

ESTHER CLARK WRIGHT ARCHIVES

ACADIA UNIVERSITY

Ernest Lowden Eaton fonds
Accession 1986.013-EAT



Compiled by Wendy G. Robicheau

July 2009

Ernest Lowden Eaton fonds. – [textual records, graphic material, cartographic material, technical drawings]. – 1919-1984. – 4 records centre boxes

Table of Contents

(click on title to jump to that page)

1	Personal papers. – 1919-1984.	3
i)	Research, addresses, and manuscripts. – 1920-1984	3
ii)	Family history – Eaton. – 1919-1984.	7
iii)	Genealogical research – other. – 1936-1983.	9
iv)	Associations, organizations, and societies. – 1920-1984.	10
v)	General papers – 1924-1982.....	14
2	Education and work-life papers. – 1919-1984.	15
	Biographical Sketch.....	19
	Custodial History.....	20
	Scope and Content.....	21
	Notes.....	21
	Citation for this electronic finding aid:.....	22
	Access Points	23
	Appendix A – Ernest Lowden Eaton autobiography, written in 1976	24
	Appendix B - Publications removed from the fonds:.....	25
	Appendix C – Items known to have been donated to NSARM by E.L. Eaton.....	27

1 Personal papers. – 1919-1984. – 73 folders

Series contains a cross section of documents on personal matters and on topics in which Eaton was interested. This includes historical and horticultural research, addresses, manuscripts, Eaton family history, genealogical information for local families, agricultural research, information on associations, organizations, and societies in which Eaton had involvement, correspondence on a wide range of topics, insurance papers, pension papers, legal documents, and sentimental items

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

i) Research, addresses, and manuscripts. – 1920-1984. – 33 folders

Sub-series consist of research, speeches, radio addresses, notes, drafted articles, and related correspondence. Included are writings on a wide range of topics and interests such as dykes, marshes, seeds, fruits, historical sites and monuments, Loyalists, Cornwallis Township, local histories, Fundy Power Project, and orchards

Note: Supplied title based on contents of files

File list included below

1986.013-EAT/1 articles, photographs & public business (1933-1978) including manuscript entitled "Signs of the Times in 'Potato' Valley" about the evolution of Maritime farming practices and potato farming.

1986.013-EAT/2 articles, correspondence & misc. (1920-1968) includes information about an aboiteau at Habitant River, Saxby Gale, Blomidon Naturalists Society, "Poor day Fishing" story about a muskrat, farm fertility and chemical fertilizers, starlings report, blueberries (production, varieties, highbush, robins, and spread of muskrat damage to bogs and dykes), an article entitled "Departmental Highlights" re: highbush blueberries, information on highbush cranberry (ornamental native fruits), Apple Blossom Festival clippings, and a publication to the United Farmers Guide entitled "The purpose of the farm survey"

1986.013-EAT/22 addresses (1926-1981) includes related notes and correspondence. Scripts for addresses at speaking engagements and radio broadcasts include: A Historical Review of the N.S. Extension Service, Variation in Blueberry Plot Yields, Zonation of Agriculture, Blueberry Breeding in Canada, Economies in the Production of Registered Seed, Are Christian Missions in Orient Worth While?, Some Observations on Native Fruit Legislation, County and District Exhibition, A Farmer's Viewpoint, Bulls and Herd Improvement, The Alfalfa Project, More Legumes for the Maritimes, Economy of Production, The Root Crop in Nova Scotia, and Potato Improvement. Also included are: a letter outlining a history of French Canadians and a submission to the Board of Transport Commissioners

1986.013-EAT/23 addresses (1937-1967) includes related notes, articles, and correspondence. Addresses and manuscript articles include: Canard Fruit Company Closes with Flourish, speech to the Symposium on Prescribed Burning in Forestry, Agriculture and Wildlife Management, Blueberry and Cranberry Investigations and Problems in the Maritime Provinces, Nova Scotia's Wild Blueberries Get a New Look, Rooting Highbush Blueberry Cuttings under Lattice, Zonation of Agriculture, Blueberries as Money Makers, Our Greatest Native Fruit – the Blueberry, Recent Cranberry History in the Annapolis Valley,

- Swede Seed History in the Annapolis Valley, Retaining Improved Plant Material, Growth Substances, Cooperative Processing Enthusiast Visits Valley, Animal and Plant Breeding, New Fruits for the Housewife, The Origin and Work of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, More Cranberries for the Maritimes, Laurentian Purple Top Swede Seed, Winter Wheat and Winter Rye Gain In Popularity, Growing Swedes for Table Use, The Garden of the Gulf Grows Corn, Lupins – A Poor Land Legume, and the Connecting Link 1986.013-EAT/38 A, B, and C miscellaneous business (1941-1974) includes mixed correspondence between 1941 and 1951, and correspondence concerning agriculture, government, and Court of Probate in 1970
- 1986.013-EAT/39 manuscripts [19--?, 1966 ; typewritten] of "The Mill Story at Sheffield Mills" and "The Wilber [Wilbur] Ells Property" with related correspondence.
- 1986.013-EAT/40 manuscript (1961, 4 copies) of "The Sheffield Farm and Other Properties in Cornwallis Township" includes sketched maps as well as information on New England Planters, Upper Canard, Sheffield Farm, Westhaver Farm, Tupper Draughts, Colonel Jonathan Shearman, Benjamin LeComte Draught, Eaton and Burbridge/Burbidge Draughts, Parish Draught, assessment roll for Cornwallis in 1765, Cornwallis Township Grants in 1761, and Sheffield Mills
- 1986.013-EAT/41 manuscript and notes about the Loyalist expulsion [1983? ; typescript and handwritten]
- 1986.013-EAT/45 Bluenose Magazine (1978) includes manuscripts for an article for the magazine about the HMCS Protector and an essay about Tom Hooper
- 1986.013-EAT/46 B.C. Seeds Ltd. (1940-1977) includes correspondence with F.O. Blake in British Columbia
- 1986.013-EAT/48 cemetery (1944-1978) includes information about the Eaton Monument at Jawbone Corner with a description and invoices, correspondence relating to the Upper Canard Public Cemetery and Canard United Church, a map of Old Public Cemetery lots in 1948, and a deed with Alice O. Rand
- 1986.013-EAT/49 Christian Church in Cornwallis (1949-1981) includes manuscripts of "The Forgotten Christians of Cornwallis Township", genealogical correspondence, manuscript of the speech "The Church of Christ (Disciples) in Cornwallis", correspondence concerning the manuscripts, notes, and extracts from the diary of Rev. Edward Manning
- 1986.013-EAT/50 Church Valley Presbytery (1977-1984) includes a plan of the Township of Newport, an article on John Smith of Yarm, photographs of the Little White House at West Dalhousie in 1979, the Grand Council Treaty #9, and information about the Reed Paper Company in 1977
- 1986.013-EAT/57 family news items (1959-1976) includes a list of Eaton's publications, a history of "Laurentian" rutabaga, newspapers clippings entitled "Old Homes of Wingham" (includes detailed description of the houses of Donald McInnis, John Connell, Henry Davis, Daniel Cook, John Ritchie, Sextus Kent, Thomas L. Jobb, Presbyterian Manse, Sacred Heart Rectory, William A. Elliott, Richard Clegg, George Watt, and Thomas

Gregory), notes of the history of the Charlottetown Experimental Farm, and piping music for "The Sons of Upper Canard"

1986.013-EAT/60 Fundy Power (1971-1973) includes newspaper clippings concerning the Fundy Power Project and letter to the editor

1986.013-EAT/61 historical searches (1941-1973) includes photographs from Fruit Exhibit Atlantic Winter Fair in Halifax, W.S. Blair certificate, paper on Fruit Growers in Port Williams, excerpt from the diary of Rev. Edward Manning, correspondence concerning historical sources, photographs of Brook Watson house in 1968, genealogical record of Antigonish Whidden, history of Cape Cod Cottage under Heritage Trust, letter from Watson Kirkconnell, correspondence concerning Rev. Donald S. Gordon, invitation and newspaper clippings concerning the plaque commemorating Abraham Gesner at Chipman's Corner, various essays, essay and notes on the Cornwallis Church, correspondence concerning Margaret Delancey (missing person's case), essays on Robert Borden, history of dairy farming, CBC request for information on Robert Borden, photographs of Robert Borden, essay on Sir Brook Watson of Cornwallis, and photographs of the Henry Gesner house at Chipman's Corner in 1968

1986.013-EAT/62 historical search (1974-1979) includes copy of "Building a Dyke on the Grand Pre Marsh" image with criticisms by Eaton, correspondence concerning Phillip vanCortlandt, essay on Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association, essay on Gordon Gates, essay on Stuart V. Nichols, correspondence concerning Zeruah and Edward Bill, essay on Hennigar property in Kingsport, correspondence concerning branding irons, article entitled "Who was Jacob Walton?", essay entitled "Submarine/Submerged Forests" and related correspondence, newspaper clippings on St. Joseph's Church in Kentville, essay on Miss Dorca's Hall, memoirs by Eugene B. Coates, correspondence concerning D. Bigby, account of Eaton's experience at the Halifax Explosion, County of Kings expenditures on roads and bridges, copy of a property plan of Upper Canard in 1919, "Articles of Faith" by Rev. Edward Manning, "The Chase Grants" by Eaton, copy of NS census in 1871, information on the Delancey family, and a letter from Watson Kirkconnell concerning historical sites

1986.013-EAT/63 historical searches (1980-1982) includes newspaper clippings on local events and issues, essay entitled "My Last Skunk", sketch of Blenkhorn Factory in Canning around 1910, sketch of the waterfront, sketch of the Sheffield Mills area, articles, and memo concerning White Pine

1986.013-EAT/66 Kings County Historical Society (1978-1984) includes paper on the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade, booklet on Kentville, plan of Cornwallis Township, article about the ship "Kent", student questions and answers, Kings County Court House information, and "The Legend of Bloody Hollow"

1986.013-EAT/70 miscellaneous business (1974-1979) includes clippings and manuscript notes

1986.013-EAT/71 miscellaneous business (1980-1984) includes correspondence, personal correspondence, surveys of land around Hardwood Lake, list of road appropriations in

- Kings County in 1856, genealogy of the Borden family, and information about Delancy ships
- 1986.013-EAT/72 miscellaneous items (1966-1962) includes clippings about: Lt. Harold Lothrop Borden, Lormier Daniels, parsonage at Cornwallis Baptist Church, William Hall, Independent Order of Good Templars, General deGaulle, Isaiah, Canadian Report on Two Languages, Merry England, Donaldson's invention, and Eaton House
- 1986.013-EAT/75 Newfoundland settlement (1976-1977) includes correspondence and maps
- 1986.013-EAT/77 N.S. Historical Quarterly (1974-1982) includes manuscript of "The Loyalist Expulsion", notes, correspondence, list of Quarterly articles by Eaton, manuscript of "Sir Brook Waton", manuscript of "The Survey Plan of Cornwallis Township" includes Assessment Roll Cornwallis in 1765, manuscript of "The Dyke Lands" by Eaton with photographs, photographs of grave stones and the Gesner monument, photographs of Little White Church in West Dalhousie and of the dykes, manuscript of "A Political Scholarship", manuscript of "Eugene Butler Coates O.B.E. – Skipper Unusual", manuscript of "Additional Kings County Ship Building Records", manuscript of "The Forgotten Christians of Cornwallis Township", and manuscript of "Who Was Jacob Walton?"
- 1986.013-EAT/79 Old Cemetery Monument (1974-1975) includes information about Chipman Corner Cemetery, newsletter in 1976 called "From Here and There", photographs, booklet called "Two Early Churches at Chipman Corner" in 1975, manuscript of "A Unique Inter-Church event", notes, Eaton's speech at the monument's ceremony, correspondence, background about the Churches, and invoices/payments
- 1986.013-EAT/80 Parkinson's Law (1950-1978) includes menu for the Parliamentary Press Gallery dinner in 1978, manuscript entitled "Double-crossing in the Plant World" from 1950, manuscript entitled "The Last Word on Idleness" from 1966, and manuscript entitled "Parkinson's Law" from 1955
- 1986.013-EAT/81 personal notes and research (1966-1970) includes correspondence, information on: the Sheffield experimental farm, historic sites, Dr. Abraham Gesner, property deeds, the Cornwallis Township grants and farm lots, Planters, Westhaver Farm, Wellington Dyke, apple orchard removal, Maple Leaf Fruit Co. Ltd., and postcards of the local area
- 1986.013-EAT/82 personal various (1954, 1976-1978) includes personal correspondence with R.W. White in British Columbia and manuscript entitled "Robert Borden"
- 1986.013-EAT/85 Swedes Brassica (1977-1984) includes correspondence and manuscript entitled "The Origin and Relationship of the Brassica Crops"
- 1986.013-EAT/89 notes [19--?] on various people
- 1986.013-EAT/90 Guyana (1981) includes bulletin, letters, tourist information, and notes
- 1986.013-EAT/91 Cornwallis Town Plot and 10 acre lots [cartographic material]. – Scale undetermined. – [1976? ; photocopy]. – 1 map : b&w ; 26cm x 34cm. – Item is a

photocopied map of the lots in the Starr's Point area. Only lot numbers are included and no names appear on the map. – Inscription reads: "Cornwallis Town Plot & 10 acre lots" and "Kings Portfolio No.2 / Mar. 12th/76 J.F.A." – Item is stamped Department of Lands and Forests, Crown Land Records, Halifax, Nova Scotia

1986.013-EAT/92 Horton Township plans [cartographic material]. – Scale undetermined. – [19-- ; photocopy]. – 1 map : b&w ; 26cm x 84cm. – Item is a photocopied map of lots in the Township of Horton. Mostly lot numbers are included, with the only names being Israel Harding and Col Foster. – Item is rolled

1986.013-EAT/93 Cornwallis farm lots 1761 [cartographic material] / E.L. Eaton. – Scale: 2 inches = 1mile. – 1961. – 1 map : b&w ; 46cm x 54cm. – Item is a hand drawn map of the Cornwallis Township areas of the Cornwallis, Canard, and Habitant Rivers. Lots of land are numbered and plotted. Names are not included. Also shows the shorelines and roadways. – Inscription reads: "Cornwallis Town Farm Lots / 1761" and "Reconstructed by E.L. Eaton – 1961." – Item is rolled

ii) Family history – Eaton. – 1919-1984. – 22 folders

Sub-series consists of genealogical information of Eaton's immediate family. This includes deeds, correspondence, personal mementos, photographs of family, biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, family monuments, and documents of the farm

Note: Supplied title based on contents of files
File list included below

1986.013-EAT/10 deeds, plot plans, and related correspondence (1920-1983) between Ernest L. and Ellen S. Eaton and: Roger G. Eaton, Howard Tingley, the Nova Scotia Land Settlement Board, Peter A. Van Oostrum, M. Holden and Leonora A. Murphy, R.W. DeWolfe Limited, the Wellington Marsh Body, William E. Davison, (Mayor) John Robert and Carole Anne Wonnacott, Charles M. and Mollie E. McBride (Bowen Dyke), Albert Gerrits, the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Saint John's Parish Cornwallis, Jan Struik, William Webster, Charles A. Eaves, the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association, the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Saint John's Parish Cornwallis and Gerald R. Woodworth, Mabel B. and C. Roland Lockhart, Walter E. Eaton and Elizabeth B. Eaton, John B. Young, Perley J. and Prudence Daniels, George A. Chase Limited, and Percy George and Edith Davies McDonald. Also includes related deeds between: Roger G. Eaton and Carol Ann Eaton, Roger Glenn and Carol Ann Eaton and Ellen Steckle Eaton, Garth T. and Margaret Brown and Peter A. Van Oostrum, Hugh E. Rand and the Wellington Marsh Body, James and Jessie Gallaher and Charles Fox, and Percy G. McDonald and Thomas Hofferty

1986.013-EAT/24 personal (1924-1976) includes: correspondence, photograph of Extension staff, invitation to the dinner at Wheelock with the Queen, invitations to events,

- manuscript about stocking and managing a 200 acre farm, photographs, mother's obituary, and certificate from Boys' and Girls' Club
- 1986.013-EAT/35 A and B personal-souvenirs etc. (1919-1928) including photograph of Eunice Deborah Eaton and the Eaton children
- 1986.013-EAT/36 personal business (1929-1971) includes a letter with a personal account of the Halifax explosion and other personal correspondence
- 1986.013-EAT/40 manuscript (1961, 4 copies) of "The Sheffield Farm and Other Properties in Cornwallis Township" includes Eaton and Burbridge/Burbidge Draughts
- 1986.013-EAT/43 auction (1980) includes personal correspondence between Eaton and his children concerning an auction of family furniture and other items as well as an inventory
- 1986.013-EAT/48 cemetery (1944-1978) includes information about the Eaton Monument at Jawbone Corner with a description and invoices and a deed with Alice O. Rand
- 1986.013-EAT/51 Ellen Eaton probate (1980, 1981) includes correspondence about the estate, last will and testament, and obituaries
- 1986.013-EAT/53 John Nicholson Eaton "Recollections" (1961, 1971) includes a biography on J.N. Eaton in the form of recollections (2 copies) and a brief biography
- 1986.013-EAT/55 Eaton Ward descendants (1964-1970) includes personal correspondence with his family, correspondence concerning genealogy, a copy of the family crest, an essay on the Ward-Eaton homestead at Upper Canard, newspaper articles, and information on the Eaton Family Memorial
- 1986.013-EAT/57 family news items (1959-1976) includes a list of Eaton's publications, description of Steckler family reunion, biographies written by Ernest S. Eaton (of Ellen Steckle, Ernest Steckle Eaton, Maribeth Belle Maniate, and Allan Meynell Eaton), personal correspondence with family members, copies of the Eaton Family Crest, newspaper clippings (on the Eaton's work with the Kings County Historical Society, on Eaton and his appointment to Grand Master of Masons, and Eaton and local agriculture), copy of the "Journal of the Professional Institute" with Eaton on the cover page, photographs of the Grand Master Mason ceremony, programme for the opening of Eaton House at Acadia, and a description of the Scottish Eaton Family and Family crests
- 1986.013-EAT/58 farm (1936-1983) includes property tax and assessment information, receipt for purchase of land on the Bowen Dyke, correspondence concerning the lot on the Bowen Dyke, correspondence concerning the purchase of property from the Parish of Cornwallis, correspondence concerning the marshes at the upper end of the Bay of Fundy, sketch of Eaton property north of Canard, property agreement between Ernest Eaton and Roger Eaton, inspection of the property boundary line, plan for DeWolfe land, and newsclipping concerning Eaton's barn burning, plans of the barn
- 1986.013-EAT/61 historical searches (1941-1973) includes a copy of a history of the Eaton family, list of items donated to the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, invitation and

newspaper clippings concerning the plaque commemorating Abraham Gesner at Chipman's Corner, and personal correspondence

1986.013-EAT/62 historical search (1974-1979) includes communication with the Archives and historical societies, history of the Eaton family, account of Eaton's experience at the Halifax Explosion, and a copy of a property plan of Upper Canard in 1919

1986.013-EAT/65 home farm-personal (1938-1979) includes personal correspondence, funeral information for Elizabeth Eaton, documentation on the estate of William B. Burbidge, family correspondence about the farm, and a property agreement

1986.013-EAT/70 miscellaneous business (1974-1979) includes family histories

1986.013-EAT/71 miscellaneous business (1980-1984) includes personal correspondence

1986.013-EAT/78 Ontario Dept of Agr. (1940-1977) includes autobiographical notes

1986.013-EAT/81 personal notes and research (1966-1970) includes correspondence and information on Eaton Coat of Arms and Eaton genealogy

1986.013-EAT/83 property assessment (1978-1979) includes correspondence about a property in Kentville

iii) Genealogical research – other. – 1936-1983. – 11 folders

Sub-series consists of research Eaton did for other families in the local area. The correspondence he often received from members of local families is included. Prominent family names include Clark(e), Dickey/Dickie, Kinsman, Borden, and Delancey/Delancy

Note: Supplied title based on contents of files
File list included below

1986.013-EAT/38 A, B, and C miscellaneous business (1941-1974) includes mixed correspondence between 1941 and 1974 and genealogies for Clark(e), Dickie/Dickey

1986.013-EAT/40 manuscript (1961, 4 copies) of "The Sheffield Farm and Other Properties in Cornwallis Township" includes sketched maps as well as information on New England Planters, Upper Canard, Sheffield Farm, Westhaver Farm, Tupper Draughts, Colonel Jonathan Shearman, Benjamin LeComte Draught, Eaton and Burbridge/Burbidge Draughts, Parish Draught, assessment roll for Cornwallis in 1765, Cornwallis Township Grants in 1761, and Sheffield Mills

1986.013-EAT/49 Christian Church in Cornwallis (1949-1981) includes genealogical correspondence

1986.013-EAT/58 farm (1936-1983) includes correspondence concerning the sale of the Arthur Dickey farm in Upper Canard

1986.013-EAT/61 historical searches (1941-1973) includes W.S. Blair certificate, correspondence concerning historical sources, photographs of Brook Watson house in

1968, genealogical record of Antigonish Whidden, Kinsman family genealogy, correspondence concerning Rev. Donald S. Gordon, personal correspondence, essays on Robert Borden, photographs of Robert Borden, essay on Sir Brook Watson of Cornwallis, and photographs of the Henry Gesner house at Chipman's Corner in 1968

1986.013-EAT/62 historical search (1974-1979) includes correspondence concerning Phillip vanCortlandt, essay on Gordon Gates, essay on Stuart V. Nichols, correspondence concerning Zeruah and Edward Bill, essay on Hennigar property in Kingsport, article entitled "Who was Jacob Walton?", memoirs by Eugene B. Coates, history of the Eaton family, correspondence concerning D. Bigby, "The Chase Grants" by Eaton, copy of NS census in 1871, and information on the Delancey family

1986.013-EAT/63 historical searches (1980-1982) includes personal correspondence about genealogies

1986.013-EAT/70 miscellaneous business (1974-1979) includes correspondence about family histories

1986.013-EAT/71 miscellaneous business (1980-1984) includes genealogy of the Borden family and information about Delancy ships

1986.013-EAT/72 miscellaneous items (1966-1962) includes clippings about: Lt. Harold Lothrop Borden, Lormier Daniels, General deGaulle, Isaiah, and Donaldson's invention

1986.013-EAT/83 property assessment (1978-1979) includes correspondence about a property in Kentville

iv) Associations, organizations, and societies. – 1920-1984. – 37 folders

Sub-series consists of correspondence and papers relating to the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association, Canadian Seed Growers, Sheffield Mills Fruit Co., Holstein-Friesian Association, Wellington Dyke Marsh Body, Cornwallis District High School, Community Club in Upper Canard, North British Society, United Church in Windsor and Port Williams, Masons in Nova Scotia, local historical societies, museums, and archives

Note: Supplied title based on contents of files
File list included below

1986.013-EAT/1 articles & public business (1933-1978) includes information about the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association, apple industry, and Canadian Society for Horticultural Science

1986.013-EAT/2 articles, correspondence & misc. (1920-1968) includes information about an aboiteau at Habitant River, Blomidon Naturalists Society, Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association, letters for Family Herald re: ARDA 1967, Wellington Marsh Body, a publication to the United Farmers Guide entitled "The purpose of the farm survey," a article for the Kentville Advertiser entitled "Farm Plans for the Future" re: old & modern agricultural practices and policies, "Kings the Centre of Laurentian Purple Top Swede

Seed Industry" re: table turnips, "Seeds and Weeds Receive Attention in Nova Scotia"
re: weeds in grain crops

1986.013-EAT/3 Bowen Dyke (1941, 1968) includes "The Laws Adopted by Resolution of the Proprietors of the Bowen Dyke, Sept. 2, 1941," the By-Laws of Bowen Dyke (1941) and By-Laws of Bowen Dyke (1968)

1986.013-EAT/4 Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association (1863-1966) includes Centennial Banquet 1963, Project 333 1966, annual convention, notes on the international convention 1863, a historical outline of NSFGA and a full history of NSFGA, and information on Acadia honorary degree recipient William Saxby Blair

1986.013-EAT/5 Church (1942-1976) including correspondence, a proposal for the Cornwallis Pastoral Charge with respect to combining services, the Church organ, 1975 annual report of the Cornwallis Pastoral Charge, manuscript of "Fifty Years of Church Union in Cornwallis 1925-1975", Church Anniversary Committee, memo regarding the Bedford voluntary 1% tax of luxuries, property insurance, building costs, Church finances 1948-1951, minutes of the Joint Relations Committee 1951, and postcard of the apple blossoms in front of the Church

1986.013-EAT/6 Pastoral Relations Committee (1962-1976) includes correspondence with various Pastoral Charges in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in the search for a pastor

1986.013-EAT/7 "clippings": Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia Grand Director of Ceremonies (1972-1984) includes newspaper clippings related to Ernest Eaton and his interests

1986.013-EAT/8 Community Club (1964-1973) includes correspondence and information about the Upper Canard Community Club along with information about the Cornwallis School House, minutes from the Baptist Church, By-Laws of the Club, photos of a building that may be the Upper Canard School, and an indenture for the property

1986.013-EAT/11 Canard Fire Pond and Dewey Creek Dam (1959-1971) includes related clippings, correspondence, application to construct a pond, subscription lists, receipts for work done, field book notes, diagram, "Dewey Creek Spillway Study" done by the Maritime Marshland Rehabilitation Administration in 1962, cost estimates, Rural Ponds Policy 1963, and photographs of the Fire Pond

1986.013-EAT/21 Annapolis Valley Pioneers Museum (1973) includes correspondence, clipping, and constitution and by-laws

1986.013-EAT/22 addresses (1926-1981) includes related notes and correspondence. Scripts for addresses at speaking engagements and radio broadcasts include "Are Christian Missions in Orient Worth While?" and "Some Observation on Native Fruit Legislation"

1986.013-EAT/23 addresses (1937-1967) includes related notes, articles, and correspondence. Addresses and manuscript articles include "Canard Fruit Company Closes with Flourish" and "The Origin and Work of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association"

- 1986.013-EAT/25 Wellington Dyke (1945-1981; predominant 1945-1950) includes: By-Laws of the Wellington Dyke, resolution concerning the Dyke, an unpublished booklet entitled "The Reclamation of the Fundy Marshlands", booklet of handwritten notes of lots of the Wellington Dyke as well as the Grand Dyke, Middle Dyke, private lots, Burbridge Dyke, Bowen Dyke, with names, measurements and number of acres, and percentages and a map, list of proprietors of the Bowen Dyke with lot number, acres and percentage, report of sizes with names, clippings, correspondence with D.A.R. on the history of the Wellington Dyke, meeting minutes in 1946 and 1947, report of Special Committee for Rebuilding Wellington Dyke Sluice, a Brief on Behalf of the Wellington Dyke, minutes of the Special Committee on Wellington Dyke Repairs in 1945 to 1947, notes about "The Marsh Act" and the "Tidal Marshes & Their Reclamation", draft copy of the Nova Scotia "An Act to Encourage the Development and Rehabilitation of Marshlands" passed in 1949, copy of "The Marshland Reclamation Act and Amendments" from 1951, Amendment to The Marshland Reclamation Act (1958), copy of "Machines for Marshland Ditching" published in 1963, copy of "The Marshland Reclamation Act" published in 1975, copy of the New Brunswick "An Act to Encourage the development and Rehabilitation of Marshlands" published in 1949, handwritten notes relating to the Dykes, manuscript of "Dyke Building by a Nova Scotian in Virginia", and chronology entitled "Comparative History" from 1950
- 1986.013-EAT/26 Wellington Dyke (1946-1976; predominant 1946-1947) includes: first draft of "the Marshlands of the Maritimes Historical Sketch 1605-1950", photographs of the aboiteau and the sluice in 1960, photographs of the construction of the Wellington Dyke in 1975, the new aboiteau in 1975, and the aboiteau and the sluice in 1975, correspondence, unpublished copy of "An Act to Encourage the Development and Rehabilitation of Marshlands", receipts and bills for work in the Dyke, Arbitration Award in 1956, study of performance of dragline in 1947, list of proprietors and total acres of the Wellington Dyke Body, list of Dyke owners in 1957-1958 and in 1969, By-Laws of the Habitant River Marsh Body from 1951, ditching on the Dyke, a chronology of watercross in the Canard River from 1976, and plans of the Dyke in 1975
- 1986.013-EAT/27 verse (1946-1983) includes song sheets for the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association
- 1986.013-EAT/33 schools (1975) includes correspondence and clippings concerning a private Christian school in Cambridge
- 1986.013-EAT/34 A and B Prescott (1966-1981) includes correspondence, notes, and clippings all related to Prescott House
- 1986.013-EAT/36 personal business (1929-1971) includes correspondence and related with respect to the Fruit Growers Association and correspondence with the Holstein-Friesian Association
- 1986.013-EAT/37 North British Society (1973-1983) includes constitutions, membership card, correspondence, and minutes

- 1986.013-EAT/40 manuscript (1961, 4 copies) of "The Sheffield Farm and Other Properties in Cornwallis Township" includes sketched maps as well as information on New England Planters, Upper Canard, Sheffield Farm, Westhaver Farm, Tupper Draughts, Colonel Jonathan Shearman, Benjamin LeComte Draught, Eaton and Burbridge/Burbidge Draughts, Parish Draught, assessment roll for Cornwallis in 1765, Cornwallis Township Grants in 1761, and Sheffield Mills
- 1986.013-EAT/42 archives (1944, 1976, 1982) includes brochure on cold storage and marketing, correspondence with the Public Archives of Nova Scotia and list of deposited records, and correspondence with Prescott House about depositing materials about the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association
- 1986.013-EAT/46 B.C. Seeds Ltd. (1940-1977) includes correspondence with the Canadian Seed Growers Association
- 1986.013-EAT/48 cemetery (1944-1978) includes correspondence relating to the Upper Canard Public Cemetery and Canard United Church
- 1986.013-EAT/50 Church Valley Presbytery (1977-1984) includes United Church minutes information, correspondence, financial records, and services; Eaton was the Archives Conveyor for the Church Valley Presbytery
- 1986.013-EAT/57 family news items (1959-1976) includes information on the Canadian Seed Growers Association and the 208th anniversary at Windsor United Church
- 1986.013-EAT/58 farm (1936-1983) includes receipt for purchase of land on the Bowen Dyke, correspondence concerning the lot on the Bowen Dyke, correspondence concerning the marshes at the upper end of the Bay of Fundy, charts on estimating cattle weight, land approval from the NS Land Settlement Board, and a blueprint of drainage in Upper Canard
- 1986.013-EAT/61 historical searches (1941-1973) includes photographs from Fruit Exhibit Atlantic Winter Fair in Halifax, paper on Fruit Growers in Port Williams, list of items donated to the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, newspaper clippings on the Independent Order of Good Templars, and history of dairy farming
- 1986.013-EAT/62 historical search (1974-1979) includes copy of "Building a Dyke on the Grand Pre Marsh" image with criticisms by Eaton, essay on Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association, communication with the Archives and historical societies, copy of a property plan of Upper Canard in 1919, negative of Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association president Charles Hamilton, and a letter from Watson Kirkconnell concerning historical sites
- 1986.013-EAT/64 home farm (1951-1981) includes notes concerning portia apples, correspondence concerning the experimental farm and the portia apple, correspondence concerning dyke repairs, and business correspondence concerning the Upper Dyke
- 1986.013-EAT/66 Kings County Historical Society (1978-1984) includes minutes, correspondence, paper on the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade, booklet on Kentville, plan

- or Cornwallis Township, article about the ship "Kent", student questions and answers, Kings County Court House information, and "The Legend of Bloody Hollow"
- 1986.013-EAT/67 marsh studies (1973-1976) includes correspondence, Wellington Dyke photographs, ancient pine stump photographs, and articles
- 1986.013-EAT/70 miscellaneous business (1974-1979) includes correspondence about Holstein Friesian Association
- 1986.013-EAT/73 museum (1963-1982) includes correspondence about Fruit Growers display at Prescott House, examining artifacts, brochure for Annapolis Valley Pioneers Museum, Public Archives of Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Provincial Museum, Charles Adams Archibald, and Agricultural Museum
- 1986.013-EAT/77 N.S. Historical Quarterly (1974-1982) includes manuscript of "The Dyke Lands" by Eaton with photographs and photographs of the dykes
- 1986.013-EAT/81 personal notes and research (1966-1970) includes motion of the Wolfville Historical Society, Wellington Dyke, apple orchard removal, Maple Leaf Fruit Co. Ltd., Cornwallis District High School, and Canning Dyke
- 1986.013-EAT/87 Windsor United (1980-1982) includes correspondence and a manuscript of the Church's history with notes
- 1986.013-EAT/88 Wolfville Historical Society (1975-1980) includes correspondence, notes, and the 1949 constitution

v) General papers – 1924-1982. – 13 folders

Sub-series consists of insurance papers, personal mementos, songs and poems, pension information, and other general personal information

Note: Supplied title based on contents of files
File list included below

- 1986.013-EAT/12 insurance (1943-1970) includes correspondence related to personal insurance
- 1986.013-EAT/13 insurance-car (1947-1980) includes correspondence related to automobile insurance and various accidents
- 1986.013-EAT/14 insurance-public service hospital/medical (1969-1973) includes correspondence and related for medical insurance and pension plan
- 1986.013-EAT/15 Kings Mutual Fire Insurance (1972-1980) includes correspondence related to fire and property insurance and policies
- 1986.013-EAT/24 personal (1924-1976) includes: correspondence, photograph of Extension staff, invitation to the dinner at Wheelock with the Queen, invitations to events, manuscript about stocking and managing a 200 acre farm, a record of farm accounts, photographs, and certificate from Boys' and Girls' Club

- 1986.013-EAT/28 personal verse (1950-1972) includes copies of songs and poems, some of which may have been written by Ernest L. Eaton
- 1986.013-EAT/30 Superannuation (1941-1974) includes correspondence, forms, and handbooks
- 1986.013-EAT/31 Federal Superannuates (1982-1984) includes correspondence and membership information
- 1986.013-EAT/38 A, B, and C miscellaneous business (1941-1974) includes mixed correspondence between 1941 and 1974
- 1986.013-EAT/44 bible (1974-1975) includes personal correspondence of Edna (who may be his niece) concerning religion, a copy of "Watch Tower" from 1974, and notes about the Bible
- 1986.013-EAT/47 botany notes – Trees [19--?] is a notebook with information on fertilizers, prices, mixtures of vegetables, an epitaph on John O. Pineo, poetry re: Habitant River, and a photograph
- 1986.013-EAT/63 historical searches (1980-1982) includes newspaper clippings on local events and issues, sketch of the waterfront, sketch of the Sheffield Mills area, articles, and memo concerning White Pine
- 1986.013-EAT/90 Guyana (1981) includes bulletin, letters, tourist information, and notes

2 Education and work-life papers. – 1919-1984. – 31 folders

Series contains papers and correspondence relating to Eaton's education, military experience, and professional life. Includes papers concerning the military, Ontario Agricultural College, Macdonald College, Nova Scotia Agricultural Extension Service, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, his farm in Upper Canard, Department of Agriculture in P.E.I., and Kentville Experimental Station

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series
File list included below

- 1986.013-EAT/1 articles, photographs & public business (1933-1978) includes information on hog farming, 'piggery' at Starr's Point, Livestock Pedigree Act, dairy producers, and farmers and rotational crops including: green mountain potatoes, yellow and blue lupins, oats, peas, vetch and Huron wheat
- 1986.013-EAT/2 articles, correspondence & misc. (1920-1968) includes information about farm fertility and chemical fertilizers, starlings report, blueberries (production, varieties, highbush, robins, and spread of muskrat damage to bogs and dykes), highbush cranberry (ornamental native fruits), a newspaper article entitled "Starlings Create Havoc" re: bird scaring devices, and the following articles: "Shall We Tolerate the

Starling," "Propagating New Shrubs" re: elderberry & cranberry growing, "Highbush Blueberries in Western Nova Scotia," "The Spread of Blueberry Seed Through Manure and by Migrating Robins," "Propagating Highbush Blueberries by Mounding," "A Better Method for Rooting Blueberry Cuttings," "Wild Plants for Food and Ornament" (highbush blueberry, highbush cranberry, blue/red elder, shad bush, chokeberry), and OAC Alumni information.

1986.013-EAT/9 muskrats & cranberry bogs (1950-1967) includes correspondence and related as well as the NS Lands and Forests Acts for 1954, 1955, 1962, 1967, communication regarding property owners and protection of land from wild animals, amendments to Provincial Game Laws, and the case of Reg. vs. Wyman and verdict.

1986.013-EAT/16 diary-agricultural representative (1929-1933) being a detailed record of work performed

1986.013-EAT/17 Experimental Station Kentville (1937-1941) being a detailed journal of work performed while likely stationed in Charlottetown and not in Kentville

1986.013-EAT/18 Exp. Station Kentville (1942-1948) being a detailed journal of work performed

1986.013-EAT/19 Experimental Station Kentville (1941-1961) being a detailed journal of work performed

1986.013-EAT/20 Maritime Lupin crops (1940-1959) includes correspondence, photographs, analysis of crop rotations, and Lupin seeds for blue and yellow lupins

1986.013-EAT/22 addresses (1926-1981) includes related notes and correspondence. Scripts for addresses at speaking engagements and radio broadcasts include: A Historical Review of the N.S. Extension Service, Variation in Blueberry Plot Yields, Zonation of Agriculture, Blueberry Breeding in Canada, Economies in the Production of Registered Seed, Some Observations on Native Fruit Legislation, County and District Exhibition, A Farmer's Viewpoint, Bulls and Herd Improvement, the Alfalfa Project, More Legumes for the Maritimes, Economy of Production, The Root Crop in Nova Scotia (harvesting & storing) and Potato Improvement. Additional documents include: correspondence with Donald Boyd of the Department of Agriculture re: Lupin seed from Russia (1930's), photos of Lupin Crops, Lupin Seeds and inspection papers from U.S.S.R. (1936), photos of Early Blue Lupins and Sweet Yellow Lupins

1986.013-EAT/23 addresses (1937-1967) includes related notes, articles, and correspondence. Addresses and manuscript articles include: Canard Fruit Company Closes with Flourish, speech to the Symposium on Prescribed Burning in Forestry, Agriculture and Wildlife Management, Blueberry and Cranberry Investigations and Problems in the Maritime Provinces, Nova Scotia's Wild Blueberries Get a New Look, Rooting Highbush Blueberry Cuttings under Lattice, Zonation of Agriculture, Blueberries as Money Makers, Our Greatest Native Fruit – the Blueberry, Recent Cranberry History in the Annapolis Valley, Swede Seed History in the Annapolis Valley, Retaining Improved Plant Material, Growth Substances, Cooperative Processing Enthusiast Visits Valley, Animal Breeding, New Fruits for the Housewife, The Origin and Work of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, More Cranberries for the Maritimes, Laurentian Purple Top Swede Seed,

Winter Wheat and Winter Rye Grain In Popularity, Growing Swedes for Table Use, Hints on Swede Turnips Seed Growing 1941, Suggestions on Swede Turnip Seed Growing 1943, The Garden of the Gulf Grows Corn, Lupins – A Poor Land Legume, and the Connecting Link

1986.013-EAT/24 personal (1924-1976) includes photograph of Extension staff

1986.013-EAT/29 Trade Mark (1945-1976) for Registered Seed, includes the “Seeds Act” of 1937 and related Acts as well as correspondence and a certificate for the trade mark

1986.013-EAT/32 seed production [19--?] includes information on Swede turnip, pastures, legume seeds, seed roots, farmers, and potatoes

1986.013-EAT/35 A and B personal-souvenirs etc. (1919-1928) including Eaton’s thesis from 1920, souvenirs of the Ontario Agricultural College and Macdonald College, correspondence, invitations, forms, manuscripts, notes, and photographs of plants and vegetation, a butchered animal, manure fertilizer, farm land, examples of spraying and no spraying, potato crop, N.S. Judging Team for cattle in 1928, and the Annapolis County Exhibition

1986.013-EAT/38 A, B, and C miscellaneous business (1941-1974) includes a manuscript of “Swede Seed History in the Annapolis Valley”, a manuscript “Recent Cranberry History in the Annapolis Valley”, and correspondence concerning agriculture

1986.013-EAT/46 B.C. Seeds Ltd. (1940-1977) includes correspondence with F.O. Blake in British Columbia about Swede Turnip seed including correspondence, invoices, shipping receipts, and Laurentian Sweet Turnip, also includes correspondence with the Canadian Seed Growers Association

1986.013-EAT/47 botany notes – Trees [19--?] is a notebook with information on fertilizers, prices, mixtures of vegetables and a photograph

1986.013-EAT/56 equipment (1940-1969) includes farm equipment purchases for seeder, turnip thinner, stamps, packing machine, and grain cleaner screen as well as two photographs of harvesting Swede Seeds with screens

1986.013-EAT/57 family news items (1959-1976) includes a history of “Laurentian” rutabaga and notes of the history of the Charlottetown Experimental Farm

1986.013-EAT/58 farm (1936-1983) includes property tax and assessment information, correspondence with the University of Guelph, rules for judging dairy cattle on showmanship, receipt for purchase of land on the Bowen Dyke, correspondence concerning the lot on the Bowen Dyke, correspondence concerning blueberry varieties such as Berkley and Blueray, copy of “An Act to Provide Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock” in 1975, correspondence concerning the purchase of property from the Parish of Cornwallis, correspondence concerning the marshes at the upper end of the Bay of Fundy, charts on estimating cattle weight, land approval from the NS Land Settlement Board, sketch of Eaton property north of Canard, property agreement between Ernest Eaton and Roger Eaton, inspection of the property boundary line, plan for DeWolfe land, newsclipping concerning Eaton’s barn burning, plans of the barn, correspondence

concerning the sale of the Arthur Dickey farm in Upper Canard, a blueprint of drainage in Upper Canard, agreements between the NS Apple Marketing Board and the Minister of Agriculture, a copy of the "Scrub Bull Act" in 1923, and correspondence with Lynn Dale Farms

- 1986.013-EAT/59 farm accounts (1966-1980) includes bills and receipts for various payments as well as details on the purchase of a house in Paradise in 1968
- 1986.013-EAT/64 home farm (1951-1981) includes notes concerning Portia apples, correspondence concerning the experimental farm and the Portia apple, correspondence concerning dyke repairs, business correspondence concerning the Upper Dyke, farms, shorthorns, and pastureland, information and correspondence about nut varieties
- 1986.013-EAT/65 home farm-personal (1938-1979) includes personal correspondence, government correspondence concerning bonds, pamphlet on Small Farms Development Program, property agreement, booklets published by Eaton about apple varieties and soils/fertilizers, and lease agreement of orchards. Booklet entitled "Reduction of Apple Varieties" re: grafting techniques also available.
- 1986.013-EAT/68 military post-military and Macdonald (1925-1973) includes correspondence some of which is on Ernest L. Eaton Breeder of Holstein Cattle letterhead, military-related correspondence and health forms some with respect to the Soldier Settlement Board which provided subsidized farm equipment to soldiers, and Macdonald-related correspondence about receiving a scholarship and the requirements of a M.S.A. degree
- 1986.013-EAT/69 Macdonald College (1937-1974) includes correspondence with the Agronomy Department about agricultural various topics
- 1986.013-EAT/76 N.S. Dept. of Agr. (1948-1967) includes correspondence with the Department on various agricultural topics
- 1986.013-EAT/78 Ontario Dept of Agr. (1940-1977) includes correspondence, autobiographical notes, clippings, information on turnip (seed size trials) and Laurentian Swede Seed, a resolution on Laurentian Seed, and short supply of Laurentian turnip seed (1948)
- 1986.013-EAT/74 N.S.A.C. (1922-1984) includes correspondence, photograph, invitations, and programs
- 1986.013-EAT/82 personal various (1954, 1976-1978) includes personal correspondence with R.W. White in British Columbia and correspondence concerning the "Isabella" grape variety, documentation of Horticulturalists Responsibilities at the Kentville Experimental Station in 1954
- 1986.013-EAT/84 seed machinery (1937-1938) includes pamphlets, sketches, and related correspondence
- 1986.013-EAT/85 Swedes Brassica (1977-1984) includes correspondence and manuscript entitled "The Origin and Relationship of the Brassica Crops"
- 1986.013-EAT/94 diploma (1920) for E.L. Eaton in a Bachelor of Scientific Agriculture from the University of Toronto. Item is rolled

Biographical Sketch¹

Ernest Lowden Eaton (1896-1984) of Upper Canard, Kings County, NS, was the son of Julia Maria (Burbidge) and Walter Ernest Eaton.² He married Ellen Steckle (1894-1980) in 1921 and brought her to Upper Canard. They had five children: Eunice Deborah (Wonnacott), Ernest Steckle, Margaret Rebecca (Berry), George Walter, and Roger Glenn. The family lived in Upper Canard, southern Ontario, Bridgewater, Truro, and Charlottetown.

In March 1916, Eaton enlisted with the 210th Overseas Highland Battalion, C.E.F., holding the rank of Private. During the spring of 1916, he became sick with pneumonia and other complications and returned home for treatment. By late summer, a discharge was recommended by Medical Board at Aldershot Camp for medical reasons and in the fall of 1916, he was discharged as medically unfit for further military service. In February 1917, he enlisted again and recommended for treatment of Pulmonary T.B. at Cogswell St. Hospital in Halifax. During the summer of 1917, he underwent treatment at the N.S. Sanatorium in Kentville. Eaton was recommended for home treatment by the Medical Board at the Sanatorium in September 1917. By December 1917, he returned to Sanatorium, when the Medical Board recommended discharge on pre-existing disability.

Eaton obtained an Associate Diploma from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in 1918. While studying there, he was recommended by the Board for retraining in agriculture at the Ontario Agricultural College, starting in September 1918. Eaton graduated with a B.S.A. from the Ontario Agricultural College in 1920 and graduated with a M.S.A. from Macdonald College in 1929.

When the Nova Scotia Agricultural Extension Service was created in 1926, Eaton was hired as the first representative in Lunenburg-Queens Counties, and later represented Annapolis County. Becoming Superintendent, teacher, and Provincial Agronomist for the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, he stayed in Truro from 1928 to 1933. Eaton lost his position as the result of restructuring at the College and so moved back to the farm in Upper Canard and began working with Laurentian Swede seed. In 1937, he took the position of Supervisor of Illustration

¹ Sources of this biography include an autobiographical manuscript (dated 1976), a Record of Service notes (after 1936), an article entitled "Ernest Eaton testimonial dinner June 9" in the Advertiser (20 May 1980), genealogical notes from The N.S. Eaton 1760-1995 by Charles Ernest Eaton, the entry for "Ernest Lowden Eaton" on The Nova Scotia Eatons web site (www.nseaton.org), and his attestation papers in 1916 and 1917 from the Library and Archives Canada.

² Walter Ernest was the son of J. Stanley Eaton, who was the son of Ward Eaton, who was a direct descendent of John Eaton, an active participant in the building the Wellington Dyke, on which work started in 1815 and finished in 1883.

Stations in Prince Edward Island and stayed in Charlottetown for three years. Eaton returned home in 1940 to become the Senior Horticulturalist in charge of native fruit work in the Atlantic region for the Dominion Experimental Station at Kentville, specializing in cranberries and developing high bush blueberries. He retired from that position in 1961 but continued to do research on horticultural topics until the early 1980s.

Eaton's interest in horticulture extended to his personal activities. He sat as President of the Canadian Seed Growers Association, as a Director of the United Fruit Companies, and was involved in the formation of the Scotian Gold Co-operative. He may also have been president of the Sheffield Mills Fruit Company. Eaton was a member of the Nova Scotian Holstein-Friesian Association and acted as an official judge of the Holstein breed. He did extensive research and writing for the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association concerning apple growing and sat as Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association for 19 years. Eaton was interested in turnip seed, especially the Laurentian variety, and was the first grower of Registered Laurentian rutabaga seed.³

Eaton had many other personal interests as well. He was the Chairman of the Wellington Dyke Marsh Body from 1943 to 1964. He sat as a Trustee of the Cornwallis District High School. As a member of the United Church of Canada, he was Secretary of Canard United Church of Canada and Chairman of the Archives Committee. Eaton was 50 years in the Masonic Order, holding positions including Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia. Later, he was a member of the Board of the Freemason's Home in Windsor. Eaton had an interest in history and was active in the Wolfville Historical Society, the West Hants Historical Society, and a Charter member of the Kings Historical Society.⁴ He did research on his own family as well as genealogical research for correspondents and was instrumental in mapping out the location of the original land grants in the Township of Cornwallis.

Custodial History

Eaton's papers were donated to Acadia University and acknowledged by letter through the University Librarian's office on 10 January 1986. A note accompanying the original file and box

³ Eaton admits that Ellen did much of the careful weighing and packaging of the seed.

⁴ Eaton's top coat was donated to Randall House Museum and an aboiteau clapper valve was donated to the West Hants Historical Society. He donated some of his papers to the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

list, done in 1993, indicates that the papers were held by the family before being donated to the University.

Scope and Content

The Ernest Lowden Eaton fonds primarily documents horticulture and horticultural developments in the Kings County area and, to a lesser extent, in the Maritime region. The fonds also includes research and documentation on Eaton's immediate family, other families in Kings County, local historical topics, and the dykes and marshlands along the Cornwallis River.

The fonds consist of two series:

1. Personal papers
 - i) Research, addresses, and manuscripts
 - ii) Family history – Eaton
 - iii) Genealogical research – other
 - iv) Associations, organizations, and societies
 - v) General papers
2. Education and work-life papers

It is difficult to distinguish between Eaton's personal papers and his professional papers because his interests overlapped. The Archivist used a resume-type time line to impose a meaningful structure to this Finding Aid.

Eaton's files are filled with interrelated topics accumulated over many years. For this reason, some files are included in more than one series and sub-series. In these cases, the list of file contents has been edited to reflect only the papers relevant to the series and sub-series.

Notes

Supplied title based on contents of fonds

File order maintained by Archivist

File #52 removed in 2010 and returned to the family. It was not part of the original accession.

File #54 is restricted to family members only.

See also "The history of the United Church of Canada in Windsor, Nova Scotia" by E.L. Eaton [SPCOLL BX9882.8 .W5 E38 1981]

See also "Two early churches at Chipman Corner, N.S : the Acadian church of St. Joseph, 1689-1755 ; the Congregational Church of Horton and Cornwallis, 1768-1874" by E.L. Eaton ; translation by Anselm Chiasson [SPCOLL FC2349 .C513 E27 1975]

See also "The descendants of Ward Eaton : (John 6, David 5, James 4, Jonathan 3, Thomas 2, John 1)" by E.L. Eaton [SPCOLL CS90 .E3 E32 1969]

See also "Two hundred years of the Cornwallis pastoral charge : Nova Scotia, 1768-1968" by E.L. Eaton [SPCOLL BX9882.8 .C674 E27 1968]

See also records of the First Cornwallis United Baptist Church (Upper Canard, Kings Co., N.S.) in D1900.362/52

See also "Advancing Agriculture: A History, Kentville Research Station, 1911-1986" [SPCOLL S542 .C32 K46 1986]

See also "The Eaton Family of Nova Scotia" by Arthur Wentworth Hamilton Eaton [SPDEN CS90 .E3E3 1929]

Related records are available at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, many were donated by Eaton

Related artefacts donated by Eaton to the Wolfville Historical Society and the West Hants Historical Society

Records subject to the *Copyright Act*. Written permission from the Copyright holder is required in order to publish any of these records.

For reasons of historic authenticity, all file titles provided by the author and captions provided by the photographer are transcribed unedited. The spelling of both peoples' and places' names has changed with time, so inaccuracies and inconsistencies in the titles are unavoidable. Files and captions may also contain inaccuracies or terms that would now be considered offensive.

Citation for this electronic finding aid:

This finding aid should be cited as a website. Relevant information is as follows:

Title: Ernest Lowden Eaton fonds

Date: 2009

Author: Esther Clark Wright Archives, Acadia University

Access Points

<u>Keywords</u>	<u>People</u>	<u>Places</u>	<u>Organizations</u>	<u>Events</u>
aboiteau	Borden, Robert	Abraham Gesner Monument	B.C. Seeds Ltd.	Annapolis County Exhibition
apple industry	Burbidge, William B.	Annapolis Valley Pioneers Museum	Canadian Seed Growers Association	Apple Blossom Festival
blueberries	Clark(e) family	Blenkhorn Factory, Canning	Church of Christ (Disciples) in Cornwallis	Halifax Explosion
cranberries	Dickie/Dickey family	Bowen Dyke	Church Valley Presbytery	Loyalist Expulsion
deeds	Eaton family	Canard Fruit Company	George A. Chase Ltd.	Newfoundland settlement
dyke	Eaton, Allan Meynell	Chipman's Corner	Habitant River Marsh Body	Saxby Gale
experimental farms	Eaton, Elizabeth	Cornwallis Township	Holstein-Friesian Association	
family history	Eaton, Ellen Steckle	Dewey Creek Dam	Independent Order of Good Templars	
farming equipment	Eaton, Ernest Lowden	Eaton Family Memorial	Kentville Experimental Station	
fertilizers	Eaton, Ernest Steckle	Eaton House	Kings County Historical Society	
fire pond	Eaton, Eunice Deborah	Eaton Monument	Macdonald College	
fruit	Eaton, John Nicholson	Grand Dyke	Maple Leaf Fruit Co. Ltd.	
Fundy power	Eaton, Roger Glen	Grand Pre Marsh	Maritime Marshland Rehabilitation Administration	
genealogy	Eaton, Walter E.	Habitant River	Nova Scotia Agricultural College	
horticulture	Gesner, Abraham	Jawbone Corner	Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association	
Loyalists	Maniate, Maribeth Belle	Middle Dyke	Ontario Agricultural College	
lupins	New England Planters	Newport Township	Wellington Marsh Body	
marsh	Steckler family	Old Cemetery Monument	Wolfville Historical Society	
museums	VanOostrum, Peter A.	Prescott House Museum		
New England Planters		Sheffield farm		
orchards		Sheffield Mills		

plot plans	Starr's Point
property	Upper Canard
seeds	Upper Canard Community Club
sluice	Upper Canard Public Cemetery
songs	Wellington Dyke
Swede seed	Westhaver farm
townships	Windsor United Church
turnip	

Ernest Lowden Eaton was born at Upper Canard, Kings County, N.S. on August 8, 1896, a son of Walter E. and Julia (Burbidge) Eaton, the fifth direct generation to live on the same farm and in the same house.

After attending the two-room local school, he worked on the home farm, became an Able Seaman in sail, and served as a private in War I. He received the Associate Diploma from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in 1918, and a Bachelors Degree from the Ontario Agricultural College in 1920. Summer work included teaching a veterans' class at the Nova Scotia Sanatorium, Kentville, and entomological work in southern Ontario. A Masters Degree from Macdonald College of McGill University followed in 1925 as holder of the Macdonald Scholarship for Nova Scotia in that year. He joined the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture as Agricultural Representative when that service began in 1926, moving to the Agricultural College at Truro in 1928 where he served as Farm Superintendent and Provincial Agronomist, and, following the death of the distinguished Fred L. Fuller, Superintendent of Exhibitions. During this period he established a series of alfalfa demonstration plots over the province and organized the Alfalfa Crop Competition.

A provincial election in 1933 brought a change of government and a sweeping wave of dismissals. He was one of those abruptly dismissed without notice. During the next four years he operated the home farm and began the commercial production of Laurentian swede seed, a variety which quickly captured the table stock market in Canada and United States and which continues to dominate the local and export trade. In 1974 the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association presented him with a handsome sterling silver tray in appreciation, the first time such a recognition has been made outside the province of Ontario.

In 1937 he became Supervisor of Illustration Stations under the Canada Department of Agriculture in Prince Edward Island, where he also prepared an adult study course on soils. The booklet authored for this was also used for supplementary reading in Island schools.

In 1940 he began experimental work in native fruits for the Atlantic Provinces, retiring as Senior Horticulturalist in 1961.

He was Secretary-treasurer of the Nova Scotia Branch, Holstein Friesian Association of Canada for over thirty years, and an official judge of the breed. For over twenty years he was Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association, Chairman of the Wellington Marsh Body for much of the same period, as well as serving many other community and church organizations.

In fraternal circles, he is Past Grand Master of Masons for Nova Scotia, and is currently Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He continues to do occasional writing on historical and agricultural subjects.

He was married in 1921 to an Ontario school teacher, Ellen Steckle of Waterloo County. There are three sons. Ernest Steckle is a census officer in Ottawa. Dr. George W. is Associate Professor in the Department of Plant Science, University of British Columbia. Roger G. is a Professional Engineer in Prince Edward Island. A daughter, Eunice, is Mrs. E.L. Wonnacott of Charlottetown, P.E.I. Margaret is Mrs. William Berry, Burlington, Ont. There are eighteen grand children and a continually expanding number of great grand children.

December 8, 1976

The Atlantic Advocate (May 1979)

Canadian Churchman, v. 101, n.3 (March 1975)

Chudyk, R.V. "New Method of Estimating Grape Quality" photocopy from unidentified journal

Dial, Roger L. 1979. "Perspectives on Winegrowing in Nova Scotia : Cold climate Problems and Potential", Vinifera Wine Growers Journal (Fall) : 155-163.

"Dial R for wine", EP Inflight (1994) : 40.

The Diocesan Times, v. 30 n. 3 (March 1975)

"Editorial Comment", The Covenant Message (Sept. 1971)

Grant, Douglas R. 1970. "Recent Coastal submergence of the Maritime Provinces, Canada." Canadian Journal of Earth Sciences, 7 : 2.

Harrison, W. and C.J. Lyon. n.d. "Sea-Level and crustal Movements Along the New England-Acadian Shore, 4,500-3,000 B.P." Geological Notes. Unknown volume and issue.

Milner, W.C. 1921. "The Bay of Fundy: Its History and Natural Phenomena, Its Tides, Dykes and Marshlands." The Busy East, 11 : 8 (March).

Milner, W.C. 1921. "The Bay of Fundy: Its History and Natural Phenomena, Its Tides, Dykes and Marshlands." The Busy East, 11 : 9 (April).

Nova Scotia Statutes, Chapter 267, "Religious and Charitable Corporations Property Act"

Nova Scotia Statutes, Chapter 268, "Religious Congregations and Societies Act"

Ogden, J.G. and M.J. Harvey, eds. Environmental Change in the Maritimes. Halifax: Nova Scotia Institute of Science.

The Globe and Mail : Report on Business (14 November 1985)

The Report of the Bureau of Archives, "Proceedings of Loyalist Commissioners", vols I to XIII, 1904.
Photocopies of title pages only.

"Treaty of Utrecht" photocopy of chapter from an unidentified book

Appendix C – Items known to have been donated to NSARM by E.L. Eaton

Books and publications:

- 1) History of the United Church in Windsor - Hantsport, 1981
- 2) Two early churches at Chipman Corner, N.S. - Moncton, 1975
- 3) The descendants of Ward Eaton - supplement to the Eaton family of Nova Scotia - 1969
- 4) Belcher's Farmers' Almanac for the Province of Nova Scotia. - 1904
- 5) Rev. Jacob W. Cox - a history of the Congregation Church of Cornwallis, N.S. -- photocopy
- 6) United Services Institute of Nova Scotia - the annual journal - 1928-1936
- 7) History of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia - 1869-1969
- 8) The Human Pleader (magazine) 1930
- 9) Acadie (magazine) 1930
- 10) Short articles, poems and musical compositions by Claire Harris MacIntosh
- 11) Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association - annual reports - 1924-1962
- 12) Guelph Evening Mercury - Nov. 9, 1918
- 13) Guelph Herald Extra - November 10, 1918
- 14) Pamphlet "Report of the Committee on alleged German outrages"
- 15) Two hundred years of the Cornwallis Pastoral Charge

Archival materials:

- 1) Land measurement book and 8 account books. -- 1893-1962. -- all concerning the Wellington Dyke Marsh - Canard River, Kings County
- 2) Account book and manuscript re: shipbuilding at Cornwallis, Kings County (Joseph Jackson)
- 3) Book containing poor and county taxes from 1885-1887 for Ward 2 in Kings County with 11 dyke rate books
- 4) Documents concerning the fruit industry in the Annapolis Valley including: Apple Marketing Board, Herbert Oylor Ltd., Windsor Traders Ltd., Minas Basin Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd. and miscellaneous items - ca. 1886-1951
- 5) Perry Borden account book - 1794-1808
- 6) Collection of correspondence and reports concerning major repairs made on Wellington Dyke, Canard, Kings County - 1945-1946
- 7) Miscellaneous papers about the estate of Judge Robert E Harris
- 8) Logbook of the schooner Pereaux registered at Windsor and owned by Robert Rand of Canard - 1880-1882 (Capt. John Nicholson)
- 9) Manuscript of Wellington Dyke Book, Canard River, Cornwallis Township - 1779-1832
- 10) Dyke Book of Wellington Dyke proprietors - 1835-1907
- 11) Photocopies of minutes of meetings of the Township of Cornwallis (1795-1862) held at Acadia U.
- 12) Photocopies of "Recollections of John N. Eaton (1874-1962)
- 13) Transcript of a journal kept by Walter E. Eaton during his voyage on the schooner Pereaux. -- January 16, 1885 - April 14, 1885
- 14) Two leaves removed from John Marsters' family Bible giving family records
- 15) Membership list of the Maritime Stock Breeders Association - ca. 1900-1905