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Dover, England is the early home of the Eatons. The earliest known ancestor was William Eaton, of Dover, who died about 1584 (married to Abigail Damon).

John and Anne Eaton came to New England some time before 1639 with their six children. Records of Salisbury, Mass. (once Colchester) have several mentions of his name in connection with real estate and town civic affairs. In November 1646 John deeded his farm (later known as "Brookside Farm") to his oldest son and moved with the five other children to Haverhill, Mass. He died in 1668.

Thomas, born 1631, probably in England, moved from Salisbury to Haverhill with his father (John). He married Martha Kent August 14, 1655. She died March 9, 1657, leaving baby daughter. On January 6, 1659 he married Eunice Singletery. They had ten children. He died October 5, 1715.

Jonathan Eaton, born Haverhill April 23, 1668 and married Sarah Sanders March 17, 1695. She died April 23, 1698, leaving one son, James. Married second time to Ruth Page, January 23, 1699. Six children in all. He died January 20, 1723.

James Eaton, born Haverhill March 9, 1697. He married Rachel Ayer June 13, 1728 and had nine children. Died March 18, 1773.

Captain Timothy Eaton, born Haverhill July 31, 1731. Married Abigail Massey "before 1756". She died and he married Mrs. Mary Coburn, November 28, 1797. He had twelve children by his first marriage. Died October 14, 1811.

Dr. Daniel Eaton, born Haverhill April 18, 1769, went to Nova Scotia in 1790 to visit his uncle David Eaton (ancestor of Cornwallis Eaton families) and settled at Onslow, Nova Scotia. He married a widow, Mrs. Esther McLellan Cater, in 1791 and had four children. He died in 1808. She was born in 1758 and died in 1863.

Colonel William Cater Eaton, born Onslow, N.S. October 9, 1792. He married Lucy Smith on September 27, 1820 and had ten children. Died April 16, 1871.

Robert Barrie Eaton, born July 17, 1826, married Abbie Smith December 20, 1849 and had nine children. He died December 7, 1917.

Catherine Dill Eaton, born Maitland, N.S. April 16, 1862, married Clarence John Drillio June 26, 1894 and had four daughters. She died March 31, 1941.

David R. Eaton born August 3, 1866 married Eva Douglas August 6, 1892, died October 22, 1954. Two children, Helen Maitland Eaton and Ralph Douglas Eaton.

John Eaton, a manufacturer of stones, is recorded in Salisbury, Mass. as early as 1639; in 1646 he became a resident of Haverhill, Mass.

The Eaton family traces ancestry back to Benque Thene of Lochbar in the year 1000.

Dr. Wentworth Eaton has just issued from the press a volume on the Eaton Family in Nova Scotia. As a specimen of the printer's art, it is a standard work, while from a literary standpoint, it exhibits that patient industry, attention to details and literary skill that mark all of Dr. Eaton's historical works - such as that monumental work, the History of Kings County, the Church of England in Nova Scotia, Chapters on the History of Halifax, the famous Mather Byles, etc. etc., which have placed him in the forefront of Canadian historians. He deals briefly with the Eaton families of England and New England, then with John Eaton, of Wiltshire, England, who immigrated to Salisbury, at the mouth of the Merrimac River, Mass., in 1640, bringing with him his wife Anne and two sons and five daughters. He obtained there a grant of 6 acres which he later transferred to his son John and removed to Haverhill where he lived until his death in 1668. The lot remained in the family until 1890. His youngest daughter, who died young, was the only one that remained unmarried.

The founder of the Nova Scotia branch was David Eaton, fifth in line from the original John, his ancestors in line being John, Thomas, Jonathan and James.

David was born at Haverhill in 1729. In 1751 he married Deborah White of Tolland, Connecticut. In 1761, he left New London with his family and settled in Cornwallis. In May, 1790, his wife died and in the following December he married Mrs. Alice (English) Willoughby, widow of Dr. Willoughby, whose name is mentioned in connection with the first immigrants from New England after the expulsion of the French. David died in 1803, and he and his wife Deborah are buried near Chipman's Corner. He was a Congregationalist. He left a numerous family - seven sons and four daughters. A nephew of his, Dr. Daniel Eaton, came from Haverhill and settled at Onslow, where he married in 1791, a widow, Mrs. Esther Cater. Their descendants are closely identified with the history of Colchester. James Killer Eaton, Civil Engineer, of the eighth generation had three sons, who distinguished themselves in the wars of the Empire, namely Lt. Col. Vernon Eaton, who died of wounds in France on April 11th, 1917. A daughter of his was married in 1922 to Sir John Dashwood, of West Wycombe, England. His second daughter has a reputation as a writer. A second son is Lt. Col. Barry Eaton, M.P.P., Alberta. He was twice wounded and wears several medals for his public services.

The third is Lt. Col. Edwin K. Eaton, who also had an adventurous military career and as the result has been awarded several medals. Three outstanding descendants of the original David are Cyrus Stephen Eaton, born at Pugwash, now a resident in Cleveland, Ohio, one of the giant financiers of United States; Dr. Charles Aubrey Eaton, a member of Congress and an orator of international fame and Hon. Wm. Robb Eaton, of Denver, also a member of Congress. These can be claimed at Nova Scotians, in whom our people at large manifest a pride.

It is of interest to know that the homestead of the original David Eaton is owned by his descendant Charles Eaton. He is the largest farm operator in Kings County and probably in Nova Scotia.

The Eatons of Kings County are farmers, mechanics, school masters, preachers, grocers, doctors, dentists - anything for work. Their family heritage is a love for work and their family motto ought to be "laborum dulce lenimen." No member has adored a seat in the red chamber of Ottawa, or a bench in the county jail; none have aspired either to that arena of patriots, the Legislative Assembly at Halifax, now passed, or the County Home for the indigent. They are nearly all prohibitionists and they form an element good for prosperity, public welfare, law and order.

Mr. Eaton turns out more beef, cattle, hogs, sheep, potatoes, grain and perhaps apples, than any other farmer in the Maritime Provinces.

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January 6, 1966

Mr. J. Speed Gray  
Assistant Vice President  
Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co.  
Terminal Tower  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Speed:

As per our telephone conversation,  
enclosed please find four (4) copies of "Eaton  
Family Tree."

This information was compiled by my  
daughter through an Aunt of mine in Boston, Massa-  
chusetts.

Mr. Cyrus Eaton said he would enjoy  
reading same.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

  
Ralph D. Eaton