



The Life of Alexander Masterton, Eastchester's 19th Century Marble Entrepreneur



To commemorate Eastchester's 350th Anniversary
You're invited to a special presentation by
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7:00 pm
Historic St. Paul's Church
897 South Columbus Avenue
Mt. Vernon, New York

Masterton, a Scottish immigrant, mason and master stone-cutting craftsman, parlayed his knowledge of stone and his business skills to become the baron of the 19th century Tuckahoe marble quarries in Eastchester. He lived and raised his family in a still existing, Greek revival home he built on White Plains Rd. in Bronxville. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the house was home to his descendants for more than a century. Given his business, his home life and the work of his relatives, Masterton's footprint is found throughout Eastchester.

Marble from Masterton's enterprises was shipped into New York City and Brooklyn and throughout the country from Maine to Louisiana for major structures being erected in the new nation, earning him the distinction of holding one of the largest federal contracts in 1835. In addition to the financial rewards that the marble industry brought to Masterton and the town, it would draw immigrants primarily from Ireland and Italy to settle and work in the stone quarries.

