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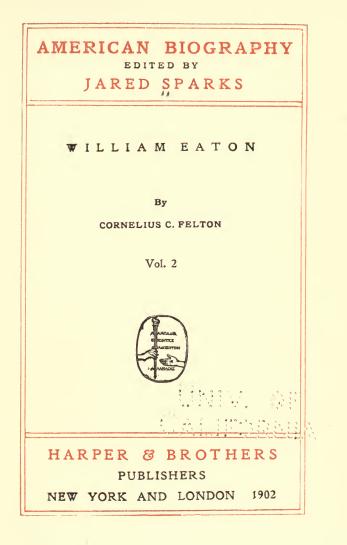
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# WILLIAM EATON.

## CHAPTER I.

## Eaton's Birth, Parentage, and early Life. — His Appointment in the Army. — His Marriage

WILLIAM EATON was born at Woodstock, in Connecticut, on the 23d of February, 1764. His parents were in the middling rank of life, and brought up a large family, with moderate means. His father was a farmer, and for many years eked out his narrow income, by teaching school during the winter; an employment for which he is represented as having been well qualified by more than ordinary attainments for a farmer. He died November 23d, 1804.

William, the subject of this biography, showed very early in life, an extraordinary vigor of character. The rustic labor of a farmer's life had no charms for his lively imagination; but reading and the sports of the field were his special delight. When he was ten years old, his family removed from Woodstock to Mansfield; and here

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