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## EATON AND DAVIS FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM CA. 1860S–1870S

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: One small photograph album holding 14 cartes-de-visite and 5 tintypes

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1860s–1870s

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Bluford Eaton was born 14 February 1809 in Gallatin County, Kentucky. On 6 October 1827 he married Nancy Phipps, daughter of Thomas and Mary Phipps, in Owen County, Kentucky. Nancy Phipps Eaton (1809–1895) was born in Virginia. Bluford was a farmer and a deacon of the New Bethel Baptist Church, which was organized in April 1827 in Franklin Township, Marion County, Indiana. The village of New Bethel, now known as Wanamaker, was platted in March 1834. Bluford Eaton Sr. died 23 February 1876 and is buried in Founders Cemetery in Wanamaker.

Bluford and Nancy were the parents of William, Mary Jane, Nancy, James A., Lucinda, Martin, Bluford, Lewis, and Malinda. William Thomas was born in Gallatin County, Kentucky; Mary Jane was born either in Kentucky or Indiana; the remaining children were born in Indiana.

William Thomas Eaton was born 16 November 1828. His wife's name was Mary E. Eaton. He died 15 November 1906 and is buried in Founders Cemetery in Wanamaker.

Mary Jane Eaton was born in February 1831 and married Andrew Baker on 26 November 1846 in Marion County, Indiana. By 1850 the couple lived in Muscatine County, Iowa. They had five children. Mary Jane died 10 November 1880 in Pleasant Prairie, Iowa.

The Eatons' daughter Nancy was born in April 1836 and married George W. Harlan (born February 1832 in Indiana) on 22 January 1856 in Marion County. Their son Lewis was born ca. 1868, a few years after Nancy's brother Lewis was killed in the Civil War. Another son, Otto, was born ca. 1870. The family moved to Illinois by 1900.

James A. Eaton was born September 1833 and around 1855 married Mary E. Davis (b. February 1836 in Indiana). By 1860 the couple lived in Muscatine County, Iowa. The 1880 census lists them with seven children. There are portraits of some of Mary's family included in this collection.

Lucinda E. Eaton was born in September 1838 and married George W. Silver around 1859. They had three sons -- Callie (b. ca. 1861), Bluford (b. ca. 1863), and Alva A. (b. ca. 1865). Their two daughters were Margetta (b. ca. 1859) and Eva Irene (b. ca. 1868). Margetta is listed as a one-year-old on the 1860 census but does not appear with the family in the 1870 census, indicating that she likely had died before then. A carte-de-visite of the Silver children, ca. 1873, shows an image of three boys and a younger girl. The family was living in Boone County, Indiana, by 1870.

Martin Stafford Eaton was born 11 February 1841. He enlisted in Company A, Indiana 132nd Infantry Regiment on 18 May 1864 and mustered out on 1 August 1864. At the time of the 1870 census he was living with his sister Nancy and her family. He and his brother-in-law George Harlan were both working as pork packers. The 1880 census shows him living with his widowed mother. He married Emma around 1883-84 and they had a son,

Walter (b. November 1883) and a daughter Pearl (b. April 1887). Martin died 12 March 1905 and is buried in Fisher Cemetery in Wanamaker.

Bluford Eaton Jr. was born 12 November 1843, died 25 December 1865, and is buried in Founders Cemetery in Wanamaker. No definitive information could be found about Hattie Eaton (or Hattie March), with whom he is pictured in this collection.

Lewis Eaton was born ca. 1846 and died in the Civil War. One source states that he was born 10 July 1844 and died 15 July 1861. Other sources indicate that he enrolled in the 17th Indiana Infantry, Company I, in Indianapolis on 18 February 1864 and that he died of wounds either at Noonday Creek, Georgia, on 19 June 1864 or Nashville, Tennessee, on 16 July 1864. He may have sustained wounds at the Battle of Noonday Creek in June and died the next month in Nashville.

Malinda Eaton was born 16 December 1848 in what is now Wanamaker and married Butler Smith on 15 May 1867 in Marion County. Malinda died 28 June 1922 in Indianapolis. Butler K. Smith was born 31 December 1843 in Indianapolis to Butler K. and Sarah Smith. His father, Butler Sr., was an early leader of the Church of Christ in Indianapolis (later known as Central Christian), which was organized in 1833. Butler Jr. died 16 March 1929 in Indianapolis and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Martha H. Pigman, a sister of Mary E. Davis Eaton, was born October 1843 and around 1863 she married Jefferson Pigman, who was born February 1830 in Ohio. By 1850 he lived in Muscatine County, Iowa, and had moved to Kansas by 1860. The 1880 census shows the family in Kansas with three children: Ida (b. ca. 1867), John (b. ca. 1869), and Martha (b. ca. 1871).

George Davis was the brother of Mary E. Davis Eaton. His wife was Hattie E. Davis.

Amanda Davis McCartney, a sister of Mary E. Davis Eaton, was born ca. 1847 in Indiana. She married Allen McCartney.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of one small album holding 19 portraits of members of the Bluford Eaton (1809–1876) family of the Wanamaker area in Franklin Township, Marion County, Indiana, and members of the family of his daughter-in-law Mary E. Davis Eaton. The photographs appear to be from the 1860s and 1870s. There are 14 cartes-de-visite and 5 tintypes. All have some identification except for four unidentified photographs of infants and young children. Photo studios, when identified, were in Indianapolis and Lebanon, Indiana, and in Leavenworth and Emporia, Kansas.

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