

## NOTES TO CHART I

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The earlier pages and Chart I have touched the salient points of Chickering history prior to the settlement of Nathaniel (No. 64) in Dedham, Mass., about 1635. He first located in that part of the town called "Dedham Island," on what was later known as the Fuller place. In 1694 he removed to that section of Dedham which is now Dover, having acquired a tract of one thousand acres which extended from Clay Brook Road southward, including the Powisset Farm, and eastward as far as the Blake Place. He built a house on the site of the well known Chickering Homestead, and this was taken down in 1767 and replaced by a new one which was remodeled in 1867 and is now standing.

He had lands and a homestead at Dedham and upland at "Natick Brook," as well as property at Powcasset Plain, Wrentham and elsewhere. His first wife was Mary Judson, daughter of Samuel, an early settler of Dedham, son of Michael Judson of Bradfordale, Yorkshire, England. Mary died soon without children, and he married second, December 3, 1674 Lydia Fisher, of whom some items of interest will be found in Notes to Chart VII.

Nathaniel died suddenly, soon after his house was built, and he never occupied it with his family; but his widow and children lived there with the exception of John, who remained in Dedham. The Chickering lot is one of the oldest in the Dover cemetery, and the names of the early members of this family can still be traced on the rude stones which mark their burial places.

**Deacon Nathaniel Chickering** (No. 32) was a lifelong resident of Dedham and in his will dated January 6, 1746-7 he names, "grandson Nathaniel Chickering, son to my eldest son, Nathaniel, late of Wrentham, deceased." Before the organization of the church in Dover the Chickering family worshipped in South Natick, and Nathaniel was a deacon in this church.

**John Chickering** (No. 16) lived an uneventful life at Dedham, and died there between August 9, 1773, the date of his will, and June 10, 1774, when it was proved. He marched from Dover at the Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775. His only child by his second wife, Elizabeth Gay, was Abner (No. 8) who is erroneously stated in the History of Mason, N. H., to have been the son of John Chickering of Charlestown (son of Henry of Dedham).

**Capt. Abner Chickering** (No. 8) was born at Dedham, Mass., October 5, 1766, and removed thence with his mother to Holden, Mass., in 1775, his father having died the previous year. May 14, 1775, his mother married for her second husband at Holden, Mass., Deacon David Fiske. Capt. Abner removed to Mason, N. H., about 1788, and carried on his business of blacksmith at the village and at the center, and was prominent in the affairs of the town.