

First Master of Masonic Lodge Pictured Last Week

Joshua C. Eaton, a real old-timer, entered the "Who's This?" column in last week's issue of the Herald-Mail. He was not identified.

Mr. Eaton owned the farm which his father, Stephen, had bought directly from Glover Perin in 1810. It is the present Stanley Ellsworth farm on the Palmyra Rd. just west of Hannan's Corners.

He was a member of the Universalist Church from the time it was organized in 1833, and was one of its first deacons, continuing in that capacity for a number of years. This church was the present Episcopal Church. He also was one of the first members of Fairport Lodge No. 476, F&AM, which was instituted in 1859, and served as its first worshipful master. His wife was Amy Slocum of the early Slocum family in this locality.

In 1871 the family moved to Michigan. Their name was lost to the community except as it was retained in connection with the steep hill on the south side of the road near the homestead, which is still known as Eaton's Hill.

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