

HISTORY, Genealogical and Biographical, OF THE EATON FAMILIES

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(Contains coats of Arms of Richard, George B. and John H. Eaton)

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Tradition says the Eatons were Britons. Caesar invaded first in 55 B. C. At the second invasions Caesar captured Stockade near modern St. Albans, where the Eaton family records are found. The English history of the Eaton Families is traced from Blanqui Thane of Locharbar, A. D. 1000. His son, Fleance married Genta, princess of North Wales and the family comes down directly to William Eaton who m. Jane Hussey and d. before 1584, leaving sons John, Nicholas and Peter. John Eaton, of Dover, son of Nicholas, emigrated to America in 1635; William, of Staple, son of Peter, emigrated in 1637; John, emigrated with his wife Anne and six children before 1640; Theophilus, son of Richard, emigrated in 1637. There was, however, an earlier emigration in 1620 on the Mayflower and to Massachusetts, by Francis Eaton, a carpenter from Bristol, who was among the signers of the compact.

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- #1. William Eaton, with wife, Martha Jenkins, and 3 ch. and one "servante" embarked for New England before 6-9-1637 in the Hercules & Sandwich. Settled in Watertown, Mass. where he was proprietor in 1642; then to Reading; freeman 1653; d. 1658 at 54 He was from Staple, County Kent, England.

The name of Eaton is of Welsh and Saxon origin, a place name meaning hill or town near the water.

The English ancestry has been traced as follows: (1) Banqui Thane of Lochabar, A. D. 1000; (2) Fleance s of Banqui, m. Gaenta, Princess of North Wales; (3) Alan Fitz Flaald, m. Amiera; (4) William Fitz Alan, m. Isabel de Say; (5) Robert de Eaton, m. (6) Peter de Eaton, m; (7) Sir Peter de Eaton, m. Alice; (8) William Eaton, m. Matilda; (9) Sir Peter de Eaton, m. Margary; (10) Peter de Eaton, m. ; (11) John Eaton, m. ; (12) Robert de Eaton m. Peter de Eaton (Eytch) m. (13) Humphrey Eaton, m.; (14) Georgius Eaton, m. ; (15) Sir Nicholas Eaton, m. Katherine Talbot; (16) Louis (Lewis) Eaton, m. Anna Savage; (17) Henry Eaton, m. Jane Cressett; (18) William Eaton, m. ; (19) William Eaton, m. Jane Hussey Hussey, d. before 1584.

(20th generation) John Eaton, s. of William Eaton, ancestor of the Welsh branch which settled in Pennsylvania; Peter Eaton, s. of William Eaton, m. Elizabeth Patterson; Nicholas Eaton, s. of William Eaton, m. (1) Kathern Masters; (2) Mrs. John Gibbs.

(21st generation) William Eaton, of Staple, son of Peter Eaton, b. 1604; emigrated 1637. (See above)

Ch. of William Eaton:

- #2 William, b. in England; settled in Tolland, Conn.
#3 John, m. Elizabeth Kendall
#4 Daniel, b. 1-1-1636; m. (1) Mery.... (2) Abigail Herbert.
#5 Jonas, m. Grace....
#6 Martha, m. (1) Richard Oldham, of Cambridge; (2) Thomas Brown; (3) Francis Moore.

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Ch. of #5 (Jonas) who m. Grace.... He was son of William of Staple and lived on the NW part of Cowdrey's Hill. Freeman in 1653, Selectman; prop. 1647; town officer & mbr. of first church. d. 2-25-1673, will proved 7-2-1674; Widow m. (2nd) 11-18-1680, Henry Sissbee.

#31 Mary, b. 1643, d. 1732, unm. aged 90.

#32 John, b. 1645, d. 1691 in Dorcas Green.

#33 Jonas, b. 1651, m. Hannah Mason

#34 Joseph b. 1651, m. Mary Pearson of Lynfield.

#35 Joshua, b. 1653, d. 1717 m. Rebecca Kend 11 & 2nd Ruth....

#36 Jonathan, b. 1655, d. 1743 m. (1) Eliz. Burnap; (2) Mary...

#37 David, b. 1657; d. 1657

#38 Sarah m. Joseph Dodge, 1671

#39 James

#32, John Eaton, b. 1645, d. 1691 in Dorcas Green, son of #5, b. 9-10-1645 m. 11-26-1674, lived at Cowdrey's Hill, d. 5-24, 1691 and widow m. Bryant. Estate settled 1790.

Ch:

#69 Jonas, b. 1677, d. 1677.

#70 Grace, b. 1678, m. 1695 John Bentwell

#71 Noah, b. 1678, twin.

#72, Thomas, b. 1679

#73, Jonas, b. 5-18-1680; rem. to Framingham and m. Mehitable Gould.

#74, Joseph, b. 1681; d. 1681

#75 Benjamin, b. 1683

#76 (perhaps Joseph again)

#77 Dorcas, b. 1688

#78 Sephen, b. 1689

#79 Phebe, b. 1690; m. 1716 Jonathan Nicholas.

#80, Mary, b. 1691

#73, Jonas, b. 5-18-1680, carpenter & bricklayer. Selectman 1717; 5-10-1705 bought of George Walkup half of the "Half-mile Square" & built where is now the old Eaton House, near Sudbury bounds. He m. 1705 Mehitable, dau of John Gould & d. 8-13-1727. Widown m. Nathan Brigham of Marlborough and lived in Athol. Children:

#131, Mehitable, b. 2-12-1706; m. John Trowbridge

132 (Cornet) Noah, b. 7-22-1708; m. (1) Hannah Vinton; m. (2) Huldah Haynes.

133 Deacon John b. Sept. 28, 1710. m. (1) Rachel Wright; (2) Mary Brooks; settled in Killingly, Ct. before 1735.

134 Phebe, b. 10-23-1714.

135 Corp. Jonas) m. Mary Emerson.

136 Joseph b. 3-12-1716; m....and settled in Plainfield, Ct.

137 Mary

138 Joshua b. 7-1-1721; settled in Voluntown, Ct.

139 Benjamin, b. 10-9-1723; m. Beulah Stone

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#139 Benjamin Eaton, Cordwainer, son of #73, b. Oct. 9, 1723; m. Beulah Stone, 12-23-1747, resided on the present Ebenezer Eaton place in Framingham. Children:

#251 Jonas, b. 1748; m. Abigail Allen and resided at Barre.

#252 ~~Benjamin, b. 1750; m. Mary Stone and resided at Barre.~~

- #252 Ebenezer, b. 1750; m. Rebecca Stone, and d. at Framingham.
- 253 Beulah, b. 1752; m. Nathan Boynton.
- 254 Benjamin, b. 7-27-1754; m. Mary Stacy.
- 255 Anna, b. 1757; m. Brigham Eaton () of Petersham; fifer (Muster Roll of Minute Men 1775) History of Framingham.

#252 Ebenezer Eaton, son of #139, b. 5-12-1750, m. Rebecca Stone 5-2-1788, dau of Samuel Stone, Tavern keeper at Eli Bullard's place, e. of Warren's bridge, 1779-81. Early in 1781 went to father's farm. Rebecca d. 3-25-1825. He took prominent part in Rev. war and d. 3-25-1842.

Ch:

- #396 Ebenezer, b.....m. Amy Walker; m. (2) Sally Spofford.
- 397 Nancy, b. 1779; m. Rev. Joseph Emerson, and d. 1804.
- 398 Betsey, b. 1781; d. unkm 1862
- 399 William, b. 8-18-1783; ord. Muster at Fitchburg 1815.
- 400 Rebecca b. 7-25-1785; d. unkm 1857.
- 401 Susannah, b. 1787; d. unkm 1882.
- 402 Sally, b. 8-1793; m. 1818, Dea. Samuel Witt, Jr. son of Samuel & Lucy (Adams) Witt, of Acton. He rem. to Shrewsbury and was Deacon there, and changed name to DeWitte..

Note: This book contains the Family of #1 William Eaton down and through the 10th generation to #752, Lelia Eaton, b. 1884. It also contains the descendents of Francis Eaton, of Plymouth and the Mayflower; of John Eaton of Dover, England, who came to America in 1635; of the Nova Scotia Branch of Eatons from Salisbury and Haverhill and in Salisbury, Mass. as early as 1640.; of Richard Eaton, Vicar of Great Budworth, Cheshire, Eng; of Thomas Eaton of Monmouth, N. J., who came from Goodhurst, Kent Co., England and came to America before 1670; of the Eatons of Radnorshire, Wales, who emigrated to Delaware and Pa. 1683-85. from 1683 to 1685.; of the Irish Branch, headed by John Eaton, son of John of England,, and who settled in Chester Co., Pa. in the middle 1700s.

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- #396 Ebenezer Eaton, b. 1789, m. (1) Amy Walker, 11-28-1816 and lived in Framingham, Mass. She was dau. Comfort Walker of Medway and d. 1818, aged 27. m. (2) Sally Chadwick Spofford, dau Moses Spafford & Hannah Kimball. (Moses #176 of Spofford lineage) of Georgetown and d. 11-26-1868. Issue:
- #560 Edward , b. 11-29-1817 married Sarah Harding. Lived with grandfather Walker & inherited estate. Was selectman & represented city in State Legislature 1873. No children.
- #561 Samuel W. b. 12-25-1820, m. Catherine Demarest (who d. 1904) of Napanock, N. Y. Samuel d. 2-9-1905.
- #562 Sereno D. b. 1-28-1823. m. (1) Catherine Brown of Boston. m. (2) Gertrude Williams of Burlington, Iowa.
- #563 Susan Rebecca, b. 11-30-1824.
- #564 Elizabeth, b. 5-31-1827. m. Rev. Jesse Guernsey.
- #565 Sarah Georgæanna, b. 11-17-1829. m. John M. Otis of Lancaster, Wis.
- #566 Ann Marie, b. 7-14-1832.
- #567 Harriet B. b. 2-2-1835, / Rev. James S. Gilbert.

(See SPOFFORD genealogy. Apparently, John Otis was fa. of Wm.E. Otis, whose dau was Mrs. Charles Vance, Tustin; whose dau. was Mrs. Bill Gray, Tustin; whose son is Robert Gray, Tustin) 1972

Line of Descent: #1, #5⁴, #32², #73⁵, #139¹, #252², #396¹, #565⁶