Thomas Hayward Eager was born in Harlan, Kentucky.

At the time he became a member of Friends Meeting of Washington in January, 1938, he was living in Vienna, Virginia and working at the United States Patent Office. His wife remained a member of the Roman Catholic faith.

He shared deep concerns with the Meeting about peace issues as the shadows of war drew near in 1940.

His daughter, Anne Elizabeth, was born in 1942 and was an associate member during childhood.

He lived in Northwest Washington in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s, but was not always a frequent participant in Meeting activities.

He was living at the Washington Home in Northwest Washington, District of Columbia at the time of his death.