



## Biography of Nathan Chapman III b. 1703 d. 1804

NATHAN<sup>4</sup> CHAPMAN III, (NATHANIEL<sup>3</sup>, NATHANIEL<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1703 in Ipswich Massachusetts, and died April 2, 1804. He married MIRIAM YOUNG November 27, 1735 in York, Massachusetts (Maine).

ON Jun 23, 1725, Nathaniel Chapman III and several other troopers from Ipswich were dispatched to assist in repelling the Indians from the County of York. ("History of Ipswich, Essex and Hamilton.") Nathaniel was an expert home builder and was convinced by his half brother Anthony to come to Nobleboro, Maine, in 1754, \*now Damariscotta) to build a house for him and other Chapman's. Nathaniel III came in 1754 and had a grant of what is now the business district of Damariscotta. Anthony's grant was 600 acres in what was in the Back Meadow section of NObleboro. It could be said that Nathiel was sort of the father of the present village of Damariscotta. Soon after this early settlement. Nathaniel's own brother, Nathan came. Nathan took up land south of Anthony at Back Meadow. Upon his death the land passed to his heirs.

Nathaniel Chap,an built one of his houses in Damariscotta in 1754, and in 1970 the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Chapman\_Hall House. "It is admired and remembered as the house which Nathaniel Chapman, one of the family of original settlers built for his home, the first ever built in Damariscotta." (Lincoln County News, July 8, 1948) It is now owned and maintained by the Chapman-Hall House Preservation Society in Damariscotta, Maine. In 1835, Tilden Hall came to Damariscotta from Waldoboro, Maine, and purchased the house. It then became known as the Hall House and was occupied by his daughter until her death in 1907. Mr. And Mrs. Woodbuty Dodge purchased the house. The Society acquired the house in 1960.

"One of Damariscotta's three oldest homes is moved to an island. A Washington state couple bought one of the Nathaniel Chapman house's from the Robert Clark family and moved and resurrected it over the past year on Rackliffe Island in Spruce Head, near Rockland. It was taken apart and reassembled at the new location. The house has interior fireplaces, wide board floors and paneling and a hiding place in the cellar in case of Indian attack. The contractor said the home was built so strong that it can be moved and reassembled after all these years - which could not be done in this day and age with the new homes that are being built today." Portland Press Herald, Friday, September 15, 2000.