

The minister of the church in Pugwash who was Mr. Eaton's great grandfather was Rev. Maynard Parker. Rev. Parker is the son of Major Nathaniel Parker. Nathaniel Parker as a young man joined a group of soldiers and was involved with Wolfe in the siege of Quebec. Major Nathaniel Parker finally settled in Nictaux. Nathaniel had 16 children and Rev. Maynard Parker was the 15th child.

Maynard Parker is descended from famous New Englanders, including John Alden and Priscilla. Maynard Parker is also a relative of Theodore Parker. Theodore Parker was a famous New England preacher and orator who played a conspicuous part in the liberation of the slaves. Theodore Parker was one of the founders of Acadia University.

All of these Parkers were at one time Congregationalists, but when they moved to Nova Scotia they became Baptists.

Henry Steele Commager wrote a book on the life of Theodore Parker which Mr. Eaton thinks may be in the library at Pugwash.

(read by RS to JP 7/10/61)

Eaton, C. S. - Family

March 5, 1964

Dear Roy:

Many thanks for your letter of February 28th to Mr. Cyrus Eaton. I think I may be able to supply the answers to your questions.

Rev. Maynard Parker was pastor of the Pugwash Baptist Church from 1840 to 1844. His daughter Mary married Stephen Eaton on January 5, 1842. The Cyrus Eaton who was received into the church membership on August 6, 1876, would be Cyrus Black Eaton, son of Stephen and Mary Parker Eaton, born December 18, 1857. In 1881, he moved to Denver with his family, including his son William Robb Eaton, who represented the First Congressional District of Colorado in the U.S. Congress with distinction for a number of terms starting in 1928.

I had not realized that the present church building dates back to 1849. It certainly adds a great deal to the historic interest of Pugwash, and I think it would be a shame to demolish it. We are devoting substantial resources to maintaining and preserving Thinkers' Lodge. I hope you can enlist sufficient support from other interested citizens to carry on with the old church building.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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