Plaque in Syms-Eaton

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BENJAMIN SYMES

Founder of the first free school in the American Colonies

1634

who devised two hundred acres of land on Pozuoson River,
with the milk and increase of eight cows, for the maintenance 48
of a learned, honest man to keep upon the said ground
a free school

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THOMAS EATON

Donor of five hundred acres of land on Back River with
the profits, for the support of a free school and 39
able schoolmaster to educate and teach the children born within
the County of Elizabeth City.

1659

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The two schools were united on this site as the Hampton 17
Academy by Act of Assembly

1805

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