

Guide to the Daniel Washington Norton Papers

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TITLE: Daniel Washington Norton papers

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Daniel Washington Norton was born in Suffield, Connecticut in 1799, the son of Daniel and Lucy (King) Norton. He was educated in Suffield schools and Amherst College where he studied surveying.

Norton was one of the most outstanding men of Suffield. He was always in the front ranks of business affairs and progress. He was also actively involved in the civic matters of Suffield.

Daniel Norton was one of the first to see the possibilities of the insurance business. He became an agent of the Aetna Fire and Life Insurance Company in their early years. He was very successful and often made trips as far as Ohio. He was also financially interested in several industrial concerns, among them were the Windsor Knitting Factory, the Lacowsic Woolen Company and the Eagle Paper Mill. With John W. Loomis, he formed the partnership of Loomis and Norton. They were engaged extensively in cigar manufacturing. Norton was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Suffield and served as its first president.

In 1858 when the memory of the Reverend Benjamin Ruggles was honored, Norton was the primary planner of the celebration. Twelve years later, in 1870, at the Bicentennial of Suffield, he was the head of the committee and much of the success of that memorable occasion was due to his untiring efforts. He was life-long member of the Congregational Church of Suffield, and with his family, active in its welfare.

Daniel Washington Norton married Mindwell Pease, daughter of Joseph Pease. They had four children: John Hughes Norton, Ellen (Mrs. George Loomis), Lucy (who died in childhood), Elizabeth (Mrs. Calvin W. Philleo), and Emily. After the death of his first wife, Norton married Augusta Knowles, who survived him.

(Biographical information courtesy of Frances Edwards, Rare Book Dealer)

In addition to this inventory there is a separate card drawer. See the Reference Archivist for its location.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Financial papers arranged alphabetically by organization.

Collection Contents

Inventory, 1813, 1830-1878

Loomis & Norton		
b. 1	1866-1869	1866-1869
b. 2	1870 English	1870
b. 3	1871 January-June	1871 January- June
b. 4	1871 July-December	1871 July- December
b. 5	1872 January-May	1872 January- May
b. 6	1872 June-September	1872 June- September
b. 7	1872 October-December	1872 October- December
b. 8	1873 January-March	1873 January- March
b. 9	1873 April-June	1873 April-June
b. 10	1873 July-September	1873 July- September
b. 11	1873 October-December	1873 October- December
b. 12	1874 January-March	1874 January- March
b. 13	1874 April-June	1874 April-June
b. 14	1874 July-September	1874 July- September
b. 15	1874 October-December	1874 October- December
b. 16	1875 January-March	1875 January- March
b. 17	1875 April-June	1875 April-June
b. 18	1875 July-September	1875 July- September
b. 19	1875 October-December	1875 October- December

Loomis & Norton (continued)

b. 20	1876 January-April	1876 January-April
b. 21	1876 May-August	1876 May-August
b. 22	1876 September-December	1876 September-December
b. 23	1877 January-March	1877 January-March
b. 24	1877 April-June	1877 April-June
b. 25	1877 July-December	1877 July-December
b. 26	1878 January-April	1878 January-April
b. 27	1878 May-December	1878 May-December
b. 28	Cash journal	1868-1875
b. 28	Order books	1869-1871, 1872-1875
b. 28	General journals	1868-1873, 1873-1877
Textile industries		
Lacowsic Woolen Company		
b. 29	1866 - 1868	1866 - 1868
b. 30	1869 English	1869
b. 31	1870 - 1871	1870 - 1871
b. 32	ADD I, 1866 - 1873	
Windsor Knitting and Manufacturing Company		
b. 33	1852 August - 1853 October	1852 August - 1853 October
b. 34	1853 October - 1857 December	1853 October - 1857 December
Agawan Canal Company		
b. 35	Correspondence, 1849 - 1873	
b. 36	1847 - 1873	1847 - 1873
b. 37	Sequassen Woolen Company	1857-1863

Textile industries (continued)

b. 38	Hills, Lewis M. and Allen, Edward T.	1857-1863
b. 39	Insurance	1838-1873, undated
b. 39	Magic Paper Collar Company	1871-1873
b. 39	Suffield, Conn.: First National Bank	1863-1871
b. 39	Suffield, Conn.: Town Affairs	1860-1873
b. 39	Yale University: Alumni	1862-1863
	Miscellaneous business letters and papers	
b. 40	1847-1870	1847-1870
b. 41	1827-1868, 1871-1874	1827-1868, 1871-1874
b. 42	Personal correspondence	1859-1873
b. 43	King and Norton Lumber Company	1835-1869
b. 44	Suffield Block	1850-1860
	Mining	
	Suffield Gold, Silver, and Copper Mining Company	
b. 45	Correspondence	1866-1873
b. 46	Business papers	1866-1873
b. 47	Boston Copper and Sulphuric Acid Company	1870-1873
b. 47	Bridgeport Copper and Sulphuric Acid Company	1870-1873
b. 47	Hartford Mining and Smelting Company	1865-1869
b. 47	Metal Works and Stevens Glux Company	1868-1871
b. 47	Silver Series Mining Company	1865-1869
b. 48	Boston Copper and Sulphuric Acid Company	1869-1871
b. 48	Bridgeport Copper and Sulphuric Acid Company	1869-1871
b. 48	Hartford Mining and Smelting Company	1868-1871
b. 48	Metal Works and Stevens Company	1867-1873
b. 48	Silver Series Mining Company	1865-1871
b. 48	Suffield Gold, Silver and Copper Mining Company	1867-1873
b. 49	Insurance	1847-1871
b. 49	King and Norton Lumber Company	1837-1858

b. 49	Hathaway (Asahel, 1739-1828) Estate	1842-1853
b. 49	Granger (Catherine) Estate	1846-1849
b. 49	Hanchett (Samuel) Estate	1855-1858
b. 49	Agawan Canal Company, Agawan Paper Company	1847-1874
b. 49	Hills, Lewis M. and Allen, Edward T.	1867-1871
b. 49	Sequassen Woolen Company	1858-1865
b. 49	Windsor Knitting and Manufacturing Company	1850-1858
b. 50	Norton, Daniel Washington (1799-1874): arithmetic book, commonplace book, letter book, and personal correspondence	
b. 51	King and Norton Lumber Company	1832-1834
	Account books re	
b. 52	Family expenses	1870-1877
b. 52	Estate of Asahel Hathaway and miscellaneous financial accounts	1830-1853, 1830-1869
b. 52	Miscellaneous accounts and records of daily business transactions	1837-1849
b. 53	Accounts with Newton and Pomroy	1868-1870
	Accounts with Horace Sheldon	
b. 53	1853-1859, 1862-1864	1853-1859, 1862-1864
b. 53	Accounts with Farmers & Mechanics Bank	1843-1851
b. 53	Arithmetical tables	1813
b. 54	Clinton Line Railroad	1854-1873
	Textile industries	
	Windsor Knitting and Manufacturing Company	
b. 55	Ledger	1853 April-1854 March
b. 55	Journal	1853 April-1854 March
	Mining	
	Silver Series Mining Company	
b. 55	Copies from company ledgers, 1-4, of data on organization and subsequent meetings	1865-1866
	Oversize materials	

Oversize materials (continued)

Legal, financial, and insurance documents

b. 56	Agawam Canal Company [cotton mill]	1849-1855
b. 56	Clinton Railroad	1850s
b. 56	Suffield Gold, Silver, and Copper Mining Company	1866-1868
b. 56	Windsor Knitting and Manufacturing Company	1853
b. 56	Property purchases	Circa 1866

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Business
Canals -- Massachusetts
Mineral industries -- Connecticut
Mineral industries -- Finance -- Connecticut
Mines and mineral resources
Papermaking -- Connecticut
Railroads
Textile industry -- Connecticut

Loomis and Norton
Magic Paper Collar Company
Sequassen Woolen Company
Silver Series Mining Company
Suffield Gold, Silver, and Copper Mining Company
Windsor Knitting and Manufacturing Company
Windsor Knitting and Woolen Company

Geographic Names

Connecticut
Connecticut -- Economic conditions
Connecticut -- Industries
Suffield (Conn.)
Windsor Locks (Conn.) -- Economic conditions

Genres / Formats

Account books

Occupations

Manufacturers

Names

Allen, E. T. (Edward Tyson), 1875-1942
Hills, Lewis M.
Loomis, Bryon
Norton, Daniel Washington, 1799-1874
Norton, John Hughes
Stowe, Joseph D.

Corporate Bodies

Agawan Canal Company
Boston Copper and Sulfuric Acid Company
Bridgeport Copper and Sulfuric Acid Company
Clinton Line Railroad Company
Franklin Paper Company
Hartford Mining and Smelting Company
King and Norton Lumber Company
Lacowsic Woolen Company