

**John Chandler Jr.  
A Brief Biography  
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**John Chandler Jr.** is thought to be of the fifth or sixth generation of his family to reside in Massachusetts. The first of the family is thought to have been **Roger Chandler** of Plymouth and Duxbury, MA, **Third Great Grandfather of John Chandler Jr.**, who "According to Shattuck's History of Concord . . . with twenty others formed a party from Plymouth Colony which received a grant, of four hundred acres in that town in 1658 . . ."

It is conjectured his son, **Roger Jr., Second Great Grandfather of John Chandler Jr.**, eventually settled in Concord and spent his life there.<sup>1</sup>

Roger Jr. married in Concord on April 25, 1671, **Mary Simonds**, "who was probably, but not certainly the daughter of William and Judith (Phippen) Simonds, born at Woburn, Dec. 9, 1647." Roger was a cooper by trade. He and Mary had at least five children all born in Concord: 1. **Mary**, born January 7, 1671/72, died in Concord

August 14, 1759, married December 18, 1690, John Heald; 2. **Samuel Sr., Great Grandfather of John Chandler, Jr.**, born March 5, 1673/74; 3. **Joseph**, born October 7, 1678, died November 14, 1679 aged 1 month 7 days; 4. **Abigail**, born May 31, 1681, died March 29, 1766, married Eleazer Brown; and 5. **Hephizah**, birth date not recorded, but mentioned in her father's will, married first in Concord on April 5, 1701, Ephraim Jones, Married second in Concord, July 11, 1711, Joseph Fletcher.<sup>2</sup>

Roger Jr. died in Concord on January 11, 1716/17. He wrote his will on November 6, 1705. Mary died there on August 29, 1728.

**Will of Roger Chandler Jr.**

I, Roger Chandler of Concord in the County of Middx within the province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England cooper, Being grown Aged, & weake of Body, but of perfect mind and memory, Thanks be to god therefore, calling to mind the mortalitye of my Body, and knowing that is is appointed all men once to dye, Do make this my last will and testment, That is to say first & principlly, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my Body I commit it unto the earth to be buried at the discession of friends in a decent manner, Nothing doubting but at ye Generali Resurection I shall recieve the same again by ye mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate, as it hath pleased Almighty to bestow upon me in this life, I do Give devise and of same in manner following.  
Imprimis, I do will and order that all my just debts and funerall charges shall be payd and discharged by my executrix hereinafter mentioned.

Item. I do will and bequeath unto my onley son (viz) Samuel Chandler, The sum of one Hundred pounds, That is to say with what he hath allredy received of me, which is sixty five pounds and the remainder which is thirty five pounds I do Appoint my executrix to pay unto him.

Item. I do will and bequeath unto my eldest daughter (viz) mary Heald the sum of fifty pounds That is to say with what she hath allredy received which is thirty seven pounds the remaining part to make it up fifty being Thirteen pounds which I do Appoint and ord my executrix to pay ye same.

Item,. I do will and bequeath unto my Daughter Abigail Brown fifty pounds with what she hath allredy received wh is thirty two pounds & ye remaining part wh is eighteen pounds I do Appoint and order my executrix to pay the same.

Item. I do will and bequeath unto my youngest daughter Hephzibah Jones no more than what she hath allredy received of me wh is fifty pounds, and that doth make her fully equall with her two sisters.

Finally unto mary my beloved wife in token of my love and Good will and for to retaliate unto her for her love & care of me all the rest of my whole estate both reall and personall of what kind and nature soever, for to be at her own free use and sole disposall (except I should dispose of some portion of ye farm in the time of my life) And her my sd beloved wife I do make ordain and constitute to be my sole executrix of this my last will and testament. And if I should happen to pay any part of ye Legacies before mentioned that she is ordered within my will to pay, There shall be so much abated of ye particular sum or sums so Appointed to pay respectively. And I do hereby utterly disannul and make voyd all & every other will and Testament by me made at any time before this, Ratefying and conforming this my Last will, and this my will let no man strive to Breake.

In witness that this my free and voluntary will & testament, I ye sd Roger Chandler do Affix my hand & seal This sixth day of November In ye year of our Lord, one Thousand seven hundred and Five.

Roger Chandler

Signed Sealed published pronounced and Declared by the above Named Roger Chandler to be his will and testamnt in the presence of us ye subscribers.

Thomas Brown senr.

John Barker senner

Jacob farrar<sup>3</sup>

Roger Jr. is buried in Concord's Old Hill Burying Ground. "Find a Grave" does not show Mary's gravestone.



HERE LYES ye  
BODY OF  
ROGER CHANDLER  
AGED ABOUT  
80 YEARS WHO  
DIED JANUARY  
THE 11 1716/7<sup>4</sup>

### **Samuel Chandler Sr., Great Grandfather of John Chandler Jr.**

Samuel Chandler Sr., son of Roger Jr., resided in Concord all his life, but at the same time participated in the founding of several towns including what would become Lunenburg, Rutland, and Grafton and was one of the proprietors of the "Hassanamisco grant", later the town of Templeton. He was town Treasurer in Concord from 1723 to 1727, Selectman 1718-1724, 1730-36 and 1739, and Representative to the Massachusetts General Court from 1729 to 1736 and 1739.<sup>5</sup>

Samuel married in Concord on December 11, 1695, **Dorcus Buss**, born in Concord on January 26, 16772/73, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Jones Buss. They had eight children: 1. **Elizabeth**, born October 6, 1696; died October 18, 1712 aged 16 years and 10 days; 2. **Mary**, born. September 2, 1699, married in Concord, October 2, 1718, Joseph Dudley; 3. **Joseph**, born Oct. 11, 1701, died unmarried in Concord, Jan. 31, 1746. Joseph was mentioned in his father's will as "void of reason and special provision is made for maintenance under his mother's care;" 4. **Samuel, Grandfather of John Chandler Jr.**, born October 9, 1704; 5. **John**, born January 11, 1706/7; 6. **Huldah**, born July 5, 1709, married at Concord on September 28, 1731, Eleazar Flagg; 7. **Rebecca**, born December 2, 1711, married at Concord on January 17, 1731, Eleazar Davis; and 8. **James**, born August 28, 1714, married three times.<sup>6</sup>

Samuel Sr. died in Concord on April 27, 1743 and Dorcus on January 13, 1757. They are both buried in Concord's Old Hill Burying Ground.



Here lyes Buried  
the Body of Mr.  
SAMUEL CHANDLER  
Who Departed this Life  
April 27th Anno Domini 1743  
In ye 70 Year of his Age  
Death is a Debt to nature due, which  
I have paid and so must you.<sup>7</sup>



In Memory of  
M<sup>rs</sup> Dorcas Chandler  
Relict of  
Mr. Samuel Chandler  
Who died  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>  
Aged 84 Years<sup>8</sup>

### **Samuel Jr., Grandfather of John Chandler Jr.**

Samuel Chandler Jr., son of Samuel Sr., was associated with the land speculations of his father, particularly in the "Hassanamisco grant," later the town of Templeton, and also Grafton where he served as Selectman in 1729, 1731 and 1732. He was Moderator five times between 1728 and 1736.<sup>9</sup>

Samuel Jr. married Dinah about 1729. She is thought to have been **Dinah Conant** baptized in Beverly, MA on August 20, 1710, daughter of Lot. Jr. and Martha Cleaves Conant. Their marriage was not recorded in either Concord or Beverly. However, there is a great deal of supporting evidence that it was Dinah daughter of Lot and Martha that married Samuel Jr. Lot and Martha Cleaves were married in Beverly on May 16, 1698.

They had seven children in Beverly, including Dinah between 1699 and 1714. They then moved to Concord where Martha gave birth to their eighth child, Martha, on July 10, 1716. Both Martha Sr. and Lot died in Concord, she on February 15, 1725 age 44 and he on September 20, 1767 in his 90<sup>th</sup> year. The dates of their births on their tombstones in Concord are the same as their birthdates in Beverly. She was baptized July 24, 1681 and he was born on June 1, 1679, and their tombstones in Concord bear those dates. Additionally, among the property bequeathed to Dinah was "all that shall come from our brother Ezra Conant." Ezra was Dinah's younger brother, baptized in Beverly on June 15, 1712.<sup>10</sup>

Samuel Jr. and Dinah had nine children, all born in Concord: 1. **Elizabeth**, born January 1, 1729/30; 2. **John, Father of John Chandler Jr.**, born December 26, 1731; 3. **Samuel**, born May 29, 1734; 4. **Jonas**, born February 27, 1736/37; 5. **Nathan**, born July 14, 1739, "He enlisted for the French War in John Clapham's Company in 1760. He died Dec. 6 of the same year and was buried from the house of his brother John in Lexington."\*\* 6. **Daniel**, born January 23, 1741, died before May 30, 1765; 7. **Ebenezer**, born March 21, 1743, died December 1, 1752; 8. **Mary**, born March 2, 1746, married William Muzzey on September 8, 1786. She died in Hubbardston, MA on February 17, 1831; and 9. **Ezra**, born October 4, 1749, died May 4, 1750 aged 7 months.<sup>11</sup>

\*\*[John Clapham served during "the alarm of '57" for the relief of Fort William Henry. As a captain, he led a group of 31 members of the Lexington Militia, including Nathan Chandler, called upon to serve in 1760. Charles Hudson does not state what service they saw, but Captain Clapham died January 4, 1761 "in ye 35 Year of His Age," and was buried in Lexington's Old Burying Ground. Nathan Chandler's death and Captain Clapham's occurring so close in time may indicate they may have become ill during whatever service was involved.]<sup>12</sup>

Samuel Jr. "being very sick and weak in body," signed his will on November 16, 1754 and must have died shortly thereafter since the will was probated on December 2, 1754. It was inventoried at a value of 72 pounds. He left Dinah one third part of all his moveable estate, plus one cow and all his swine, all family provisions and an income of half the value his buildings and land would "fetch." He also assigned her "all the estate that is to come from our brother Ezra Conant to be at her own disposal."<sup>13</sup>

With respect to his sons, Samuel was to receive 20 shillings, Nathan 5 shillings, Daniel 20 shillings and Jonas all his joinery tools. His daughters, Elizabeth and Mary were each to receive one third of his household goods. Son, John, was to be executor and receive "all the remainder of my estate both real and personal."<sup>14</sup>

Samuel Jr.'s and Dinah deaths were not recorded in Concord, and their burial places have not yet been found. With the exception of their son, John, and daughter, Mary, not a great deal is known about their other surviving children, leading to the following conjecture:

"In view of the entire uncertainty concerning the later years of the life of Samuel Chandler's widow, it seems by no means improbable that with her unmarried children she removed to a considerable distance, and that thence there may have sprung a line of the descendants of Roger Chandler as yet unrecognized."<sup>15</sup>

#### **John Chandler Sr. father of John Chandler Jr.**

John Chandler Sr. married Beulah Merriam in Lexington on July 7, 1757, daughter of Joseph and Mary Brewer Merriam, and was recorded as being of Lincoln. It is most likely that the Chandler family lived in that portion of Concord that was set off in 1754 as the town of Lincoln.

In August, 1744, divers of those residing in this, the easterly part of Concord, the northerly part of Weston and the westerly part of Lexington, represented to that same Great and General Court that they labored "under great difficulties and inconveniences by reason of their distance from their respective places of public worship in said towns, their families being many of them numerous, in the winter season more especially." Accordingly, they petitioned to be set off as a

separate precinct, to the end that " the public worship of God might, by them, be more comfortably, constantly and universally attended upon."<sup>16</sup>

It took ten years for permission to be granted to establish their town. Grudgingly, Concord, Lexington and Weston gave up parts of their territories to found Lincoln. "In fact, the tradition is that by those dwelling in the mother communities Lincoln was long known not by that name, but was somewhat derisively designated 'Niptown,' being made up, it was alleged, of remnants bitten of, as it were, from each."<sup>17</sup>

It is said that after his marriage, John Sr. moved to Lexington and built a house next to his father-in-law's home on what is today Lexington Street. He and Beulah had six children: 1. **John Jr.** the subject of this essay, born December 31, 1758; 2. **Nathan**, born February 24, 1762; 3. **Sarah**, born February 27, 1764; 4. **Samuel**, born February 16, 1766; 5. **Joseph**, born September 2, 1768; and 6. **Abiel**, born January 2, 1771.<sup>18</sup>

The following appears in Hudson's *History of Lexington*: "He held a commission under Governor Bernard as 'Cornet of His Majesties Blue Troop.' His sword, holsters, and part of his commission are preserved by the family, and were in the hands of his grandson, the late Samuel Chandler."<sup>19</sup> So far, nothing has been uncovered concerning the "Blue Troop." The Lexington Historical Society does not have any record concerning the sword, holsters of his commission, and if the items ever found they would be extremely valuable as artifacts of Lexington history.

On April, 19, 1775 John Sr., by now 43 years old with a wife and six children, stood on Lexington Common as a member of Captain John Parker's Lexington Militia to face off against an overwhelming force of British Regulars. Joining him was his sixteen year old son, John Jr. They were among eight father and son combinations who had rallied to the sound of William Diamond's drum.

Five of those eight father and son combinations were broken by death in that brief span of violence that swept over the common leaving dead, wounded, dying and maimed members of Lexington's militia company on the bloodied grass. Thankfully, John Sr. and Jr. survived unwounded. Both signed a combined deposition of 34 men of Captain Parker's Company giving an account of the events of April 19<sup>th</sup>.

"We Nathaniel Mulliken, Philip Russell, Mos. Harrington, Sr., Thomas Harrington, Daniel Harrington, William Grimes, William Tidd, Isaac Hastings, Jonas Stone Jr., James Wyman, Thad. Harrington, John Chandler, Joshua Reed, Jr., Joseph Simonds, Phineas Smith, John Chandler, Jr., Reuben Locke, Joel Viles, Nathan Reed, Samuel Tidd, Benjamin Locke, Thomas Winship, Simeon Snow, John Smith, Mos. Harrington, 3d., Joshua Reed, Ebenezer Parker, John Harrington, Enoch Wellington, John Hosmer, Isaac Green, Phineas Stearns, Isaac Durant, Thos. Hadley, Jr. all inhabitants of Lexington in the County of Middlesex, and Colony of Massachusetts Bay, in New England, do testify and declare, that on the nineteenth of April instant, about one or two o'clock in the morning, being informed that several officers of the Regulars had, the evening before, been riding up and down the road, and had detained and insulted the inhabitants passing the same; and also understanding that a body of Regulars were marching from Boston towards Concord, with intent (so it was supposed) to take the stores belonging to the Colony in that Town, we were alarmed; and having met at the place of our company's parade, were dismissed by our Captain, John Parker, for the present, with orders to be ready to attend at the beat of the drum. We further testify and declare, that about five o'clock in the morning, hearing the drum beat, we proceeded towards the parade, and soon found that a large body of troops were marching towards us. Some of our troops were coming up to the parade, and others had reached it; at which time the Company began to disperse. Whilst our backs were turned on the troops we were fired on by them, and a number of our men were instantly killed and wounded. Not a gun was fired by any person in our Company on the Regulars, to our knowledge, before they fired on us, and they continued firing until we had all made our escape."<sup>20</sup>



Following the battle on Lexington Common, additional service is recorded for John Sr. "Chandler, John, Lexington, Private, Capt. Caleb Brook's co., Col. Dike's regt., service from Dec. 1776 to Feb. 1777, 3 mos. guarding stores at Boston."<sup>21</sup>

John Sr. was very prominent in Lexington, holding numerous offices. He was a Selectman in 1772, '74-'76, '79, '81-'84, '86, '89, and '96-'98. He was Assessor in 1778-82, and 1778-89. He was also Treasurer from 1779-1789, and a member of the Committee of Correspondence in 1778.<sup>22</sup>

In 1776, John Sr. was one of 26 of the leading citizens of Lexington to sign the oath of loyalty to the United American Colonies

"We, the subscribers do each of us severally for ourselves, profess, testify and declare before God and the world, that we verily believe that the war, resistance and opposition in which the United American Colonies are now engaged against the fleets and armies of Great Britain, is on the part of said Colonies, just and necessary . . . that we will not, during the said war, directly or indirectly, in any way, aid, abet, or assist any of the naval or land forces of the king of Great Britain . . . But, on the contrary according to our best power and abilities will defend by arms the United American Colonies, and every part thereof, against every hostile attempt of the fleets and armies in the serviced of Great Britain . . ."<sup>23</sup>

Josiah Smith Jeremiah Estbrook  
Thomas Parker Lemson Sedanus  
John Chandler Joseph Simonds  
Philip Russel Daniel Harrington  
William Fidd Francis Brown  
Jonathan Smith John Simonds  
Hammon Reed Joshua Bond  
Jeremiah Crosby Edm Munro  
Saml. Sidds Thos Fyfe  
Robert Reed Henry Harrington  
Jonas Stone  
Joseph Fisk Levi Mead  
Isaac Blodgett John Bridge  
Henry Harrington

John's service to Lexington was exceeded, perhaps, only by his son, Nathan, who held the offices of Selectman, Assessor, Town Clerk, Representative to the General Court, Senator and Councilor, Magistrate and Delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1820.<sup>23</sup>

John Sr. and Beulah had six children, all born in Lexington: 1. **John Jr., the subject of this** essay, born December 31, 1758; 2. **Nathan**, born February 24, 1762, married in Lexington on October 24, 1785, Ruth Tidd, daughter of William and Ruth Munroe Tidd; 3. **Sarah**, born February 27, 1764, married in Lexington on October 25, 1786, Hammond Reed; 4. **Samuel**, born February 16, 1766, married in Kittery, ME on May 3, 1793, Lydia Spring, daughter of Reverend Alpheus and Sarah Frost Spring; 5. **Joseph**, born September 2, 1768, married in Lexington on September 29, 1791, Hannah Bridge, daughter of John and Rachel Flagg Bridge; and 6. **Abiel**, born January 2, 1771, graduated from Harvard College in 1798, died unmarried, February 11, 1799.<sup>24</sup>

John Sr. died on November 29, 1810 and Beulah on February 19, 1813. John wrote his will on November 24, 1809 and it was probated on February 9, 1811. In his will he mentioned his widow, Beulah, his three living children, Nathan, Samuel and Sarah, all his grandchildren and Peggy (Margaret) widow of John Chandler Jr. His personal property was valued at \$99.85 and real estate at \$3,350.00<sup>25</sup>

John Sr. and Beulah are buried in Lexington's Old Burying Ground.



In  
Memory of  
Mr. JOHN CHANDLER  
who died  
Nov. 29. 1810  
Æt. 79.<sup>26</sup>



In  
Memory of  
Mrs. BEULAH CHANDLER  
wife of  
Mr. John Chandler  
Who died  
Feb. 9, 1813.  
Aet. 83.<sup>27</sup>

## John Chandler Jr.

The following entry relates John Jr.'s service between 1775 and 1777, and is from *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*.<sup>28</sup>

CHANDLER, JOHN, Jr., Lexington. Private, Capt. John Parker's (Lexington) co.; service from May 6, 1775, to May 10, 1775, 5 days, at Cambridge, by order of Committee of Safety; *also*, same co.; service from June 17 to June 18, 1775, 2 days, at Cambridge, by order of Committee of Safety; *also*, Capt. John Bridge's co., Col. Eleazer Brooks's regt.; service from March 4 to March 8, 1776, 5 days, at Roxbury; *also*, Capt. Samuel Farrar's co., Col. Reed's regt.; enlisted Sept. 29, 1777; discharged Nov. 7, 1777; service, 1 mo. 10 days; company detached from Col. Eleazer Brooks's regt. to reinforce army under Gen. Gates at the Northward.

The following appears in Hudson, but he does not cite the source.

"In 1779 John Chandler, Jr. Joseph Loring, and Burdoo entered the marine service under Commodore Tucker, and being on the southern coast, they were included in the capitulation of Charleston, S.C., by Gen. Lincoln, in 1780, and were confined as prisoners of war until their exchange. They endured severe suffering from confinement and want of provisions, and after they were exchanged, Chandler and Loring, without money, and almost without clothing, wended their way as best they could to their native home, depending on the charity of people, and they reached Lexington in a destitute and wretched condition, after an absence of about a year."<sup>29</sup>

Burdoo may have been Eli Burdoo, a Black resident of Lexington. He and another Black resident of Lexington, Silas Burdoo, both saw service in the Revolutionary War. Silas left a description of his service when he applied for a pension and did not mention being at Charleston, SC or being a prisoner of war.<sup>30</sup> Eli, was a member of Captain Parker's Company and saw service in 1775 and 1777. Nothing else is known about him at this time, but he could have been the Burdoo who accompanied John Chandler Jr. and Joseph Loring.<sup>31</sup>

Hudson presented a slightly different version of the story in his coverage of Joseph Loring.

He entered the marine service with John Chandler, Jr., and being on the southern coast under Commodore Tucker, was included by Gen. Lincoln in the capitulation of Charleston, S. C. After remaining for some time a prisoner, during which he suffered severely, he was exchanged, and in destitution and comparative nakedness, was compelled to beg his way home to Lexington, amid the taunts and sneers of the Tories.<sup>32</sup>

John Jr. remained active in military affairs after the conclusion of the Revolutionary War. In 1790, he was elected Captain of the Lexington Militia and then promoted to major in 1796. He was also active in the political sphere, being chosen Selectmen from 1796-1798.<sup>33</sup>

On January 12, 1786, he had married in Lexington, **Margaret Mack**, of Salem.<sup>33</sup> John Jr. and Margaret had ten children, all born in Lexington: 1. **John**, born on November 26, 1786, married on June 7, 1815, Susannah Whittemore Reed, daughter of Nathan and Mary Page Reed; 2. **Daniel**, born October 14, 1788, married on May 19, 1817, Susanna Downing, daughter of Samuel and Susanna Brown Downing; 3. **Sally (Sarah)**, born April 20, 1791, died unmarried March 15, 1815; 4. **Margaret (Peggy)**, born January 15, 1793, married on May 9, 1835, Joseph Eaton and died on October 11, 1873, no children; 5. **Mary**, born February 20, 1794, died unmarried, October 19, 1818; 6. **Samuel**, born October 26, 1795, married first, Lydia Muzzey, daughter of Amos and Lydia Boutelle Muzzey, died August 12, 1830, married second, on September 11, 1734, Abigail Muzzey, sister of Lydia; 7. **Jonas**, born June 23, 1797, died April 5, 1814 aged not quite 17; 8. **Abel**, born March 21, 1799; 9. **Thomas**, born May 9, 1801, died probably unmarried on September 2, 1838; and 10. **Leonard**, born June 9, 1803.<sup>34</sup>



John Jr. died on October 19, 1804, about two months before his 46<sup>th</sup> birthday. Margaret was left with the care of her ten children ranging in age from nearly 18 to a 16 month old. There do not seem to be any probate papers for John Jr., and succeeding records would indicate that John Sr. assumed responsibility for the family. When John Sr. died in 1810, he wrote: in his will "I give to my Daughter in law Peggy Chandler a right to live in my house as long as she shall remain my son's widow and I do further order my Grandson John Chandler to provide for his mother Peggy Chandler a comfortable support as long as she shall remain my son's widow." He also left monetary bequests for each of the grandchildren.<sup>35</sup>

With John Sr.'s death, some of his grandchildren were still minors and their mother, Margaret (Peggy), asked Isaac Hastings to act as their guardian. Only John, age 24 and Samuel, age 22, had reached legal maturity, so the other children Sarah, Margaret, Mary, Samuel, Jonas, Thomas and Leonard were placed in the guardianship of Isaac Hastings.<sup>36</sup>

Acting as such, Isaac supervised the sale of John' Jr.'s land for the benefit of the children.

Five undivide tenth parts of the white land lying the North side of the Concord Turnpike containing nine acres and forty four rods and bounded as followeth viz. northeasterly on a town road southerly on land of Nathaniel Cutler and on the turnpike westerly on land of Benjamin Phinney, and three hundred and thirty eight dollars and eighty two cents being the highest bid and Nathaniel Cutler the highest bidder for the same aforesaid, also four acres and a half of said white land lying the north side of the Concord turnpike and bounded easterly on land of Nathaniel Cutler and southerly on land of said Cutler, and westerly on land of William Simond, and northrly on Concord Turnpike, and one hundred and eighty six dollars and seventy five cents being the highest bid and William Simonds the highest bidder for the same as aforesaid, also five acres of woodland lying in the westerly part of Lexington and bounded westerly on land of Major Coolidge and the heirs of Daniel Brown deceased, northerly and easterly by land of Amos Marrett and John Chandler and southerly on a town road and seventy five dollars being the highest bid and John Chandler the highest bidder for the same aforesaid. The whole sales aforesaid amount to the sum of six hundred and sixty dollars and fifty seven cents.

and furthe sayeth not

Isaac Hastings<sup>37</sup>

Margaret lived far beyond John Jr's death, dying on April 27, 1853, surviving him by almost 49 years. They are buried in Lexington's Old Burying Ground.





In memory of  
Maj. JOHN CHANDLER  
Died Oct. 19, 1804,  
Aged 46 y'rs.



In memory of  
MARGARET  
wife to Maj. John Chandler  
Died April 27, 1853  
Aged 87 y"rs

*The sweet remembrance of the just  
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.*

*So sleep the saints, and cease to groan  
When sin and death have done their work,  
Christ hath a glory like his own  
That waits to clothe their sleeping dust<sup>38</sup>*

*Whosoever liveth & believeth in me shall  
never die*

*I am the resurrection & the Life<sup>39</sup>*

#### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup>Clements, Charles H., Compiler, *The Descendants of Roger Chandler of Concord, Mass. 1658*, Published by his daughter, Edith Chandler Rollow, daughter, Provo, Utah, March 29, 1949, p. 23. On line at <https://archive.org/details/descendantsofrog00chan/page/24/mode/2up>

<sup>2</sup>*Ibid.*, pp. 24-5.

<sup>3</sup>*Ibid.*, pp. 23-4.

<sup>4</sup><https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24095434/roger-chandler>

<sup>5</sup>Shattuck, Lemuel, *A History of the Town of Concord, Middlesex County, Massachusetts from Its Earliest Settlement to 1832 and of the Adjoining Towns of Bedford, Acton, Lincoln, and Carlisle*, Boston: Russell, Odiorn, and Company, Concord, John Stacy, 1835, pp. 324-6.

<sup>6</sup>Clements, *op. cit.*, p. 26.

<sup>7</sup><https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24095557/samuel-chandler>

<sup>8</sup><https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/20648635/dorcas-chandler>

<sup>9</sup>Clements, *op. cit.*, pp. 29-30.

<sup>10</sup>Vital Records of Beverly, MA to the End of the Year 1849 at <https://ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Essex/Beverly/>;  
Vital Records of Concord, MA to the End of the Year 1891 <https://ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Middlesex/Concord/>

<sup>11</sup>Clements, *op. cit.*, p. 30.

<sup>12</sup>Hudson, Charles, *Bi-centenary Edition History of the Town of Lexington Massachusetts in Two Volumes*, Volume I, *History*, Lexington Historical Society, Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin Company, The Riverside Press, 1913, pp. 415, 414-18; Vital Records of Lexington, MA to the End of the Year 1897 at <https://ma-vitalrecords.org/MA/Middlesex/Lexington/>

<sup>13</sup>Middlesex County, MA: Probate Papers, 1648-1871, Volume Middlesex Cases 4000-54999, pp. 4269:1-4269:7. at <https://www.americanancestors.org/databases/middlesex-county-ma-probate-file-papers-1648-1871/image?volumelid=14461&pageName=4269:1&rid=38204435>.

<sup>14</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>15</sup>Clements, *op. cit.*, p. 30.

<sup>16</sup>Town of Lincoln, MA, *An Account of the Celebration by the Town of Lincoln, Mass<sup>ts</sup> April 23rd, 1904, of the 150th Anniversary of its Incorporation, 1704-1904*, Lincoln, Mass<sup>ts</sup>, Printed for the Town, 1905, p. 34.

<sup>17</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 34.

<sup>18</sup>Hudson, Charles, *Bi-centenary Edition History of the Town of Lexington Massachusetts in Two Volumes*, Volume II, *Genealogy*, Lexington Historical Society, Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin Company, The Riverside Press, 1913, p. 100; Vital Records of Lexington, MA, *op. cit.*

<sup>19</sup>Hudson, *Genealogies*, *op. cit.*, p. 100.

<sup>20</sup>Kehoe, Vincent J.R., "We Were There April 19, 1775 The American Rebels," Self-Published, January 1, 1975, Part Six, "The American Accounts," p. 87.

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