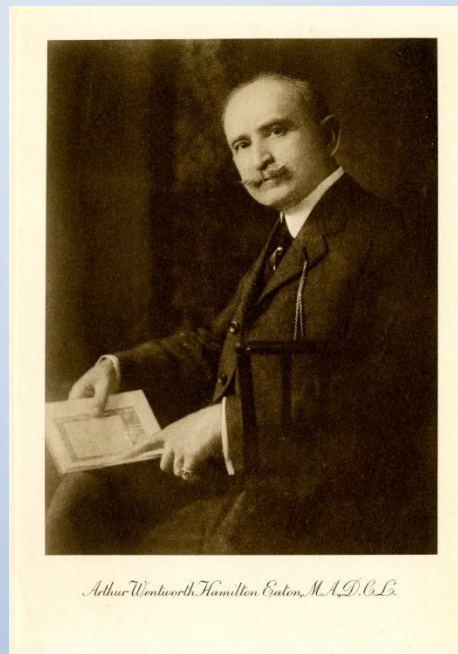


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**ARTHUR WENTWORTH HAMILTON EATON  
COLLECTION**

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**Arthur Wentworth Hamilton Eaton collection. – [textual records, cartographic material.]. – 1761-1922. – 22cm of textual records. – 3 maps**

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**1. Land transactions, legal and financial documents. – 1761-1848. – 102 folders of textual records and cartographic material**

Series contains deeds, mortgages, leases, agreements, and maps for land in the Township of Horton. Series also contains court documents and contracts for individuals in the Township of Horton. Many of these documents may have been collected as part of the preparations for the publication "History of Kings County Nova Scotia".

**Note:**

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File list included

Many of the documents pertain to prominent individuals (i.e., Charles Dickson, Cyrus Peck, Jonathan Crane, and others) in Horton and the surrounding communities. To facilitate easier searching, the file list is categorized by name

**File List**

**Relating to Charles Dickson**

- 1900.011-EAT/1 [deed](#), John Allen to Charles Dickson (1769)
- 1900.011-EAT/3 [deed of exchange](#), Charles Dickson to James Anderson (1765)
- 1900.011-EAT/4 agreement, James Anderson to H. Gray via Charles Dickson, concerning land on Salmon River/Gaspereau River (1768)
- 1900.011-EAT/5 [release](#), John Avery to Charles Dickson (1776)
- 1900.011-EAT/6 deed, William Coaldwell to Charles Dickson (1770)
- 1900.011-EAT/7 [deed](#), Elijah Bent to Charles Dickson (1765)
- 1900.011-EAT/11 [deed](#), Jacob Burnham to Charles Dickson (1769)
- 1900.011-EAT/12 Sheriff's deed William Carr to Charles Dickson (1774)
- 1900.011-EAT/13 [deed](#), Eleazar Chappel to Charles Dickson (1773)
- 1900.011-EAT/14 [deed](#), Joseph Gray to Charles Dickson (1776)
- 1900.011-EAT/16 [deed](#), William Cooley to Charles Dickson (1765)
- 1900.011-EAT/17 deed of exchange, Charles Dickson and Samuel Copp (1765)
- 1900.011-EAT/18 [deed](#), William Dickson to Charles Dickson (1771)
- 1900.011-EAT/20 [lease](#), Sam Griffing to Charles Dickson (1763)
- 1900.011-EAT/26 deed, Jonathan Darrow to Charles Dickson (1772)
- 1900.011-EAT/27 deed, Jason Davison to Charles Dickson (1772)
- 1900.011-EAT/28 deed, Andrew Denison to Charles Dickson (1765)
- 1900.011-EAT/29 [deed](#), Charles Dickson to George Deschamps (1776)
- 1900.011-EAT/31 [deed](#), Abraham Harding to Charles Dickson (1769)
- 1900.011-EAT/33 Alex Hay to Charles Dickson (1763)

- 1900.011-EAT/34 [deed](#), Arter Scovill to Charles Dickson (1764)
- 1900.011-EAT/35 Charles Dickson and Benjamin Woodworth (1761)
- 1900.011-EAT/36 deed of exchange, Charles Dickson and James and William Wall (1763)
- 1900.011-EAT/37 Charles Dickson and Daniel Dodge (1762). Item is a fragment
- 1900.011-EAT/38 [deed](#), Christopher Prince to Charles Dickson (1769)
- 1900.011-EAT/40 [exchange agreement](#), Charles Dickson and Jonathan Woodbury (1768)
- 1900.011-EAT/41 [deed](#), Cornelius Rich to Charles Dickson (1779)
- 1900.011-EAT/43 exchange agreement, Charles Dickson and Gilbert Harris (1765)
- 1900.011-EAT/44 deed, Charles Dickson (1777). Item is a fragment
- 1900.011-EAT/45 [deed](#), Gilbert Harris to Charles Dickson (1766)
- 1900.011-EAT/46 deed of exchange, Charles Dickson to Gamaliel Hunt (1767)
- 1900.011-EAT/47 article of agreement, James Fosson [sp?] to Charles Dickson (1768)
- 1900.011-EAT/49 Joseph Hacket Jr. to Charles Dickson (1767)
- 1900.011-EAT/50 deed of exchange, Charles Dickson and Brotherton Martin (1765)
- 1900.011-EAT/51 deed, Michael Mitchel to Charles Dickson (1761)
- 1900.011-EAT/52 Patrick Murray to Charles Dickson (1768)
- 1900.011-EAT/53 deed, Samuel Copp to Charles Dickson (1769)
- 1900.011-EAT/54 [deed](#), Charles Dickson to William Smith (1771)
- 1900.011-EAT/55 deed, Stephen Emerson to Charles Dickson (1768)
- 1900.011-EAT/56 deed, Stephen Ranson to Charles Dickson (1762)
- 1900.011-EAT/57 exchange, James and William Wall and Charles Dickson (1763)
- 1900.011-EAT/58 [deed of exchange](#), William Welch and Charles Dickson (1763)
- 1900.011-EAT/59 [deed of exchange](#), Charles Dickson and John Whitney (1770)
- 1900.011-EAT/60 Sheriff's deed, William Carr to Charles Dickson (1774)
- 1900.011-EAT/61 deed of exchange, William Dickson to Charles Dickson (1764)
- 1900.011-EAT/62 [deed](#), William Foy to Charles Dickson (1769)
- 1900.011-EAT/64 deed, Charles Morris to Charles Dickson (1775)
- 1900.011-EAT/66 deed, Stephen Emerson to Charles Dickson (1769). Item is a fragment
- 1900.011-EAT/73 [deed](#), Jed Williams to Charles Dickson (1774)
- 1900.011-EAT/74 deed, Joseph Gray to Charles Dickson (1774)
- 1900.011-EAT/75 deed, John Lockhart to Charles Dickson (1778)

1900.011-EAT/77 lease, Gilbert Harris to Charles Dickson (1762)  
1900.011-EAT/78 [deed](#), Brotherton Martin to Charles Dickson (1770)  
1900.011-EAT/79 Brotherton Martin to Charles Dickson (1771). Item is a fragment  
1900.011-EAT/89 deed, Charles Dickson to Elijah Bent and Oliver Prentice (1771)  
1900.011-EAT/92 deed, Jonathan Woodbury and Charles Dickson (1769)  
1900.011-EAT/91 lease, John Turner to Charles Dickson (1762)  
1900.011-EAT/96 [declaration](#) (1764) Charles Dickson against Elisha Lothrop. Kings Co., NS.  
Inferior Court of Common pleas

### **Relating to Cyrus Peck**

1900.011-EAT/2 [deed](#), John Allen to Cyrus Peck (1771)  
1900.011-EAT/15 deed, Ezekiel Coomstock to Cyrus Peck (1783)  
1900.011-EAT/24 [assignment of mortgage](#), Pelatiah Marsh and wife to Cyrus Peck (1788)  
1900.011-EAT/65 [deed](#), Cyrus and Mary Peck to Lee English (1807)  
1900.011-EAT/76 deed, Pelatiah Marsh and wife to Cyrus Peck (1788)  
1900.011-EAT/83 [deed](#), Cyrus Peck to Alpheus Palmer (1792)  
1900.011-EAT/84 deed, Benjamin Peck to Cyrus Peck (1772)  
1900.011-EAT/85 deed of sale, Benjamin Peck to Cyrus Peck (1808)  
1900.011-EAT/86 [deed of sale](#), John Taggart to Cyrus Peck (1769)  
1900.011-EAT/87 deed, John Turner to Cyrus Peck (1798)  
1900.011-EAT/88 [deed](#), Cyrus Peck to Peter Runyon (1793)  
1900.011-EAT/99 [estate](#) (1814) of the late Cyrus Peck in accounts current with Lydia Peck  
1900.011-EAT/80 deed of conveyance, Lydia Peck to William C. Moore (1815)  
1900.011-EAT/81 deed, William Charles More to Lydia Peck [1815?]  
1900.011-EAT/101 [plan](#) (1818) of land drafted by Benjamin Peck showing that portion belonging to Mrs. Lydia Peck, widow of Cyrus Peck  
1900.011-EAT/102 plan (1808) entitled "Mr. Siras Peck's plan of dyke land"

### **Relating to Jonathan Crane**

1900.011-EAT/9 [deed](#), Charles and Abiel Brown to Jonathan Crane (1813) part A  
1900.011-EAT/10 deed, Charles and Abiel Brown to Jonathan Crane (1813) part B

- 1900.011-EAT/19 [deed](#), Daniel Dickson to Jonathan Crane (1779)  
1900.011-EAT/21 [deed](#), Jabez Huntley to Jonathan Crane (1769)  
1900.011-EAT/22 [deed](#), Thomas Lee to Jonathan Crane (1788)  
1900.011-EAT/23 [deed](#), William Dickson to Jonathan Crane and James N. Shannon (1790)  
1900.011-EAT/25 deed, Ichabod Darrow to Jonathan Crane (1803). Item is a fragment  
1900.011-EAT/32 Jonathan Crane (1786). Item is a fragment  
1900.011-EAT/69 deed, Cyprian Fitch to Jonathan Crane (1795)  
1900.011-EAT/95 [power of attorney](#) (1800) granted by Daniel Dickson to Jonathan Crane

### **Relating to Isaac Bonnett**

- 1900.011-EAT/8 grant, Frederick Farrow, Isaac and David Bonnett to land in the town of Annapolis (1791)  
1900.011-EAT/105 [bill](#) (1804) between Jane Dickson, William Prince, and Isaac Bonnett of Annapolis County for the late Robert Dickson to William Robertson of Annapolis County for the sale of a slave girl named Percilla who was eight years old. Included is an envelope entitled "Bill of Sale of the Last Slave Sold in Nova Scotia"

### **Relating to Thomas White**

- 1900.011-EAT/30 mortgage, Edward DeWolfe and Thomas White (1779). Item is a fragment  
1900.011-EAT/90 John Dickson to Thomas White (1771)

### **Relating to James N. Crane**

- 1900.011-EAT/67 deed, William Fanning to James N. Crane (1848)  
1900.011-EAT/68 [deed](#), William Fanning to James N. Crane (1830)

### **Relating to others**

- 1900.011-EAT/42 Sherriff's deed, Ephrim Graves (1774)  
1900.011-EAT/48 Daniel Dickson to Oliver Prentice (1796). Item is a fragment  
1900.011-EAT/63 [deed](#), William Dickson to Joseph Fairbanks (1765)  
1900.011-EAT/70 [copy of deed](#), Marshal Hackley to Cyprian Fitch (1780)  
1900.011-EAT/71 Simon Fitch to Amasa Harris (1832)  
1900.011-EAT/72 lease, John and George Creighton to Thomas Godfrey (1827)

1900.011-EAT/82 deed, Charles Morris to Silas Woodworth (1782)

1900.011-EAT/93 [Supreme Court at Horton](#) (1812) Handley Chipman vs. James D. Harris

1900.011-EAT/98 [contract](#) (1824) between William A. Chipman, James D. Harris and George Chipman; Commissioners Appointed to Contract for Sinking of a Well at or Near the Court House in Horton on the One Part and Benjamin Gould of the Other

1900.011-EAT/94 [lawsuit](#), William Cogswell vs. George Gibson (1804-1823) suit against Gibson for non-payments of debt

1900.011-EAT/97 [appraisement](#) (1831) of the Estate of the Late Otto Hamilton of Horton

1900.011-EAT/100 [survey and map](#) (1827) entitled "Map and delineation", being a survey of land lots possibly in Brookfield, done by William Furman [sp?]. Shown are roads leading to Nictaux and Caledonia. The "Portmidway River" is included

## 2. Personal papers and publications. – 1823-1922. – 10 folders of textual records

Series contains papers and publications gathered or created by A.W.H. Eaton. These documents reflect his personal life and interests.

### Note:

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File list included

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1900.011-EAT/103 manuscript [19--? ; typescript] entitled, "The Earl of Halifax". Included is an envelope with this title and indicates that this is "A Memoir by A. Martin Payne Esy"

1900.011-EAT/104 letters about property (1823, 1844, 1866), some attributed to Frederick W. Sprague, with newspaper clippings. Relationship of these items is unknown

1900.011-EAT/106 personal correspondence (1873, 1887, [1913?], 1917, 1920, 1922) includes notes about some of the letters

1900.011-EAT/107 manuscript (1898 ; typewcript) entitled "Ocean Terminal and Port Development, Halifax N.S." Accompanying envelope reads "Winter Port Essay / Mng Chronicle Competition / June 1898 / one of competing essays / not sure author"

1900.011-EAT/108 manuscript [1898? ; typescript] entitled "Halifax as a Canadian Winter Port" by A. Martin Payne. Accompanying note reads "Newspaper [?] and other Historical Notes / on Halifax, Nova Scotia, the property of / A. Martin Payne, Esq., the Court House, / Halifax. Loaned long ago to / Dr. A.W.H. Eaton"

1900.011-EAT/109 booklets (1893, 1894, 1904) entitled "The Cunard Passenger Log Book". All stamped "A.M.Payne"

1900.011-EAT/110 booklet (1904) entitled "Cunard Line". Stamped "A.M.Payne"

1900.011-EAT/111 booklet (1902) entitled "Illustrated Souvenir: The Cunard Steamship Co., Ltd." Stamped "A.M.Payne"

1900.011-EAT/112 booklet [19--?] entitled "Europe: By the Cunard Lines"

1900.011-EAT/113 scrapbook (1919) of newspaper clippings, correspondence, family records, and related

## Biographical History

Born in 1849 in Kentville, Nova Scotia, Arthur Wentworth Hamilton Eaton was the eldest son of William Eaton, a school inspector, and Anna Augusta Willoughby Hamilton. Eaton is a direct Planter descendent of John Eaton, an active participant in the building the Wellington Dyke, on which work started in 1815 and finished in 1883.

Eaton studied philosophy and fine arts at Harvard University. He graduated with the Harvard class of 1880, a class, he notes, that “contained unusually brilliant men”. In 1904, Dr. Eaton received an MA from Dalhousie University in Halifax. He went on to pursue studies at King's College in Windsor, where he received a Doctor of Civil Law.

Upon graduation from Harvard in 1880, Dr. Eaton moved to New York City, where he was ordained Deacon at the Protestant Episcopal Church. Dr. Eaton served a short term as the minister-in-charge of a new parish in Chestnut Hills, Massachusetts. In 1913, Dr. Eaton was named Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

By 1907, Dr. Eaton was already a prolific writer. In 1888, he published his book The Heart of the Creeds: Historical Religion in the Light of Modern Thought. Following this, Dr. Eaton had completed a book of verse, Acadian Legends and Lyrics. In November 24, 1910, Dr. Eaton published his next book, A History of Kings County, which records the county's earliest Acadian settlement, the expulsion of the Acadians from the county, and the families that were drawn to the land thereafter. His other publications include: The Church of England in Nova Scotia and the Tory Clergy of the Revolution, Chapters in the History of Halifax, The Lotus of the Nile and Other Poems, Acadian Ballads, The Famous Mather Byles, Poems of the Christian Year, and The Eaton Family of Nova Scotia (1929).

Dr. Eaton died in 1937. He is buried in Kentville, Nova Scotia.

## Custodial History

Unknown

## Scope and Content

The collection includes mostly original land transactions gathered by Eaton, likely to prepare for his book A History of Kings County, and personal papers. The collection consists of two series:

1. Land transactions, legal and financial documents (1761-1848)
2. Personal papers and publications (1823-1922)

### Notes

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See also "The Eaton Family of Nova Scotia" by A.W.H. Eaton [SPDEN CS90 .E3E3 1929] and especially page 155 for an autobiography

See also "History of Kings County Nova Scotia" by A.W.H. Eaton [SPCOLL FC2345 .K52E28 1910]

See also the Library's catalogue for many of Eaton's publications which are available in the Library

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Court records—Nova Scotia—Kings County

Land titles—Registration and transfer—Nova Scotia—Kings County

Planters—Nova Scotia—History—18<sup>th</sup> century

Planters—Nova Scotia—History—19<sup>th</sup> century—Correspondence