

Robert¹ of Concord Second Generation

No. 11261

NAME: Robert² Chamberlin

Father: Robert¹ Chamberlin (No. 11150)
[Robert⁰ and Elizabeth (—?—) Chamberlain]

Mother: Mary

Born: 17 Oct 1694, probably Concord, Chester Co., PA

Died: About Feb-Mar 1731/32, Concord, Chester Co., PA

Buried:

Married: (1) Sarah Woodward, 4 Nov 1714, Concord, PA

Other Marriages: (2) Cecily Hall, about 1721 (before 5 Feb 1721/22), probably
Concord, PA

No. 15352

SPOUSE (1): Sarah Woodward

Father: Richard Woodward

Mother: Jane

Born: About 1696 (?), Concord, Chester Co., PA

Died: 28 Sep 1715, probably Concord, PA

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILD (By First Marriage – Presumed)

M 11271 Jacob³ Chamberlin, b. About 1715, Concord, Chester Co., PA. From an analysis of all available information, it seems likely that he was a son by his father's first wife, Sarah Woodward. Jacob was to receive legacies by the terms of his grandfather, Robert¹ Chamberlin's will dated 26 Mar 1730 (proved 12 Apr 1732). Viz.

".....and also the sum of five pounds unto my grandson Jacob Chamberlin, the son of my son Robert, to be paid to him within four years next after the being in the possession of the premises as aforesd.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my said grandson Jacob Chamberlin, twenty acres of land to be taken of the back end of my tract next to Thomas Wests land, it being the remainder of my tract of land over & above the ninety three acres herein before mentioned, to hold to him the said Jacob for and during the term of his naturall life & from and after his decease, then I give & bequeath ye twenty acres of land with their appurtenances unto my said son Joseph Chamberlin, his heirs and assigns for ever, provided always that if my said grandson Jacob Chamberlin shall at any time leave the said land & not live upon & possess the same, or shall let, set or assign his estate or interest therein or in any part thereof to any person or persons whatsoever, then and in such case, I will that my said son Joseph and his heirs shall enter into & upon the said twenty acres of land and have, hold & enjoy the same form thenceforth for ever.

Item. I give to my sd son Joseph & grandson Jacob, my two weaving looms with all the geers and appurtenances thereto belonging to be equally divided between them.

Jacob³ (Continued)

Item. The other third part of my estate not herein before disposed of, I give and devise in manner following (that is to say): I give the sum of five pounds thereof unto my Sd grandson Jacob Chamberlin to be paid to him when he shall attain the age of one and twenty years.,.....”

Jacob was the only child of Robert mentioned in his grandfather’s will. The wording of the foregoing bequests implies that while he was not yet 21 years of age, Jacob must have been close to it, say about 16 years, thus being several years older than the eldest of his father’s other children. Also significant, is the rather strange terms regarding his inheritance of the 20-acre parcel of land, that was only given to him for and during the term of his natural life, after which the property was to revert to Jacob’s uncle Joseph Chamberlin. What was the reason for these unusual terms?

Jacob, along with his other siblings, was named in his father’s will of 1731 to receive an equal share. He was not named in the will of his grandmother, Mary Chamberlin, in her will of 1751, nor does he appear in the Chester County land records or probate records. These facts strongly indicate that Jacob was dead by this time, and left no heirs.

No. 15353

SPOUSE (2): Cecily Hall (or Cicely/Cisley)

Father: Thomas Hall

Mother: Sarah

Born: About 1698 (?), probably Pennsylvania

Died: Between 1759 & 1768, probably Concord, Chester Co., PA

Buried:

Other Marriages: (2) William Brinton, about July 1734 (bet 3 June & 5 Aug 1734, Concord, Chester Co., PA

CHILDREN

(By Second Marriage – Order Uncertain)

F 11272 Susanna³ Chamberlin, b. About 1722 (?), probably Concord, Chester Co., PA. Susanna was named in her father’s will of 1731 to receive an equal share. Married Jacob Yearsley, about 1741 (out of Friends before 3 Aug 1741), probably Concord, PA Jacob Yearsley was of Birmingham, the son of John and Sarah Yearsley, Jr., b. 25 Oct 1713. Susanna was of Concord at the time of her marriage (*Early Church Records of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Vol. 2, pp. 272-73*). Susanna was bequeathed 50 shillings under the terms of her grandmother Mary Chamberlin’s will of 1751.

M 11273 Robert³ Chamberlin, b. About 1724 (?), probably Concord, Chester Co., PA. Married Ann Painter, 28 May 1747, Concord, PA. Died about June-July 1786, Birmingham Twp., PA. +

- M 11274 John³ Chamberlin, b. About 1726 (?), probably Concord, Chester Co., PA. John was named in his father's will of 1731 to receive an equal share, and was also mentioned in the will of his grandmother, Mary Chamberlin, in her will of 1751. He may have been the John Chamberlin, of Concord, who married Rebecca Ford, 15 Sep 1748 [15th day of 7th month 1748], Chichester, Chester Co., PA. Rebecca Ford was the daughter of William & Ann Ford, of Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County (now part of Delaware).

CHILDREN

(By Second Marriage – Continued)

- M 11275 James³ Chamberlin, b. About 1728 (?), probably Concord, Chester Co., PA. James was named in his father's will of 1731 to receive an equal share. He was not named in the will of his grandmother, Mary Chamberlin, in her will of 1751, which indicates he may have died before this, leaving no heirs.

BIOGRAPHICAL

From the Chester Monthly Minutes (*Early Church Records of Delaware County, Pennsylvania*):

"27th of the 7th month 1714, Robert Chamberlin, Jr., to marry Sarah Woodward, he to bring a certificate from Concord" (*Vol. 1, P. 95*).

"25th of the 5th month 1715, Jean Woodard and Sarah Chamberlin requested certificates to Concord" (*Vol. 1, P. 96*).

"29th of the 6th month 1715, Jean Woodard and her daughter Sarah Chamberlin granted a certificate to Concord" (*Vol. 1, P. 87*).

"Robert Chamberlin, Jr. and Sarah Woodward, dau. of Richard and Jane Woodward, Sr. of Middletown, m. 1714 at Chester Meeting House" *Vol. 2, (P. 186)*.

"Robert Chamberlain, Jr. of Concord and Cisley (Sisley) Hall acknowledged 5th of 12th mo, 1721/22 their m. out of Friends. Robert died in the winter of 1731/32 leaving five children: Jacob, Susanna, Robert, John and James" (*Vol. 2, P. 186*).

Though not specifically stated, all secondary sources imply that Robert's first wife, Sarah died without issue. However, a detailed examination of the facts as known, strongly suggest that Robert's eldest son, Jacob, was a child by his first wife. The remaining children's birth dates are estimated based on very meager information, and are listed in the same order as given in Robert's will of 1731.

The *Palmer Genealogy* errs in stating that Robert's second marriage was to Mary Pyle on 14 May 1717, Concord, PA, when in fact, it was Robert's sister Mary, who married Daniel Pyle on that day.

In 1715, the assessment of Concord Township, listed Robert Chamberlin and Robert Chamberlin, Junr (*History of Chester County, Pennsylvania, P. 35*).

On 15 Jan 1718, Robert Chamberlin, Sr., and Mary, his wife, deeded a 100-acre tract of land to their son Robert Chamberlin, Jr., which reads in part:

"This Indenture made the fifteenth day of January in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George over Great Britain and Ireland & Defender of the Faith, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighteen.

Robert² Chamberlin (No. 11261) – Continued

Between Robert Chamberlin, the Elder, of Concord in the County of Chester, yeoman, of the one part, and Robert Chamberlin the Younger, of the said County, Son apparent of the said Robert Chamberlin the Elder, of the other part.

Witnesseth that the said Robert Chamberlin, the Elder, as well for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he the said Robert Chamberlin, the Elder hath and beareth unto the said Robert Chamberlin, the Younger, as all so for (?) the better maintenance, livelyhood and preferment of him, the said Rob^t Chamberlin hath given, granted, aliened and enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth give, grant and confirm unto the said Robert Chamberlin the Younger, his heirs and assigns, all that land and Plantation situate set lying and being in ye township of Concord aforesaid.....

In witness whereof, the said Robert Chamberlin, the Elder, hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Robert Chamberlin {Seal}

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Robert Pyle, Daniel Pyle, Mary Pyle, John Chamberlin.

For strange and unknown reasons, Robert² did not record this deed. The wording of this deed implies that Robert² was given this land with the tacit understanding that he would care for his parents in their old age. Being a dutiful and loyal son, perhaps Robert felt that he should not record the deed until his parents were dead.

Be that as it may, Robert² found an early grave, predeceasing his father only by a matter of weeks, having made his will on 28 Dec 1731 (proved 10 Mar 1731/32), when letters of administration were granted to his wife, Cecily Chamberlain & Jonathan Monroe. The Inventory of his estate was filed 28 Mar 1732, and the final account was filed 11 June 1739.

"Be it remembered that I, Rob^t Chamberlin, Jun^r, of Concord, in the County of Chester, Yeoman, being weak of body, but of sound & perfect mind and memory & calling to mind ye uncertainty of this life, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First I commit my soul into the hands of God that gave it to me & my body to be decently buried by my Exers, hereinafter named, & touching such estate as it hath pleased god to bestow upon me, I give & bequeath in manner & form following:

Imprs: I will that all my just debts be paid by my Exers hereinafter named, as soon as possible it may be after my decease & c.

2dly, I give to my loving wife Cecily Chamberlin the use of my plantation for the bringing up of the children during her widdowhood and no longer, and then to be sold by my Executors hereinafter named, & the money arising by the said sale to be disposed as shall be hereafter directed.

3dly, I give and bequeath to my said wife one horse, two cows, one bed & its furniture & c.

4thly, It is my will that the remainder of my personal estate together with the price of the said Real Estate after ad wifes widdowhood to be disposed among my wife and children in manner & form following, that is to say between my said wife & five children. Viz. Jacob, Susannah, Robert, John & James in equal parts & portions, only my son Robert being lame, to have five pounds over & above any of the rest of my said children in adding in my son Jacobs share ye Twenty..... to my Father. Lastly, I do hereby ordain, constitute and make my loving wife Cecily Chamberlin & Jonathan Munrow, of Concord, my Executors to be & perform all things contained in this my last will, hereby revoking all other wills by me formerly made, and this to be my Last Will & Testam^t and no other.

Robert Chamberlin {Seal}

Signed, Sealed & Declared in the presence of us,
Elizabeth Armant {Her Mark} & Wm Armant {His Mark}

Memorandum ye above will was signed & sealed the 28th day of December 1731.

Chester, March the 10th, 1731/32, there personally appeared Elizabeth Armant & Wm Armant, the witnesses to the above written will who on their solemn affirmation did prove in due form of law & probate & Letters of Administration was granted to his wife Cecily Chamberlin & Jonathan Munrow, sole Executors in the said will named, pronounce & declare ye said writing to be his Last Will & Testament & that at the doing thereof, he was of sound mind & memory to the best of their understanding.

Coram. Jo. Parker D. Regr {Seal}

Be it remembered, that the Tenth day of March Anno Domini 1731/32, the Last Will & Testament of Rob^t Chamberlin, J^{nr}, late of Concord in the said County, dece'd, was proved in due form of law & probate & Letters of Administration was granted to his wife Cecily Chamberlin & Jonathan Munrow, sole Executors in the said will named, being first attested well and truly to administer & to bring in an Inventory of the said Deceds estate into the Reg^r office of the said County of Chester on or before ye tenth day of Aprill next, to exhibitt & to render a just Acct of their admininstration when legally thereunto required, given under the seal of the said office.

P. Jo. Parker, D. Regr {Seal}

(Chester County, Pennsylvania, Deeds, Book T, pp. 334-35, FHL #20,860)

In the foregoing will, Robert gave for the use of his wife Cecily, during the term of her widowhood, his plantation and lands (the 100-acre tract of land received from his father in 1718), but afterwards to be sold by his Executors (widow Cecily and Jonathan Monroe), and the monies arising from the sale to be used for the upbringing of his minor children.

On 3 June 1734, "William Brinton & Cisley Chamberlin, a Widow with children, declared their intentions to marry" and were married by 5 Aug 1734" (*Early Church Records of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, P. 84*).

About three years later, on 6-7 June 1737, the 100-acre tract was sold to one James Gibbons, who on the very next day, 9-10 June 1737, sold the property to William Brinton, now the husband of Cecily. William Brinton in his will dated 27 Jan 1759 (proved 23 Mar 1761), bequeathed the property to his grandson Joseph Walters when he attained to the age of 21 years, reserving the use of the property to his wife Cecily during her lifetime.

On 4 Mar 1768, Joseph Walters sold the property to Robert³ Chamberlin, son of Robert² and Cecily for £275. On 5 Mar 1768, the very next day, Robert³ Chamberlin, and Ann his wife, in turn sold the property to Abraham Johnson, for the sum of £400.

It was probably about this time, that it was determined that the original deed had never been recorded. With the grantor and all witnesses dead, it required a petition to the Chester County Court of Common Pleas to allow the deed to be recorded. Robert Pyle, a son and grandson of two of the subscribing witnesses to the original deed of 1718, appeared in court and testified that the signatures were genuine. His deposition was accepted by the court, and the original deed was finally recorded on 21 Mar 1775, some 57 years after it was executed. (See the record of Robert's father [LN 11150] for a more detailed discussion of this deed.)

The *History of Chester County, Pennsylvania*, pp. 486-87, states of the Brinton family:

"Brinton, William, of Nether Gournall, parish of Sedgely, Staffordshire, England, with his wife Ann, daughter of Edward Bagley, came to Pennsylvania in the summer of 1684, and settled in the township called Birmingham.....William Brinton, Jr., born about 1667, married, 10, 9, 1690 [9 Dec 1690], Jane, daughter of Richard and Jane Thatcher, born 10, 17, 1670 [17 Dec 1670], died 12, 17, 1755 [17 Dec 1755]. In 1704, he built a stone house a little distance south of Dilworthtown, which is still standing, and until a few years since without much alteration. He died in 1751, and was buried 8th month 17th, at Birmingham Meeting. His children were:2. William, b. 6, 25, 1694 [25 Aug 1694], d. 3d mo. 1761; m. 2, 26, 1716 [26 Apr 1716], to Hannah Buller, 5, 9, 1724 [9 July 1724], to Azuba Townsend, and 5th mo. 1734, to Cecily Chamberlin....."

The *Brinton Genealogy* (pp. 145-47) adds:

“William³ Brinton, son of William² and Jane (Thatcher) Brinton, was born August 25, 1694, and died at Birmingham, May, 1761. He married, first, April 26, 1716, at Concord Meeting, Hannah Buller, daughter of William Buller. She died before 1723, and their only son Thomas, died young, unmarried. In 1729, his father by deed of gift conveyed to him 200 acres of land in Thornbury adjoining the premises of his brother Joseph. His house was built in 1713, of stone like other houses thereabouts. It was situated on a bank near the center of his farm known as the “Cuff Farm,” and had a draw well near by. He purchased another property in Concord Township east of the Wilmington road, where he lived and died, and which passed into the possession of the Speakmans.

Children: i Jane, b. 19th of 2nd month 1719. Married Joseph Walter. Died 3 June 1793
ii Thomas, d. 1745, unmarried.

William Brinton married, second, June 9, 1724, at Birmingham Meeting House, Azuba Townsend. She was the daughter of James Townsend, a settler in Birmingham Township, who is supposed to have come from Long Island about 1722, and died in 1732. He devised his land of 275 acres to his son James, and appointed Hannah, his wife, and son-in-law, William Brinton, executors. Azuba was evidently deceased before her father and there is no indication of children by this marriage.

He married, third, July, 1734, Cecily (Hall) Chamberlin, widow of Robert Chamberlin, and daughter of Thomas Hall from England.

Thomas Hall purchased, November 27, 1686, from George Strobe, 100 acres in Concord. By wife Sarah, he had six children: *Thomas, Sarah, Mary, John, Cecily, and Margaret*. He mentions all but the last two in his will, dated September 11, 1704. His widow married, May 10, 1708, at St. Paul's Church, Chester, George Robinson, who died in 1721. Their daughter Cecily, married in 1721, as his second wife, Robert Chamberlin, Jr., who was born October 17, 1694, and died 1731/2.

In the will of William Brinton, dated January 7, 1759, and proved March 23, 1761, he mentions wife Cecily and his “only living child, only daughter Jane Walter, wife of Joseph,” and his grandchildren, Joseph, James, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Phebe Walter. His only son Thomas died unmarried so that the name became extinct in his line. In 1737, he was taxed in Thornbury, but in 1739, in Concord.”

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