

Robert¹ of Concord Fourth Generation

No. 11423

NAME: William⁴ Chamberlain

Father: Robert³ Chamberlin (No. 11273)
[Robert² (Robert¹⁻⁰)
and Cecily (Hall) Chamberlin]

Mother: Ann Painter

Born: About 1755 (?), probably Concord, Chester Co., PA

Died: About Nov 1836, Unity Twp., Columbiana Co., OH

Buried: 1836, Elk Run Cemetery, Elk Run Twp., Columbiana Co., OH (according to the Baker mss, but unconfirmed)

Married: (1) Sarah Post, 16 Mar 1774, Holy Trinity Church, Wilmington, New Castle Co., PA

Other Marriages: (2) Ann Hampton, Apr 1780, Holy Trinity Church, Wilmington, PA
(3) Ann —?—, About 1789 (?), probably Chester Co., PA

No. 16342

SPOUSE (2): Ann Hampton

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1758 (?), perhaps Chester Co., PA

Died: Before 1789 (?), probably Chester Co., PA

Buried:

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN (By Second Marriage – Perhaps Others)

M 16343 Aaron⁵ Chamberlain, b. 6 Apr 1781, Birmingham Twp., Delaware Co., PA. Married Lydia Hickman, about 1805 (?) perhaps Delaware Co., PA. Died 6 Sep 1852, Elk Run Twp, Columbiana County, OH. +

M 16344 Isaac⁵ Chamberlain, b. About 1783 (?), Birmingham Twp., Delaware Co., PA. Married (1) Jane (or Jean) Dilworth, 23 July 1807, probably Delaware Co., PA (widowed); (2) Hannah Dilworth, 25 Dec 1848, Columbiana Co., OH. Died about May 1868, probably Unity Twp., Columbiana Co., OH. +

No. 16341

SPOUSE (3): Ann

Father:

Mother:

Born: About 1764, probably Concord, Chester Co., PA

Died: 12 Jan 1810, probably Birmingham Twp., Delaware Co., PA, “aged about 45 years”

Buried: 14 Jan 1810, Concord Meeting House Cemetery, Concord, Delaware Co., PA

Other Marriages:

CHILDREN

(By Third Marriage – Order Uncertain)

- F 16345 Binah⁵ Chamberlain, b. 4 Oct 1790, Birmingham Twp., Delaware Co., PA. Unmarried. Died 14 Sep 1869, “aged 78 years, 11 months, 10 days,” probably Fairfield Twp., Columbiana County, OH. Her birth date computed from her age at death. Buried next to her sister Mary in the East Fairfield Cemetery, Fairfield Twp, OH.
- F 16346 Mary⁵ Chamberlain, b. 22 July 1793, Birmingham Twp., Delaware Co., PA. Unmarried. Died 8 Mar 1872, “aged 78 years 7 months, 17 days,” probably Fairfield Twp., Columbiana County, OH. Her birth date computed from her age at death. Buried next to her sister Binah in the East Fairfield Cemetery, Fairfield Twp, OH.
- M 16325 Samuel⁵ Chamberlain, b. About 1794, Birmingham Twp., Delaware Co., PA. Married Susannah Ashford, 9 Jan 1817, Columbiana Co., OH. Died intestate, July 1847, Millcreek Twp., Williams County, OH. +
- F 16350 Orpha⁵ Chamberlain, b. 31 Aug 1796, Birmingham Twp., Delaware Co., PA. Married Richard Baker, 6 Aug 1818, Beaver Co., PA. Died 13 Oct 1865, probably Unity Twp., Columbiana county, OH. +
- M 16348 Robert⁵ Chamberlain, b. 2 Dec 1798, Birmingham Twp., Delaware Co., PA. Married Rebecca Clark Taggart, 12 Feb 1832, Columbiana Co., OH. Died 22 Mar 1876, East Palestine, OH. +
- M 16349 Joseph⁵ Chamberlain, b. About 1800, Birmingham Twp., Delaware Co., PA. Probably married (1) Miss —?—, about 1822, Columbiana Co., Ohio (widowed); (2) Eliza Harrison, 3 Jan 1828, Columbiana Co., OH. Died about Nov-Dec 1853, probably Middleton Twp., Columbiana Co., OH. +

BIOGRAPHICAL

William’s matrimonial record leaves us with more questions than answers. The lack of definitive vital records for Chester and Delaware counties contributes to the problem.

There is no question that Aaron and Isaac were the eldest of William’s children. It is believed that Aaron was the eldest of the two. But, even if Isaac turns out to be a little older than Aaron, the question of their mother’s identity still remains. The birth order of William’s younger children appears to be quite accurate. William’s daughter Binah, is the eldest of the younger children, having been born 4 Oct 1790 (according to her gravestone inscription). William’s son Robert, was probably the second youngest of the younger children, being born 2 Dec 1798. Thus, there can be little if any doubt whatsoever that the six youngest children were all born within the period of 1790-1800.

The two eldest children, Aaron and Isaac, were both born in the early 1780s, which leaves us with about a 7 year gap between the estimated birth year for Isaac (1783) and the birth year of Binah (1790). The rather long period of time (seven years) between Isaac and Binah lends credence to the theory that William was married at least twice. William's wife (not stated which one) was supposed by family records (prepared by the descendants of his son Robert), to be one Jane Darlington. These family records also state that Isaac was a half-brother, and one adds that Aaron was also a half-brother. Unfortunately, these family records provide no clues or sources of information to support their statements.

The Columbiana County record of burials has an entry for William's youngest son, Robert, which states that he (Robert) was the son of William and Ann Chamberlain. The Day Book kept by Issac Gilpin has the entry:

"First month, 12th day, 1810 (12 Jan 1810). Ann Chamberlain, wife of William, died about 5 o'clock in the morning and was buried the 14th at Concord, aged about 45 years [born about 1764]."

Based on the foregoing analysis, it is quite clear that an "Ann" was the mother of the six youngest children, beginning in 1790 and that she died in 1810, aged about 45 years, hence born about 1765.

The marriage records for the Holy Trinity Church (Old Swedes) in Wilmington, New Castle Co., Delaware list two marriages for a William Chamberlin:

William Chamberlain, m. Sarah Post, 16 Mar 1774.
William Chamberlain, m. Ann Hampton, Apr 1780.

The Baker mss Genealogy identifies the William Chamberlin of these marriages to be the William Chamberlin of this record, but provides no other clues or information to support this assumption. New Castle County, Delaware, adjacent to Chester county, was a part of Pennsylvania up until about 1704, when Delaware was set off as a separate colony then containing Kent and New Castle counties. Nevertheless, there is no other information given in the marriage record transcript that identifies either William Chamberlin as being of Chester Co., PA, let alone Birmingham township. It cannot be assumed that the William Chamberlin of this record is the only William Chamberlin in the surrounding area that could be the same man in the two marriage records.

However, the Baker mss Genealogy also provides the following transcript from the records of the Concord Monthly Meeting as follows:

Friends Meeting Records, 1757-1776. Concord Monthly Meeting, 11th of 9th month 1774 [11 Sep 1774].

"Concord Preparative meeting brings a Complaint against William Chamberlin for accomplishing his marriage by the assistance of a Priest to one not of our society."

"Concord Monthly Meeting, 7th of 12th month, 1774 [7 Dec 1774]. The Friends on the case of William Chamberlin report he doth not appear in a suitable disposition to condemn his misconduct. Therefore the same friends are to prepare a Testimony against him and bring to next meeting, and acquaint him therein."

"Concord Monthly Meeting, 4th of 1st month, 1775 [4 Jan 1775]. The Testimony against William Chamberlin approved and signed, Peter Hatton and Nathan Yarnall are to proceed therein as our discipline directs and report to our next meeting."

"Concord Monthly Meeting, 8th of 2nd month, 1775 [8 Feb 1775]. William Chamberlin not inclining to appear, Sam'l Trimble is to publish the Testimony against him and return to our next Meeting."

The Baker mss adds: "Meanwhile this wife died, and he enlisted in the Army in June 24, 1777. He married a second time, Ann Hampton, at Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church, Wilmington, Delaware... By this marriage he had Aaron, Samuel, Bina, Mary, Orpha, Robert, and Joseph.

Again William had married outside of the church and again he was subject to church discipline as the records show.”

“Friends Meeting Records 1780. Concord Monthly Meeting, 5th of 7th month, 1780 [5 July 1780].

“Concord Preparative Meeting brings a complaint against William Chamberlin for accomplishing Marriage by the assistance of a Priest, to one not of Our Society. Peter Hatton and Caleb Pierce are appointed to deal with him for the same and make report thereof to our next meeting.”

“Concord Monthly Meeting, 9th of 8th month, 1780. The Friends appointed to visit Will’m Chamberlin report they did accordingly and believe him not to be in a disposition suitable to profitable condemn his misconduct, the same friends are continued and unless reason to forebear, prepare a Testimony against him and produce to next meeting and acquaint him there with.”

“Concord Monthly Meeting, 6th of 9th month, 1780. The testimony against William Chamberlin is approved and signed. Joshua Sharpless and Thomas Marshall are to proceed therein as our Discipline directs and make report thereof to our next meeting.”

“Concord Monthly Meeting, 4th of 10th month, 1780. The testimony against William Chamberlin is published and returned, he not inclining to appeal.”

And finally:

”1780, 6th day of the 9th month (6 Sep 1780), William Chamberlin - disowned” (*Early Church Record of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, P. 139*).

The dates of the two supposed marriages of William closely coincide with the dates cited in the foregoing records from the Concord Monthly meeting, adding significant weight to support the validity of these two marriages. Viz. Married Sarah Post on 13 Mar 1774, and was cited in the Quaker records only six months later on 9 Sep 1774; Married Ann Hampton in April 1780, and again cited in the Quaker records on 5 July 1780, only three months later.

In spite of the Quaker sanctions it appears that William was not disowned for his first marriage out of the Friends society, but for his second in 1780. After that his name does not appear again in the Quaker records. The interesting thing at this point is that the marriage in 1780 is in just the right time frame for a son (Aaron) to be born the following year in 1781. However, this doesn’t fit with the known facts for Isaac, who is believed to be the younger brother of Aaron. And what about Sarah? Were there any children? It certainly doesn’t seem so in light of available information. In the Birmingham tax rate for 1779, William is listed as a Freeman (single), which certainly infers he had no family at this time.

For William to have married in 1774, he would have to have been 18 years of age or older (according to Pennsylvania law), thus he must have been born no later than 1756. His brother John, who died in August 1812, was stated to have been 56 years of age, yielding a birth year of 1756. Thus it appears that William was slightly older than John, and was probably born about 1755.

Another point to consider is that William’s brother John was said to have married an Esther Hampton about 1780 (?). Could she be related to Ann Hampton?

There is only one scenario that fits in view of the all known facts. Viz.

- 1 William’s first wife, Sarah, died sometime before 1780 (possibly before 1778 according the Birmingham tax rate for 1779), without leaving issue, or at least none that survived.
- 2 Ann Hampton, whom he married in 1780, was indeed the mother of Aaron and Isaac, but not the mother of the younger children. Hence, she probably died sometime in the mid 1780s.

- 3 William married a third time, again to a woman named Ann, about 1789, or thereabouts. There was no mention of William's third marriage in the Quaker records because he had already been disowned nearly 10 years earlier and they were no longer keeping track of him.

William's cited military records according to the Pennsylvania Archives as referenced by the Baker mss, have not yet been verified, but in any case, they have no bearing on the issue of his wives and children.

On 1 Apr 1785, William's parents, Robert and Ann, deeded him a tract of land which Ann inherited from her father Samuel Painter. An abstract of this deed reads:

Robert Chamberlain et ux to William Chamberlain. This Indenture made the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five between Robert Chamberlain of the township of Birmingham in the county of Chester and state of Pennsylvania, yeoman & Ann his wife, the said Ann being one of the daughters of Samuel Painter, late of the township of Birmingham, aforesaid, deceased, of the one part, and William Chamberlain of the township of Birmingham aforesaid, Tailor, one of the sons of the said Robert Chamberlain by Ann his wife, of the other part.

Whereas the said Samuel Painter, deceased, being seized of certain lands & tenements and hereditaments did make and publish his last will and testament in writing bearing date the thirty first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three, and thereby did give and devise unto his daughter Ann, the southern moiety or half part of the plantation whereon he the said Samuel Painter then did live. Excepting out of the same thirteen acres of land which he gave and devised unto his son John Painter. To hold to her the said Ann her heirs and assigns forever and soon after the making and publishing thence, he the said testator died without altering or revoking the said Will as by the said Will duly proved and remaining on record in the Registor General's office of the county of Chester may more fully appear.

Now this indenture witnesseth that the said Robert Chamberlain and Ann his wife, for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which they hath and beareth unto their son the said William Chamberlain, as also for and in consideration of the sum of ten shillings lawful money of Pennsylvania unto them in hand well and truly paid by the said William Chamberlain at and before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge.....sell, alien, enfeof, release and confirm unto the said William Chamberlain, his heirs and assigns, all that piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the township of Birmingham, aforesaid.

Bounded and described as follows.....a corner of land of Samuel Painter, late John Painter, deceased, thence along the same....to a post thence by land of the said Robert Chamberlin north....to the place of beginning, containing seven acres and sixty seven perches of land be the same more or less (It being part of the said willed by the said Samuel Painter, deceased to his daughter Ann).....

In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto. Dated the day & year first above written.

Robert Chamberlain {Seal}
Ann Chamberlain {Seal}

Sealed & delivered in the presence of us, Thomas Worrilow, Joab Willson.

Received the day of the date of the above written indenture and from the above named William Chamberlain, the just and full sum of ten shillings it being in full of the consideration money above mentioned. We say rec^d of us. Robert Chamberlin. Ann Chamberlain. Witnesses present, Thomas Worriilaow, Joab Willson.

William⁴ Chamberlain (No. 11423) – Continued

The twenty fifty day of July, before me came the above named Robert Chamberlain and Ann his wife and acknowledge the above written indenture to be their act and deed and desired the same to be recorded, as such the said Ann thereunto voluntarily consenting she being of full age, secretly and apart from her husband by me examined and the contents thereof made known to her. Witness my hand and seal the day & year aforesaid.

Thos. Cheyney {Seal}

Recorded the 31st day of July 1785. 94 lines. (*Chester County, Pennsylvania, Deeds, Book A2, pp. 529-30; FHL #20,862*)

William was named in his father's will dated 1 Apr 1786 (proved 20 July 1786), at Birmingham Twp., Chester County, PA. This instrument is very valuable in that it positively identifies this township as the residence of the family at the time, which substantiates the connection from the William Chamberlin of this record to the Robert Chamberlin of Birmingham Township.

In 1790, William Chamberlin was living in Birmingham, Delaware Co., PA, heading a family of 2-3-3 (2 males 16 years of age and upwards, 3 males under 16 years of age, 3 females). The age groups in this census indicate that William had three other people, probably another family, living with him, or possibly other children who died young, or non-family people.

In 1800, William Chamberlain was again living in Birmingham Twp, Delaware Co., PA, heading a family of 2131-2101 (2 males under the age of 10 years, 1 male between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 3 males between the ages of 16 and 26 years, 1 male between the ages of 26 and 45 years, 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).

In 1810, William Chamberlain was again still living in Birmingham Twp, Delaware Co., PA, heading a family of 02011-021 (2 males between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 1 male between the ages of 26 and 45 years, 1 male aged 45 years and upwards, 2 females between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 1 female between the ages of 16 and 26 years). This census indicates that William's wife was dead by this time, which was in fact, correct.

Though the age groups in the foregoing three censuses do not seem to fit very well with the known facts, there can be no doubt that the William Chamberlin of these records are one and the same with the William Chamberlin of this record.

In 1820, William Chamberlin was living in Unity Twp, Columbiana Co., OH, heading a family of 000201-002 (2 males between the ages of 18 and 26 years, 1 male aged 45 years and upwards, 2 females between the ages of 16 and 26 years). Two persons engaged in Agriculture, one in Manufactures.

William is not found in the 1830 census when he was probably living with one of his children.

William's son, Aaron, seems to have been the first member of the family to appear in Ohio, when he purchased land in Columbiana County, in 1808. However, in the very next year (1809), Aaron's brother Isaac purchased a quarter-section of land adjoining the tract of land that Aaron purchased in 1808, and from the same Grantor, William Thatcher.

Early land records in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, reveal additional details about William. Viz.

"This Indenture made the fourteenth day of the fifth month, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight [14 May 1808], between John Chamberlin of the Township of Birmingham in Delaware County, Pa, Mason, of the one part, and William Chamberlain, of Birmingham Township, aforesaid, Tailor, of the other part.

Whereas Ann Chamberlin, late of the township of Birmingham, aforesaid, deceased,[here follows a citation from her will of 1805, in which she bequeathed her property to her sons John & William, to be equally divided between them, also named them as her Executors, see LN11273 for the full text of her will]....

.....Now this Indenture witnesseth that the said John Chamberlain, aforesaid, for and in consideration of an Indenture of Release from the said William Chamberlain & Ann, his wife, to the said John Chamberlain, bearing in date herewith for the said John Chamberlain's half part of the above mentioned devised land and premises, as he for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar unto him in hand, well and truly paid, the said William Chamberlain, at and immediately before the Sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged & hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release & confirm unto the said William Chamberlain, his heirs and assigns & all and singular, his the said John Chamberlains, undivided half part of and in the following described piece and parcel of land being a part of the above mentioned devised premises as bounded and described as follows.....[property description, mentioning the adjoining lands of Isaac G. Gilpin, John Painter, William Thatcher, John Chamberlain, William Chamberlain.....etc.] This deed was recorded 18 July 1808 (*Land Records, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Liber I, pp. 213-16*)."

This document is quite valuable in that it unequivocally establishes an "Ann" as William's wife at the time, and confirms heretofore implied relationships with his siblings. It also gives William's occupation as that of a Tailor, and stated that his brother John was a Mason.

[Compiler's Notes: On the same day, for the same sum of \$1.00, William conveys the property he just purchased from his brother John for the same amount, back to John in a separate deed (*Land Records, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Liber K, pp. 93-96*). A careful comparison of the two deeds does not reveal any significant differences. Thus, it is quite puzzling as to why they were executed in the first place. The deed in Liber I is indexed separately for John Chamberlain, and Ann Chamberlain, as Grantors, and the deed in Liber K is indexed separately for William Chamberlain, and Ann Chamberlain, Grantors. This second deed was not recorded until 18 Apr 1811. See the FGR for Robert [LN11273] for further details.]

On 22 Aug 1812, William Chamberlain and John Brinton, were appointed Administrators of William's brother John Chamberlain's estate. On 30 Apr 1814, William Chamberlin, and John Brinton, Administrators of the estate of John Chamberlain, deceased, sold the property that William and John traded back and forth in 1808, to one Joshua Smith, for the sum of \$2,644.31 (*Land Records, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Liber L, pp. 436-39*).

Isaac G. Gilpin, a well-known resident of the Concord/West Chester area in Chester County (later Delaware county), and a personal friend & relative, of the Chamberlin family, kept a record, he called his day book, over a period of many years, in which he documented many marriages, deaths and other events in the Quaker community which he found of interest. He made an entry in this book in which he mentioned that William Chamberlin had removed to Ohio, which reads:

"Tenth month, 2nd day, 1816 (2 Oct 1816). William Chamberlain moved to the state of Ohio with his family."

The manuscript records and letters of his grandchildren and great grandchildren give the date of 1818, as when William arrived in Columbiana County, probably because it was in this year, that William arranged to sell his property in Delaware County, PA.

On 18 Sep 1816, William purchased a tract of land in Columbiana County, Ohio, located in Section 31 of Unity Twp (Twp 8), from his son Aaron for the sum of \$1,000, which comprised 50-48/100 acres. The deed of this transaction mentions that this property bounded the lands of his son Isaac Chamberlin, among others (*Columbiana County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 5, P. 536*).

On 5 Dec 1818, by then a resident of Columbiana Co., Ohio, William executed a Power of Attorney to one Thomas Darlington (perhaps a relative of the elusive and perhaps mythical Jane Darlington), to sell his farm in Delaware county. Viz.

This Indenture made the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & nineteen [1 Apr 1819], Between William Chamberlain of the County of Columbiana, in the state of Ohio, Yeoman, by his Attorney, Thomas Darlington, of the Township of Birmingham in the County of Chester in the state of Pennsylvania, of the one part, and James Lackey, of the Township of Concord in the County of Delaware & state of Pennsylvania aforesaid, Cabinet Maker, of the other part.

Whereas Robert Chamberlain & Ann, his wife, by deed duly executed & recorded in the Records Office in the Chester County in Book A2, Vol. 25, Page 528, granted and conveyed unto the said William Chamberlain, in fee, a certain lot or piece of land in the township of Birmingham, containing seven acres & sixty seven perches, more or less, and whereas John Chamberlain, by deed duly executed & recorded in the Records Office in & for Delaware County in Book I, P. 213, granted & conveyed to the said William Chamberlin in fee, a certain tract or parcel of land in Birmingham Township, Delaware County, containing fifty six acres & twelve perches, more or less, reference had to said deeds will fully appear.

And whereas the said William Chamberlin, in and by a certain Power of Attorney in writing bearing date the fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, did constitute and appoint the said Thomas Darlington, his lawful Attorney with full power and authority to sell his land in Delaware County, aforesaid & to give and execute to the purchase or purchasers thereof, a good & sufficient title in fee simple as by said power of attorney, recorded in the Records Office for Chester County in Letter of Attorney, Book D, Vol. 4, Page 19, appears now this Indenture.

Witnesseth that the said William Chamberlain by his attorney, the said Thomas Darlington for & in consideration of the sum of two thousand two hundred & twenty Dollars & seventy five cents, lawful money of the United States, to him in hand, well & truly paid by the said James Lackey at & before the Sealing & delivery hereof and receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged & whereof does acquit, exonerate & forever discharge the said James Lackey his heirs and Executors and Administrators by these presents, Has granted, bargained, sold, released & confirmed & by these presents by virtue of the power and authority aforesaid, does grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release & confirm unto the said James Lackey, his heirs and assigns, all the aforesaid [tape over next four words] pieces of land situated in the Township of Birmingham in the County of Delaware [first few words in the last line on page partially cut off] situated as follows.

The first of them begins in a tract [tape over this line] in said [P. 346] line of William Thatchers land thence along the same and south twenty eight degrees...a corner of land of Samuel Painter (late John Painter, deceased).....thence by land of the said Robert Chamberlain, north....containing seven acres & sixty seven perches, be the same more or less. The other of them, begins in the line of land of John Painter at a corner of other land of the said William Chamberlain thence by said land north.....to a sone in a corner of land assigned to the said John Chamberlain, thence.....to a stake in the line of Isaac G. Gilpins land, thence.....to a stake at a corner of woodland allotted to the said John Chamberlain, thence....to the line of John Painters land, thence by the same....to the place of beginning, containing fifty six acres & twelve perches of land, the the same more or less.

Together with a privilege of a cart way across the land allotted to the said John Chamberlain from the north corner of the above described land to Wilmington road being about four perches in distance & said way to be one perch in width, and to be kept fenced at the expense of the said James Lackey, his heirs & assigns. Together also with all singular, the houses, buildings, gardens, orchards, meadows, woods, ways, water, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, improvements, hereditaments & appurtances whatsoever, thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Subject always to the privilege of a cart way across the west end of the last described tract for the use of the said John Chamberlain, his heirs & assigns to draw wood from the lot of woodland, and the reversions & remainders.....thereof and also all the estate, right, title, interest, property claims, demand, whatsoever, of the said William Chamberlain..... and the said Thomas Darlington, Attorney, aforesaid, for himself his heirs, Executors & Administrators..... In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto the day & year first above written.

William Chamberlain {Seal by Attorney}
Thomas Darlington {L.S.}

Sealed & delivered in the presence of
John Graves {L.S.} David Townsend {L.S.}

Received on the day of the date of the above written Indenture of the above named James Lackey, the full consideration money therein mentioned.

Thomas Darlington {L.S.}

Witness at Signing
Nathan Sharples {L.S.} Thos Peirce {L.S.}

Chester County, {SS}, before me, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the peace in & for the said county personally appeared the above named Thomas Darlington & acknowledged the above written Indenture to his act & deed and the act & deed of his constituent in order that it might be recorded as such according to law. in Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & seal, this first day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & nineteen.

John Graves {L.S.}

Recorded June 16, 1821 (*Land Records, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Liber O, pp. 345-47*)

[Compiler's Notes. It appears that when William first left for Ohio, he purposely did not sell his farm, perhaps thinking it would be wise to wait until such time as he was sure he was going to stay in Ohio.]

Again, quoting from the Baker mss genealogy:

"There is a Columbiana County tradition that a group of young men, farmer's sons, came in the early days from Chester County, Pennsylvania to Columbiana County, Ohio, and took up land. They worked at clearing the land in the summer, and went back East in the winter to earn money, working at whatever they could find to do. Columbiana County duplicates many of the names of Chester County, both in family names, and names of places. The Baker family have a tradition that their grandfather Chamberlin's home, back in Chester County, was near where the battle of Brandywine was fought, and that they used the home in caring for the wounded.

William Chamberlin was a descendant of the prominent and influential early Chester County Chamberlin family. William Chamberlin served in the Revolutionary War from Birmingham townships, Chester County, PA., from June 24, 1777, through 1783, as a first class soldier, ages between 18 and 23 years. He was the eighth child of Robert and Ann Painter, and was born about 1756. He was a tailor by trade. He died in 1836 in Columbiana County, Ohio, and is buried in Elk Run cemetery, beyond East Fairfield, Ohio, and his grave unmarked, as was the Quaker custom. He and his family came to Columbiana County in the year 1816."

On 9 Dec 1819, William purchased a tract of land, being a part of the North West quarter of Section 22, Twp 11, Range 2 [Elk Run Twp], "said land or North West quarter was granted and confirmed to the said William Chamberlain by patent under the hand and seal of James Monroe, President of the United States, and the seal of the United States General Land Office," which comprised approximately 160 acres, or a full quarter section. It appears that this tract of land was originally negotiated by an Isaac Brandeberry on 3 Oct 1815, who apparently relinquished his rights to the property in favor of William Chamberlin (*A Listing of Entrymen on Lands in Columbiana County, Ohio, P. 7*).

On 5 July 1822, William purchased a tract of land located in Section 7 of Middleton Twp (Twp 7), for the sum of \$400, from Lewis Lyder, of Loudon Co., Virginia, which comprised 145-78/100 acres of land (*Columbiana County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 8, P. 174*).

On 10 Aug 1825, William gave a deed to an Isaac Thompson and his wife, Elizabeth, for the term of their lifetimes only, for 7-87/100 acres located in the tract of land he purchased in 1822 from Lewis Lyder. There may be some connection to this couple that has not yet been determined, but which may be worth investigating. Part of this deed reads:

“Witnesseth that the said William Chamberlain, as well as for and in Consideration of the friendship and affection, the said Chamberlain hath and breath unto the said Isaac Thompson, and Elizabeth, as also for the better maintenance, support and livelihood, and performed any of the said Isaac Thompson, and Elizabeth, hath given, grants for their natural lives, a tract of land in Section 6, Twp 7, Range 1 [Middleton Twp.], the Northwest Quarter of said section, which was conveyed by Lewis Lyder, to the said William Chamberlain, by deed 5 July 1822, the part given to Isaac and Elizabeth...containing 7-87/100 acres, to use during their lifetime, but they shall not have the right to sell or convey said land.....” (*Columbiana County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 21, P. 46*)

On 28 June 1836, William conveyed all of his properties to his children and one nephew, in five separate transactions as follows:

“...that William Chamberlain, of the County of Columbiana, state of Ohio, for the consideration of \$2,175, received to his full satisfaction of Joseph Chamberlain, of the county and state aforesaid....the following tracts or lots of land, situated in the county of Columbiana, ...being the North West Quarter of Section 6, Twp 7, Range 1, and is bounded as follows....beginning at the North West corner of said Section....containing 145-78/100 acres, be it the same more or less...” (*Columbiana County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 24, P. 404*). [This is the same parcel of land that William purchased in 1822 from Lewis Lyder. No mention is made of the deed for life to Isaac & Elizabeth Thompson, and so it is assumed they had both deceased by this time.]

“...that William Chamberlain, of the County of Columbiana, state of Ohio, for the consideration of \$1,000 received to his full satisfaction of Samuel Chamberlain, of the county and state, aforesaid...the following described tract or lot of land situated in the county of Columbiana, state of Ohio, being a part of the North West quarter of Section 22, Twp 11, Range 2, said land or North West quarter was granted and confirmed to the said William Chamberlain by patent under the hand and seal of James Monroe, President of the United States, and the seal of the United States General Land Office dated the ninth day of December Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and is bounded as follows: Beginning at the North East corner of said North West quarter, thence south....containing 50-17/100 acres, being the same, more or less....” (*Columbiana County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 24, P. 451*).

“...that William Chamberlain, of the County of Columbiana, state of Ohio, for the consideration of \$1,000 received to his full satisfaction of Orpha Chamberlain, now Orpha Baker by marriage, of the county and state aforesaid, do give, grant, bargain & sell....the following described tract or lot of land situated in the county of Columbiana, state of Ohio....and being a part of the North West quarter of the Section 22, Twp 11, and Range 2, said land or North West quarter was granted and confirmed to the said William Chamberlain by patent under the hand and seal of James Monroe, President of the United States, and the seal of the United States General Land Office dated the ninth day of December Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and is bounded as follows: Beginning at the South West corner of the said North West quarter....containing 50-17/100 acres, being the same more or less....” (*Columbiana County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 24, P. 479*).

“...that William Chamberlain, of the County of Columbiana, state of Ohio, for the consideration of \$1,000 received to his full satisfaction of William C. Baker, of the county and state, aforesaid, do give, grant....the following described tracts or lots of land situated in the county of Columbiana, state of Ohio, and being part of the North West quarter of Section 22, Twp 11, Range 2, and is bounded as follows...Said North West quarter was granted and confirmed to the said William Chamberlain by patent under the hand and seal of James Monroe, President of the United States, and the seal of the United States General Land Office dated the ninth day of December Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and is bounded as follows: Beginning at the South East corner of said North West quarter, thence....containing 50 acres, being the same more or less.....” (*Columbiana County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 24, P. 480*).

“...that William Chamberlain, of the County of Columbiana, state of Ohio, for the consideration of \$2,000 received to his full satisfaction of Binah and Mary Chamberlain, the county and state, aforesaid, do give grant, bargain....the said Binah and Mary Chamberlain, as tenants in common, the following described tracts or lots of land situated in the county of Columbiana County, state of Ohio, and being a part of the North West quarter of Section 31, Twp 8, Range 1, and is bounded as follows: Beginning at the North West corner of said Section, thence with the line....to a post thence with land of Isaac Chamberlain,.....containing 47-87/100 acres, be it the same, more or less....” (*Columbiana County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 25, P. 121*).

Note that the deed to his son Joseph was for the property originally purchased in 1822 from Lewis Lyder. The deeds to his son Samuel, daughter Orpha Baker, and nephew William C. Baker, were for the land he originally purchased by patent in 1819, and each represented approximately one-third of the tract. The deed to his daughters Binah and Mary was for the property he purchased in Unity Twp from his son Aaron, in 1818.

It is surmised that William executed all of these deeds on the same day, perhaps because he felt that that he did not have long to live, and wanted to settle his affairs while he was still alive. In any case, William died intestate only a few months later, when on 16 Nov 1836, his sons Samuel and Robert Chamberlin were appointed Administrators of his estate, with William Harrison & Charles Murphy on a \$1,000 bond. The Inventory was taken 18 Nov 1836, stating that William was of Unity Twp.

The probate records make no mention of a wife, which again, corroborates the information that William's second wife, Ann, had predeceased him. This is also in agreement with the fact that in none of the deeds with William as a Grantor, was there any mention of a wife.

The records of William's probate consists mostly of miscellaneous financial accounts and details regarding the estate, and little else. A missing packet of documents in the Columbiana county probate files refer to a Civil suit filed in 1837, by Aaron Chamberlain (Plaintiff) against his brothers Samuel and Robert, as Administrators of William's estate. We can only guess that Aaron was contesting the Administration of his father's estate over some item.

Another interesting document that bears on the settlement of William's estate is found in a deed from Isaac Chamberlin to his brother Aaron Chamberlin on 3 Apr 1840, and which reads in part:

“Know all men by these presents that Isaac Chamberlain for the consideration of one hundred dollars to him paid by Aaron Chamberlain, have now do grant, bargain, sell unto said Aaron Chamberlain, his heirs and assigns, all the right, title, interest & claim & demand of the said Isaac Chamberlain, of in and to the southwest quarter of Section 22, Township 11, Range 2, also the northwest of Section 6, Township 7, Range 1, containing 145-78/100 acres, also a part of the Northwest Quarter, Section 31, Township 8, Range 1, beginning at the northwest corner of said section, thence.....containing 47-87/100 acres, being the real estate of which William Chamberlain, late of said county, dec'd, was seized at the time of his death, and the same real estate described in paper writings purporting to be conveyances from said William Chamberlain to Orpha Baker, William C. Baker, Joseph, Samuel, Binah, & Mary Chamberlain, to have and to hold all the estate, right, title & interest at law, or in equity of the said Isaac Chamberlain, of in & to said real estate to him, the said Aaron Chamberlin, his heirs and assigns forever. Witness our hands and seals this 3rd day of April, 1840.” (*Columbiana County, Ohio, Deeds, Vol. 33, P. 94*).

A few salient facts and items of interest that emerge from all of these transactions, tell us that William Chamberlin and his sons were all successful men of means, and better educated than most people of that day. A great granddaughter of William writes:

“.....My ancestors came from the east. My grandfather, Dr. Robert Chamberlain, was a graduate of the old Jefferson Medical College of Medicine in Philadelphia, and he and his family came from that section, and settled in eastern Ohio in early times. They were Quakers. My father is William Clark Chamberlin, of the above firm [letterhead stationary imprinted: Chamberlin Bros. & Co., Bankers, East Palestine, Ohio], and this town is a Chamberlin settlement. It was laid out by them and my grandmother Rebecca C. Chamberlain, named the town East Palestine, Ohio. You may note that I spell the name differently in this letter, but my grandfather use the “lain” and his sons dropped the “a” and spell it “lin”” (*Letter written by Lydia Elma Chamberlin to Charles Henry Pope, 3 Dec 1912*).

William’s grandson, William Clark Chamberlin, wrote:

“I remember my father’s sisters they dressed and talked like Quakers. My father [Robert Chamberlin] wrote his name Chamberlain, this he said was the right way to spell it—but in order to shorten it, our family wrote it Chamberlin.” (*Letter written by William Clark Chamberlin to Miss Jenny Chamberlain Watts, 17 Jan 1913*).

Another great granddaughter of William wrote:

“...Our family has the Quaker marriage contract of my great great grandfather, Robert Chamberlin (my father’s great grandfather), and Ann Painter, which occurred in the Quaker meeting house of Concord, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. My cousin, Mr. Forbes [Robert Forbes] Chamberlin, son of Calvin Forbes Chamberlin, father’s brother, has this valuable old document in his possession. Cousin Forbes C. has this contract framed, but will gladly have a type-written copy of same made to send you, should you consider it of value in your work, and care to have it. This marriage at the Quaker meeting took place “the 28th day of the third month 1747.” There were 43 signatures to this contract, among them six Chamberlin names; William Chamberlin, Susannah Chamberlin, Jno. Chamberlin, Joseph Chamberlin, Ann Chamberlin, and Robert Chamberlin [another Robert]. On the back of this old certificate is written: ‘Marriage Certificate of Robt & Ann Chamberlin. Recorded in Book A, Folio 180, by Saml Bettle, Recorder.’ My great grandfather William Chamberlin came to Ohio from West Chester, Pa, in 1818. My father, Mr. William Clark Chamberlin, has in his possession, the deed of a farm sold in 1818 in West Chester by William Chamberlin, for \$2,000, no doubt the date of his migration to Ohio. East Fairfield, where William Chamberlin settled is but a few miles from East Palestine where his son, Dr. Robert Chamberlin, my grandfather settled and practiced medicine....” (*Letter written by Mrs. Elizabeth F. C. Eldredge to Miss Jenny Chamberlain Watts, 14 Jan 1913*).

It is believed that a continuing examination of the Pennsylvania records for Chester and Delaware counties, will reveal additional details about this family. The Baker mss states that William was buried in the Elk Run cemetery, but a search (thus far) of the extant cemetery records for Columbiana county has not yielded a burial record for William.

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