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.