

Miss Margaret King, daughter of George and Catherine Rayworth King, Port Philip, Cumberland Co., N.S. was the teacher whom Mr. Cyrus Eaton honoured by calling his model school at Pugwash Junction THE MARGARET KING SCHOOL (1930-1960).

At Miss King's death December 10, 1944, Mr. Eaton sent his condolence to the late Miss King's niece, Mrs. Carl (Kathryn King) Fraser, Oxford, N. S.

I AM DEEPLY GRIEVED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF MY DEARLY BELOVED OLD TEACHER. MARGARET KING WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER NOBILITY OF CHARACTER AND CULTIVATION OF MIND. SHE WAS THE VERY MODEL OF THOSE WONDERFULLY ABLE, CONSCIENTIOUS AND SELF-FORGETTING WOMEN OF WHOM NOVA SCOTIA SUPPLIES SO MANY TO THE TEACHING PROFESSION IN THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS CANADA, AND WHO MAKE NOVA SCOTIANS DISTINGUISHED FOR INTELLECTUAL EXCELLENCE.

CYRUS EATON, CLEVELAND, OHIO, U. S. A.

*(Grateful thanks to Mr. Willard Wood, Oxford, N. S. for the loan of this telegram which he has preserved in mint condition.)*

As mentioned elsewhere, but it will bear repeating, the late Miss King was Mr. Cyrus Eaton's only teacher for the eight years he attended the one-room school at Doherty Creek (Pugwash Junction) before attending Amherst Academy and MacMasters University, Toronto. It was, apparently, owing to this pleasant association that "a lasting friendship was forged and a life-long memory was made" to the end that when Mr. Eaton sought a name for his prestigious school at Pugwash Junction, he unhesitatingly, awarded the honour to his highly esteemed teacher, Miss Margaret King, Port Philip, Cumb. Co., N. S.

Miss Margaret King (1856-1944) was born at Port Philip, Cumberland Co., N. S. She was the daughter of George King (1822 - 1889) and Catherine Rayworth King (1822 - 1915).

Miss Margaret King taught school at Cape Tormentine, N. B., for the summer months when she was seventeen years old. She then attended the provincial Normal College, Truro, N. S. She is reported to have been teaching outside Truro in 1887. Then in 1889, she is recorded as having come to Doherty Creek to teach. She remained here for many years. Research shows that she was Cyrus Eaton's beloved teacher for the eight years that he attended the country school before going to Amherst Academy and thence to MacMasters College, Toronto.

Thanks to George Gillis, Pugwash Junction, a photocopy of an 1892 Doherty Creek school register of Miss Margaret King as teacher, records the names of forty-two pupils. Cyrus Stephen Eaton was nine years old then. (Forty-two pupils in one small classroom, and one teacher teaching all grades, all subjects! It is little wonder that Mr. Eaton dreamed of a model school!)

This priceless register shows that the school was open during the summer months. History is said to repeat itself. Might the present generation see the return of their small community schools and classes in summer? This is food for thought!

Mary Jane MARGARET KING (1856 - 1944) - School teacher. She taught in N. B. and N. S. Research revealed the interesting fact that she was Mr. Cyrus Eaton's teacher for the 8 years he attended the one-room school at Doherty Creek.