

GENEALOGY DATABASE ENTRY

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Eaton, Amos

1776 - 1842

DEGREE: AB

DATE: 1799

PLACE: Williams Coll (NY)

TEACHER/RESEARCH ADVISOR: Silliman

itinerant lecturer in New England and the Hudson Valley, specializing in chemistry but also teaching geology, botany, and zoology; persuaded Stephen van Rensselaer, principal landlord in upstate New York, in 1824 to finance a school for training "in the application of science to the common purposes of life", the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

FOOTNOTE: Originally trained as a lawyer, Eaton became interested in natural sciences and in 1815-16 attended Silliman's lectures on chemistry at Yale.

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