in Westmoreland affairs from 1744 to 1783. In 1744, the Isaac of this record was only 12 years old, hardly of an age to be active in town affairs. However, by 1783, this man's uncle Isaac, would have been 88 years old, and it's hard to believe he was still active in town affairs at that age. Thus, I think the evidence indicates that both men were in this area during the period of 1744-1783, and we have no way at the moment to separate the two. And, of course, there is always the possibility of another, unrelated Isaac being in Westmoreland.

There is no question that some serious research is needed to sort things out. Until new information comes to light, this record will be considered extremely tentative, as the evidence to support it is very weak, to say the least.]

Note also that New Hampshire was not really separated from Massachusetts until about 1771, when the first original counties were organized. The jurisdictional citations in this record are stated thusly for convenience only. Westmoreland was technically part of the Colony of New Hampshire, but in unorganized territory.

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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