

# Guide to the Daniel Washington Norton Papers

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**CREATOR:** Norton, Daniel Washington, 1799-1874

**TITLE:** Daniel Washington Norton papers

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**BULK DATES:** 1830-1878

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 15.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers contain correspondence and other records of Loomis and Norton, a paper manufacturing firm in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. The papers also contain records of several textile and mining companies and those of Connecticut Canal Railroad and other companies. A small amount of personal correspondence and account books are also found in the papers.

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## Administrative Information

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The materials are open for research.

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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.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Financial papers arranged alphabetically by organization.

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## Collection Contents

### Inventory, 1813, 1830-1878

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

## Loomis &amp; 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,<br>1872-1875         |
| b. 28                                      | General journals             | 1868-1873,<br>1873-1877         |
| Textile industries                         |                              |                                 |
| Lacowsic Woolen Company                    |                              |                                 |
| b. 29                                      | 1866 - 1868                  | 1866 - 1868                     |
| b. 30                                      | 1869<br>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 -<br>1853 October   |
| b. 34                                      | 1853 October - 1857 December | 1853 October -<br>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,<br>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,<br>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,<br>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,<br>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<br>March |
| b. 55 | Journal  | 1853 April-1854<br>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 |

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## 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