

JOHANNAH CHAMBERLIN, WIFE OF RICHARD BETTS

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Published accounts of Richard Betts will be found in James Riker, *Annals of Newtown, Long Island* (1852), p. 373; James Savage, *Genealogical Dictionary* (1860), 1:173; *New England Hist. and Gen. Register* 55:300; and J. W. Moore, *Rev. John Moore of Newtown* (1903), p. 180, but they do not name his wife. The following evidences from the official records of Ipswich, Mass., reveal her name as Johannah as Chamberlin and show that her mother "Mrs. Chamberline," died shortly before 30 March 1647 and that her brother, Samuel Chamberlin, died likewise before 27 March 1649, but their identification has not been made.

From *Probate Records of Essex County, Mass.* (1916), pp. 62 and 103, we read:

Mrs. Chamberline dying intestate, an inventory of her estate amounting to £32. 4s. 5d. was filed 30-1-1647. Ordered to be divided, two parts to the son and one part to the daughter.

Richard Betts, who married Joana Chamberlin, allowed as administrator of the estate of Samuel Chamberlin, brother to said Joana, who was heir to the estate. 27-1-1649.

The Ancient Records of the Town of Ipswich, Mass. (1899) have this:

The 5th of the 1 mo. 1646/7. Moses Pengry apoynted to pay nineteen shillings 7 d. to Henrye Kingsbery and Richard Betts toward the fencing in burying place.

By deed dated 14 Sept. 1652, Richard Betts of Ipswich and Joana his wife, for thirty pounds paid, grant and sell to Cornelius Waldo of the same Towne, merchant, "all that his dwelling house situate and being in Ipswich, with all the yards, fences and lands about it," bounded southwest by the house and land of Edward Browne, northwest by that late of Daniel Rolfe, southeast by the street, and northeast by the land of Thomas Lovell. Signed: Richard Betts, Joana Betts, in presence of Robert Lord, William English (see *John Caldwell and Sarah Dillingham Caldwell, Ipswich, Mass.* [1904], p. 14).

The will of Richard Betts of Newtown, Queens County, Nassau [Long] Island, New York, yeoman, dated 16 March 1711 and proved 26 November 1713 (*New York Wills* 2:113), devises to wife Joahnnah all my homestead buildings and lot of land belonging to same, between the lands of John Scudder and Richard Betts, son of Thomas

Betts, deceased; also all other lands and moveable estate during her lifetime, and after the decease of my wife, I leave to my son Richard Betts my camlet cloak as his birthright and my right of lands at Plunder Neck, also my house and home lot and buildings, also one-half the meadow above the homestead, situate between the lands of John Scudder and Richard Betts, son of Richard Betts, deceased. To my grandson Richard Betts, son of Thomas Betts, deceased, my tract of land, and also one-half the meadow and upland bounded by Samuel Albertson and John Allen. All Moveable estate, after my wife's death, to my daughters Johannah Scudder, Mary Swazy and Martha Ketcham, and the children of my daughter Sarah Sackett, deceased, and the children of my daughter Sarah Hunt, deceased. He appoints sons-in-law Joseph Sackett and Philip Ketcham executors.