

James Chamberlain of Dublin, NH
First Generation

No. 11348

NAME: James¹ Chamberlain "Captain"

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1740, perhaps Massachusetts

Died: 24 Jan 1826, Dublin, Cheshire Co., NH, "aged 86 years"

Buried:

Married: (1) Hannah Adams, 23 Nov 1768, Sherborn, Middlesex Co., MA

Other Marriages: (2) Mrs. Mary (—?—) Fisk, 25 Apr 1801, probably Dublin, NH

No. 15401

SPOUSE (1): Hannah Adams

Father: Isaac Adams

Mother:

Born: About 1745 (?), probably Dedham, Suffolk Co., MA

Died: Before 1801, probably Dublin, Cheshire Co., NH

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

(By First Marriage – Perhaps Others)

- M 11349 Cyrus² Chamberlain, b. 15 Jan 1769, Sherborn, Middlesex Co., MA. Married Juliette Mason, 25 Oct 1794, Dublin, NH. Died 30 June 1839, Pembroke, Genesee Co., NY. +
- F 11350 Polly² Chamberlain, b. 24 Sep 1773, Dublin, Cheshire Co., NH. "Polly/Molly." Married Elisha Knowlton, 9 Jan 1795, Dublin, NH. Died 5 Dec 1835 (?), probably Dublin, NH. +
- M 11351 James² Chamberlain, b. 3 Dec 1781, Dublin, Cheshire Co., NH. Died there 23 June 1785.
- F 11352 Hannah² Chamberlain, b. 14 Mar 1788, Dublin, Cheshire Co., NH. *Lineage Books*, Vol. 24, says she married Elisha Knowlton and had a daughter Paulina, who married Benjamin Franklin Wait. The source *Henry Adams of Braintree and His Descendants*, say she married E. Kalor. The matter is by no means clear, but it appears that her sister Polly was the one who married Elisha Knowlton. See her record.

No. -1700

SPOUSE (2): Mary

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1746, perhaps Massachusetts

Died: After 1820, probably Dublin, Cheshire Co., NH

Buried:

Other Marriages: (2) Mr. Fisk

BIOGRAPHICAL

The Intention of their marriage was published 27 Oct 1768, Dedham, MA, which calls him James Chamberlain of Sherborn, MA, and Hannah Adams of Dedham, MA. His second wife, the widow Mary Fisk, was of Leominster, MA.

In his section on Revolutionary Pensioners, Prentiss Glazier has this to say of James:

“His pension papers (#S45626) not copied. files included several complaints from fellow townsmen at Dublin, NH, claiming that he was well-to-do, and not entitled to government aid. Not identified as to ancestry, from available records. Since he was born about 1740, he was certainly not related to any of the well-known Chamberlain lines in the Rochester, NH, area. Should check deeds in Middlesex, Suffolk and Norfolk counties, MA. He was of Sherborn, MA, when he married there in 1768. He came from Sherborn, MA., to Dublin in 1770. His wife Hannah was a daughter of Isaac Adams.

James lived lived on Lot 9, Range 5. He sold his house and farm to the Rev. E. Sprague and bought on the opposite side of the road, Lot 9, Range 6. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army, and during the last years of his life received a pension from the United States (*History of Dublin, New Hampshire*).

“James Chamberlain, Captain, Eighth Company of the 16th Regiment. His commission was dated at Portsmouth, 16 Feb 1786. He served until 1793, when the men liable for military duty, were by mutual agreement, divided into two companies (*History of Dublin, New Hampshire*).

In 1790, James Chamberlain was living in Dublin, Cheshire Co., NH, heading a family of 2-1-3 (2 males 16 years of age and upwards, 1 male under 16 years of age, 3 females).

In 1800, James Chamberlin was again living in Dublin, Cheshire Co., NH, heading a family of 00001-00101 (1 male aged 45 years and upwards, 1 female between the ages of 16 and 26 years, 1 female aged 45 years and upwards).

In 1810, James Chamberlain was again still living in Dublin, Cheshire Co., NH, heading a family of 00001-2101 (1 male aged 45 years and upwards, 2 females under the age of 10 years, 1 female between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 1 female between the ages of 26 and 45 years).

James is not found in the 1820 census when he was probably living with one of his children.

According to the original papers in his pension file, James enlisted for the term of two years in Apr 1781, at Dublin, Cheshire Co., NH, and served as a private and Sargeant in Captain Isaac Fry's Company, Colonel Alexander Soammell's New Hampshire Regiment and was discharged in June 1783. He applied for his pension in 1819 which was granted 15 July 1819, at the rate of \$8/month. On 4 July 1820, James deposed again, provided a brief inventory of his personal property, and stated that he was 79 years old, that his household just consisted of himself and his wife, aged 74 years. The pension certificate states that James died 23 Jan 1827.

The pension papers make no mention of James' service with a Captain's commission in 1786 as described in the *History of Dublin*. Could there be another James Chamberlain? These papers do not include any such letters from fellow townsmen protesting his pension as stated by Glazier.

On 29 Feb 1940, the War Department wrote a letter to a Mrs. William Windion, 69 Davenport Street, North Adams, MA, in response to an inquiry regarding James' pension and service.

PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

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