

ELIZABETH (BETTY) EATON COLLECTION
06-14

Elizabeth Eaton, February 11, 1931 – July 21, 2006
William C. Eaton, 1920 - 2004

Elizabeth (Betty) Eaton was the wife of William C. “Bill” Eaton, Naushon Island Boatman from 1961 to 1987. She was the daughter of William H. Daniels of Willard, Ohio, who was a professional photographer. She was a talented amateur photographer, working with a 2 ¼ x 2 ¼ format camera. Her images of the scenes before her were acute and well-composed. She apparently had a darkroom or the ability to have custom 8 x 10 black and white prints made (from reading correspondence which was part of the donation, it is possible that Betty sent her negatives, developed by Kodak, to her father for printing). Her collection of contact sheets provides dates for the photos, which are otherwise not annotated. In addition to the black and white photos, she also took many 2 ¼ x 2 ¼ slides.

She and her husband were very interested in maritime and scenic beauty. They traveled to Nova Scotia, Maine and the Chesapeake Bay area. During their tenure on Naushon, Betty photographed many island scenes: Hadley Harbor in all seasons, including beautiful winter images, nature scenes around the island, the Naushon horses, the blacksmith and numerous views of the Naushon sheep. The delivery during Bill’s time as Boatman of the ferry *Cormorant* resulted in many photos.

Betty Eaton died in early summer 2006 and the photos were donated to the Collection in August by Ship Densmore, whose family lived next door to the Eatons in West Falmouth (39 Blacksmith Shop Road) where they lived after retiring from Naushon.

The Woods Hole Historical Collection will retain most of the images of Naushon and share a portion of them with the Naushon Archives.

All photo prints of Elizabeth Eaton are printed in black and white on 8 x 10 inch heavyweight paper, unless otherwise noted.

BOX 1

Folder 1: Personal and Naushon Papers

- Description of the collection and its origin.
- Family photos:
 - Daniels Siblings, 1914.
 - N.W. Daniels Family, 1968.
 - Betty (Elizabeth Daniels Eaton) with her father W.H. Daniels and Claudia, 1990 or 1991.
 - W.H. Daniels and three other people, all unidentified.
- Notes on photos for her father to print, 1971.
- Letter from Betty Eaton to W.C Daniels and her mother, January 15, 1973.
- Letter from W.C. Daniels to Betty re photos, August 29, 1979.
- Log of Bill Eatons (?) captain’s activity in early part of 1987 or 1988 after the Eatons

- had retired to West Falmouth.
- Receipt for photos (3 - 3 x 5 inch prints) sent to Betty Eaton by Talley Garfield, 1980.
 - Christmas card with three color prints enclosed of the Eaton's black lab on the Cormorant, from M--- and Weston Howland, Jr., 1980.
 - Christmas card with pen and ink drawing of the Naushon Home Farm and outbuildings in winter, from Frances and David Forbes, n.d.
 - Annual Report to the Shareholders of the Naushon Trust, May 25, 1961.
 - Color photo (8" x 10") of the Boatman's house on Naushon (residence of Bill and Betty Eaton), 1988.
 - 1981 Calendar page with aerial photo of Naushon and Hadley Harbor.

Folder 2: Photos of the *Charles Olsen* (ferry) and *Whale* (barge).

Folder 3: Photos of Riggs's horses coming to Naushon on barge *Whale* steered by *Cigana*.

Folder 4: Photos of *Cormorant* at Pret's (?) before delivery (during construction).

Folder 5: Photos of *Cormorant* upon arrival on Naushon Island.

Folder 6: Photos of miscellaneous boats.

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Folder 8: Black paper-covered album (9 x 6 ¼ inches) with aerial photos of Naushon, photos taken by Missy, 1979.

Folder 9: Photos of floods. 4 - 35 mm slides (1967 flood) and 7 - 3 ½ x 5 inch black and white prints (1976 floods).

Folder 10: Photos of Bill Eaton and the black Labrador.

Folder 11: Photos (color, 5 x 7 inches) of Bill Eaton and the skiff *Downeaster*.

Folder 12: Photos of daylilies and flowers.

Folder 13: Bird Photos

Folder 14: Other photographers' prints of Naushon.

Folder 15: Local nautical charts

BOX 2

Folder 1: Photos of Naushon land scenes, all seasons.

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Folder 3: Photos of Naushon land scenes, winter.

Folder 4: Photos of Naushon water scenes, all seasons.

Folder 5: Photos of Naushon water scenes, winter.

Folder 6: Photos of Naushon water scenes, winter.

BOX 3

Folder 1: Photos of Naushon water scenes, winter.

Folder 2: Photos of Naushon people.

Folder 3: Photos of Naushon sheep.

Folder 4: Photos of horses, carriages and wagons.

Folder 5: Photos of miscellaneous birds.

BOX 4

Folder 1: Contact sheets 1964-1966

Folder 2: Contact sheets 1967-1968

Folder 3: Contact sheets 1969-1970

Folder 4: Contact sheets 1971-1979

Folder 5: Contact sheets, undated.

There are sometimes duplicate contact sheets. One set is marked up for printing, with crop marks. The duplicate is often on better paper and exposed differently.

BOX 5 (Clam shell flat archival box)

Slides, 2 ¼ x 2 ¼ inches, in original Kodak paper boxes: (rows, left to right)

Summer 1964: (no description on box)

January 1965: Walks to Kettle Cove. Slides No. 13 to No. 20. Extra slides: Hale (Hole) Path, snowdrift, house.

May to July 1965: Foxglove in R. Garden, arrival of *Prudence* and first sail of *Prudence*, Stone House tower views.

July 1965: Garden pictures, West Falmouth, Riggs unloading horses (from *Whale*).

September 1965: cruise in *Downeaster* to Edgartown and Vineyard Haven, Naushon Road – Main Road.

Late October 1965: Foliage walk – south shore to Desert.

Late October Fall 1965: Walk out Island with late fall color, Bill and *Downeaster*, sunset, Christmas 1965. (2) End of Foliage walk, Desert, Hilltop, Eagle Hollow, Mary's Mary's Lake.

January and February 1966: Winter Harbor scenes.

February 1966: Winter ice – ice cakes on beach.

March and April 1966: Beginning of vegetable garden and spring flowers on Island.

Early October 1966: (no description on box).

October 1966: Just before vacation on Oct. 19th – arrival of hay in a truck and barge, Walk to South shore, Canada geese, fall colors – tupelo swamp.

October 1966: Gay Head – overexposed.

February 1968: Ice, Lambs.

May 1968: New York City – *Pioneer*, June 1968: Clematis.

1971: Maine and 2 of Island, house and sunset.

Spring 1972: Chesapeake.

Fall 1972: Maine and Newport.

Fall 1975 (September): Maine

January 8, 1977: snow pictures. September 1977: Southwest Harbor Boat Corporation – *Mercantile* (schooner?).

February 1977: Ice pictures, Woods Hole.

1978: *Prudence* hauled out, Fairhaven. February 7, 1978: snow pictures.

October 1, 1987: Last pictures, Naushon. Winter 1987: No. 39.

Unlabeled box: mostly garden photos.

Red Anscochrome Box: Charles Olsen, fitting out (n.d.)

Handwritten notes about slides, 1965-66.

BOX 6 (Metal Brumberger slide box for 2 ¼ x 2 ¼ inch slides)

Contains 73 slides in 4 rows, identified by E.E. as follows (written on masking tape on outside of box and on slips of paper, which have been duplicated on acid-free paper):

Rows left to right:

May 1967: Pasque, West End, Seagulls

July 1967: Newport, R.I.; America's Cup Defender

July 1967: *Koponah* (*Koponar?*) – barge trip

July 1967: Dream Waltz, W. Falmouth flowers, sunset, New York Yacht Club, Yacht
America, Round Garden flowers

Fall – September 1967: Cardinal flower and North Pasture

BOX 7

Photos of Maine, Nova Scotia, the Chesapeake and other scenes of maritime interest from the Eatons' vacation trips.