

**Isaac<sup>1</sup> Chamberlain of Lewis County, New York, 1825**  
**First Generation**

No. 16335

**NAME:** Isaac<sup>1</sup> Chamberlain

**Father:**

**Mother:**

**Born:** About 1799, Connecticut

**Died:** 26 Jan 1850, Denmark, Lewis Co., NY, "aged 50 years"

**Buried:** Jan 1850, Hillside (formerly Otis) Cemetery, Denmark, NY

**Married:** (1) Lucinda S Barnum, about 1823, probably Denmark, Lewis Co., NY

**Other Marriages:** (2) Eleanor L —?—, about 1841, probably Denmark, NY

(3) Mary Corkin, 29 Nov 1843, Denmark, NY

No. 16336

**SPOUSE (1):** Lucinda S Barnum

**Father:** Lewis Barnum

**Mother:** Clarissa Mace

**Born:** About 1805, Pawling, Dutchess Co., NY

**Died:** 6 Feb 1841, Denmark, Lewis Co., NY

**Buried:** Feb 1841, Hillside (formerly Otis) Cemetery, Denmark, NY

**Other Marriages:**

**CHILDREN**  
(By First Marriage)

M 16338 Son<sup>2</sup> Chamberlain, b. About 1824, Denmark, Lewis Co., NY. Died about 1824-25, Denmark, NY. Buried in Hillside (formerly Otis) Cemetery, Denmark, NY.

M 16339 Gilbert B<sup>2</sup> Chamberlain, b. 21 June 1827, Denmark, Lewis Co., NY. Married Mary Agens (or Aiken), 9 Apr 1848, Denmark, NY. Died 28 Oct 1904, Denmark, NY. +

F 16579 Samantha<sup>2</sup> Chamberlain, b. About 1840, Denmark, Lewis Co., NY. Probably a daughter. The 1840 census indicates a female under the age of 5 years in her father's family. In 1850, a Samantha Chamberlain, aged 10 years, was living with Isaac's son Gilbert. Nothing further known at present.

No. 16337

**SPOUSE (3): Mary Corkin**

**Father:**

**Mother:**

**Born:** About 1818, Ireland

**Died:** 6 July 1907, Denmark, Lewis Co., NY

**Buried:**

**Other Marriages:** (2) Patrick Nefsey, 1851, probably Denmark, NY

**CHILD**  
(By Third Marriage)

F 16340 Emily Jane<sup>2</sup> Chamberlain, b. 20 May 1848, Denmark, Lewis Co., NY. Married John Brady, 31 Jan 1871, Carthage, NY. Died 6 July 1927, Lowville, NY. +

**BIOGRAPHICAL**

In the 1880 census, Isaac's son Gilbert, stated that his father Isaac was born in the state of Connecticut. On Gilbert's death certificate, the birthplace of his father was also given as Connecticut. However, with the information at hand, there appears to be no authoritative evidence to support this information which does not imply that it is incorrect, but that more substantive and detailed evidence is needed.

Isaac first appears in Denmark, Lewis County records at the time of the 1825 New York State Census which provides the following information:

"Isaac Chamberlin. 1-1-1-1 in Grps 2-5: (1 male, 1 female, 1 male eligible for Mil duty; 1 male eligible to vote: 1 married female under the age of 45 (Grp 11): 3 acres of improved land (Grp17); 1 neat cattle (Grp18); 4 hogs (Grp22), 7 yards of flannel cloth (Grp23); 20 yards of linen (Grp24). One female birth during the preceding year; one female death during the preceding year (Grps 15-16)."

This record indicates there was daughter born and died during the preceding year (1824), though the cemetery record identifies this child as a son.

In 1830, Isaac was living at Denmark, Lewis County, NY, aged 30-40 years, heading a family of 100001-00001001 (1 male under the age of 5 years, 1 male between the ages of 30 and 40 years, 1 female between the ages of 20 and 30 years, 1 female between the ages of 50 and 60 years). The older female in this record could perhaps be a mother or mother-in-law.

On 15 Sep 1834, Isaac and his wife Lucinda, and Eliphalet B. & Mary Ann Philleo, conveyed 50 acres of land in Denmark, described as "part of Great Lot No. 62," to Lucinda's uncle Milo Barnum for the sum of \$350. It is believed that Mary Ann Philleo was Lucinda's sister and that they were conveying inherited property.

The 1835 New York State census for Denmark, Lewis County, lists Isaac and family as follows:

Isaac Chamberlin. 2-2-1-1 (Grps 2-5); 2 males, 2 females, 1 male eligible for militia duty; 1 male eligible to vote; one married female under the age of 45 years; No births or deaths in the family during the preceding year; 50 acres of improved land; 7 neat cattle, 1 horse, 22 sheep, 5 hogs, 25 yards of full'd cloth, 20 yards of flannel. No linen.

The foregoing record indicates the presence of an unidentified female, who may have been a boarder or a relative.

In 1840, again of Denmark, Isaac, aged 30-40 years, headed a family of 001001-100101 (1 male between the ages of 10 and 15 years, 1 male between the ages of 30 and 40 years, 1 female under the age of 5 years, 1 female between the ages of 15 and 20 years, 1 female between the ages of 30 and 40 years). Based on land records and other information, it is now believed that the youngest girl, aged 0-5 years, was the daughter Samantha, and the older female was perhaps a hired servant to assist Lucinda who at that time was probably very ill ever since the time of Samantha's birth. Isaac died before the 1850 census was taken, and the 1850 census mortality schedules for Lewis County do not list him.

On 12 Nov 1840, Isaac purchased about a half acre of land from Hudson Hammond and his wife Emily for the sum of \$370 (*Lewis County Deeds, Liber W, pp. 25-26*).

On 1 Apr 1841, Isaac was a mortgagee for land situated in Lot No. 59 in Denmark, owned by Alanson Vincent, for \$422. The mortgage was later satisfied on 3 Sep 1847 (*Lewis County Mortgages, Liber G, pp. 23-24*).

On 18 Dec 1841, Isaac purchased 50 acres of land situated in Township 5 of Denmark, from Alanson Vincent and his wife Fanny, for \$270 (*Lewis County Deeds, Liber X, pp. 141-42*).

On 6 Oct 1842, "Isaac Chamberlain, of Denmark," conveyed about one-fifth of an acre of land situated in the village of Carthage in the town of Wilna in Jefferson county, to Jonathan W. Webb, of Carthage, for \$600. It appears that this property had been inherited by Isaac's wife Lucinda (*Jefferson County Deeds, Liber 3, pp. 112-13*). This transaction seems to be related to Isaac's mortgage in 1844 (*Ante*).

On 15 Dec 1842, Isaac purchased 40 acres of land situated in Lot 61 in Denmark, from James Eggins and Jane his wife for \$650 (*Lewis County Deeds, Liber X, pp. 215-16*). On the same day, Isaac seems to have mortgaged this 40-acre parcel back to James Eggins, for \$546. This property was eventually foreclosed on 12 Sep 1850 (*Lewis County Mortgages, Liber G, pp. 63-64*).

On 7 Feb 1842, Isaac and his wife "Eleanor L." sold land, comprising about a half acre in Denmark, to James H. Swain. This appears to be the same parcel of land that Isaac purchased from Hudson Hammond on 12 Nov 1840 (*Lewis County Deeds, Liber Z, pp. 271-72*). This deed proves that Isaac had a second marriage to an Eleanor L. —?—, whose existence has been hitherto unknown. Nothing further seems to be known of her.

On 4 Apr 1844, Isaac mortgaged his 40-acre parcel of land in Lot 61 in Denmark, to Jonathan W. Webb, of the town of Wilna in Jefferson County, for \$400. This mortgage referred to property located in the village of Carthage in the town of Wilna, and which seems to have been inherited by Isaac's wife Lucinda. This instrument states in part:

"And the within Mortgage is given as collateral security and upon the express condition that if the heirs of Lucinda Chamberlain, deceased, give to the said party of the second part, his heirs, or assigns, a good and sufficient Warrantee deed when the said heirs shall arrive to the age of twenty one years of a Lot which the said party of the second part now occupies and is situated on West Street, and adjoining a lot which Erastus Thompson now occupies in the village of Carthage.

And if the said heirs shall comply with the above condition, then this mortgage to be void and of no effect. Otherwise in full force. According to the condition of certain bonds or writing obligations bearing even date herewith executed by the said party of the first part to the said party of the second part as collateral security then these Presents and the said Bond or writing obligation shall cease and to be null and void (*Lewis County Mortgages, Liber G, pp. 23-24*)."

On 28 Sep 1848, Isaac and his wife Mary conveyed 10 acres of land in Denmark located in Township 5 of Denmark, to Crandall Austin for \$100. This appears to be part of the 50-acre parcel of land that he purchased on 18 Dec 1841 from Alanson Vincent (*Lewis County Deeds, Liber 4, pp. 127-28*).

On 17 Dec 1846, Isaac and his wife Mary mortgaged property to one Edward Metcalf as follows:

This Indenture made the Seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six, between Isaac Chamberlin of Denmark, in the county of Lewis and state of New York of the first part, and Edward Metcalf of the same place, of the second part.

Witnesseth that the party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars current money of the United States to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold, released, enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, release, enfeoff and confirm unto the said part of the second part in his actual possession now being and to his heirs and assigns forever.

All that part of Lot Number Sixty [One] (61) of the following subdivision of the town of Denmark, aforesaid, that is included in the following description and survey. Beginning at a point in the west line of the said lot.....containing thirty nine (39) and thirty six (36) hundredths of an acre of land, subject to the all Publick highways on the survey.

To have and to hold the above bargained premises to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever. Provided always and these presents and upon this express condition that if the said party of the first part, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said party of the second part, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, just and full sum of seven hundred dollars in manner following. Viz. The interest over the whole sum to be paid on the seventeenth day of December 1847, the seven hundred dollars to be paid in six equal annual payments from the seventeenth day of Dec 1847 with interest annually.

The above consideration being the purchase money of the above described premises according to the condition of a certain Bond or writing obligatory bearing ----- date herewith executed by the said party of the first part to the said party of the second part as collateral security then these presents and the said bond or writing obligator shall cease and be null and void. But in case of the non-payment of the said sum of seven hundred dollars or any part thereof at the time or times above limited for the payment thereof then and in such case it shall and may be lawful for the said party of the second part his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns and to the part of the first part doth hereby empower and authorize the said party of the second part, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns to grant, bargain, sell, release and convey the said premises with the appurtenances thereunto belonging at public auction, or vendue and on such sale to make and execute to the purchaser or purchasers, his or her assigns forever, good ample and sufficient deeds of conveyances in the law pursuant to the statute in that case made and provided, rendering the surplus moneys, if any, there be, to the said party of the first part, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns after deducting the cost and charges of such vendue, and sale as aforesaid.

In Witness whereof, the said party of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written. Isaac Chamberlin {L.S.}

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Ira Austin, the words parallel to said West Line South Twenty nine in the twenty fourth line from the top were erased previous to the signing. Ira Austin.

State of New York and Lewis County } ss. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D. 1846, Isaac Chamberlin whom I know to be the individual described and who executed the within instrument, personally came before me and acknowledged that he executed the same. Ira Austin, Justice of the Peace. Recorded the 21 December 1846, at 11½ o'clock a.m. Julius A. White, Clerk (Lewis County, New York, Mortgages, Liber I, pp. 102-103).

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Satisfaction of the foregoing mortgage having been recorded in Book L of Mortgages, page 195 &c, I hereby cancel said mortgage this 12th day of September 1850. Harrison Barnes, Clerk.

On 17 Dec 1848, Isaac and his wife Mary conveyed a parcel of 39.36 acres of land in Lot No. 61 in Denmark, to Isaac's son Gilbert Chamberlain for \$100. This appears to be the same parcel of land that Isaac purchased on 15 Dec 1842, from James Eggins (*Lewis County Deeds, Liber 4, pp. 371-72*).

In 1850, Isaac's widow Mary and his daughter Emily were living in the family of one Ebenezer Jackson & family in Denmark, Lewis Co., NY. Dwelling No. 1675, Family No. 1710. 8 Aug 1850, as follows:

| ID  | OR | Given | Surname     | Age | Sex | Race | BP | LN    | Remarks |
|-----|----|-------|-------------|-----|-----|------|----|-------|---------|
| 303 | 1  | Mary  | Chamberlain | 27  | F   | W    | NY | 16337 |         |
| 303 | 2  | Emily | Chamberlain | 2   | F   | W    | NY | 16340 |         |

Living nearby in the 1850 census, was Isaac's son Gilbert, in whose family was Samantha Chamberlain, aged 10 years, believed to be Isaac's daughter.

In 1860, Isaac's widow, Mary, now the wife of Patrick Nefsey and the mother of four more children, was living in the town of Harrisburgh, Lewis Co., NY. Dwelling No. 1018, Family No. 105. Copenhagen Post Office. 7 Sep 1860, as follows:

| ID  | OR | Given   | Surname | Age | Sex | Race | BP | LN    | Remarks                  |
|-----|----|---------|---------|-----|-----|------|----|-------|--------------------------|
| 346 | 1  | Patrick | Nefsey  | 40  | M   | W    | IR |       | Farmer; -/\$700.         |
| 346 | 2  | Mary    | Nefsey  | 41  | F   | W    | IR | 16337 | Housewife.               |
| 346 | 3  | Emily J | Nefsey  | 12  | F   | W    | NY | 16340 | School.                  |
| 346 | 4  | James   | Nefsey  | 8   | M   | W    | NY |       | School. Given uncertain. |
| 346 | 5  | Maria   | Nefsey  | 5   | F   | W    | NY |       | School.                  |
| 346 | 6  | Patrick | Nefsey  | 3   | M   | W    | NY |       |                          |
| 346 | 7  | John    | Nefsey  | 1   | M   | W    | NY |       |                          |

By 1870, Mary was apparently widowed again, but still living in Harrisburgh, Lewis Co., NY. Dwelling No. 138, Family No. 138. Harrisburgh Post Office. 20 July 1870, as follows:

| ID   | OR | Given   | Surname | Age | Sex | Race | BP | LN    | Remarks                             |
|------|----|---------|---------|-----|-----|------|----|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 1002 | 1  | Mary    | Nefsey  | 52  | F   | W    | IR | 16337 | Keeping House; -/\$1,225. PFB: CRW. |
| 1002 | 2  | Patrick | Nefsey  | 13  | M   | W    | NY |       | School. PFB; CRW.                   |
| 1002 | 3  | John    | Nefsey  | 11  | M   | W    | NY |       | School. PFB; CRW.                   |

Legend: PFB = denotes both parents Foreign born; CRW = can read and write.

In 1870, Isaac's daughter Emily, still going by the name of Emily Nefsey, was living in the home of one Amos Chickering & family in Harrisburgh, Lewis Co., NY. Dwelling No. 194, Family No. 194. Harrisburgh Post Office, 29 July 1870, as follows:

| ID   | OR | Given   | Surname    | Age | Sex | Race | BP | LN    | Remarks                            |
|------|----|---------|------------|-----|-----|------|----|-------|------------------------------------|
| 1003 | 1  | Amos    | Chickering | 50  | M   | W    | NY |       | Farmer; \$6,890/\$1,955. CRW; USC. |
| 1003 | 2  | Cynthia | Chickering | 50  | F   | W    | NY |       | Keeping House. CRW.                |
| 1003 | 3  | Henry   | Chickering | 16  | M   | W    | NY |       | School. CRW.                       |
| 1003 | 4  | Clara   | Chickering | 13  | F   | W    | NY |       | School. CRW.                       |
| 1003 | 5  | Emily   | Nefsey     | 22  | F   | W    | NY | 16340 | House Servant. PFB; CRW.           |

Legend: USC = U.S. Citizen; CRW = can read and write.

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In 1880, Isaac's widow Mary, was still living in Harrisburgh, Lewis, NY, as follows:

| ID | OR | Given   | Surname | Age | S | R | Rel  | M | BP  | FBP | MBP | Remarks       |
|----|----|---------|---------|-----|---|---|------|---|-----|-----|-----|---------------|
| 1  | 1  | Mary    | Nephsey | 62  | F | W | Head | W | Ire | Ire | Ire | Keeping House |
| 1  | 2  | Patrick | Nephsey | 23  | M | W | Son  | S | NY  | NY  | NY  | Farmer        |

Lucinda's parentage provided by *Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, New York*. Bruce Chamberlain states that Lucinda's parents were living in Denmark at the time of the 1820 federal census. Thus, it seems logical that Isaac and Lucinda married in this place, but as yet, we still do not know Isaac's antecedents, nor just how and when he came to be in Lewis County (7 Feb 2002). However, there is strong evidence that Isaac was a son of an Ephraim Chamberlain, a resident of Champion, Jefferson Co., NY, who died in 1813. (See LN 8909.)

## PREPARATION OF THIS RECORD

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