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PREFACE

This pamphlet is issued for two reasons—first, as a medium for setting forth sundry notes regarding the Nortons, gathered in various ways; second, in hopes that more interest in the genealogy will be created in the different branches of the Norton family, and that they will preserve and from time to time add more history and records and leave to our family a more thorough record than our forefathers left us.

The facts and records contained in this pamphlet I have obtained by a great deal of labor and correspondence, and through a pamphlet issued by Walter W. Norton, of Lakeville, Conn., and through the kindness of Henry H. Norton, of Washington, D. C., also his son, H. A. Norton, of Norwich, N. Y., and Stephen W. Norton, of Washington, D. C., and his sister, Mrs. L. E. Olliver, of Seminole, Okla., and the Rev. Edwin A. Norton, of Hampton, Iowa.

In this pamphlet I have only endeavored to trace the male line of the Norton generations, leaving the daughters out to a large extent.

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THE HISTORY OF THE NORTON FAMILY

The history of the Norton family begins at the time of the Norman Conquest, when Lesigneur De Norville crossed over to England with King William the Conqueror Sept. 29, 1066, and was the King's constable.

The name at that time was Northville, which in French signifies Northtown, the name being changed long afterward to Norton, which in English meant Northtown.

It is supposed that all the families of this name in England, Ireland and America were derived from this one man.

In Walter W. Norton's pamphlet he traces his ancestors in a direct line back to one John Norton, who was born in England in or about the year 1622 and emigrated to America in 1646, and located at the town of Branford, Conn., and he gives a list of emigrants by the name of Norton, some twelve in number, who came to this country from 1634 to 1650, and he also gives a complete genealogy and traces the family of some four prominent Nortons down to as late as 1843. These four prominent names were John Norton, of Branford, Conn.; Thomas Norton, of Guilford, Conn.; Nichlos Norton, of Martha's Vinyard, and George Norton, of Salem, Mass.

STEPHEN NORTON'S DESCENDANTS

Stephen Norton, my great-grandfather, was born about 1755 in New York state, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War that was fought from 1775 to 1783. His wife's given name was Syble.

Although I have no positive proof, ~~but~~ I think without doubt that he was a descendant of one Thomas Norton, who came from England in the year of 1633 and settled at Guilford, Conn., and died in 1648. He was a signer of the Plantation Covenant, and descended from the Nortons at Bedfordshire, Eng. His wife's given name was Grace.

Stephen Norton left New York state in the year of 1815, settling at Springfield, O., but came farther west in 1818 and settled at Washington, Ind., in the year 1819.

Stephen Norton was the father of six sons and three daughters, consisting of Asa, Thoda, Benjamin, Ruben, Joel and Stephen; the three daughters were Olive, Lyda and Delia. *and Sarah*

Asa Norton, my grandfather, was born in 1782¹. He was a son of Stephen Norton.

Asa Norton was the father of five sons and two daughters:

Asa Almon Norton, born in 1803.

William Noble Norton, born in 1808.

Wellington B. Norton, born in 1816.

Charles H. Norton, born in 1820.

Louis ~~Louis~~ D. Norton, born in 1822.

Mirinda and Delia Norton.

Asa Norton died in 1859. He married Miss Polly Belknap in New York, who died in 1850.

Asa Norton was a soldier in the war of 1812 and held the office of Major General in the Cavalry. He came to Illinois about the year of 1814 and settled in Crawford county, where he officiated as judge and was known for many years as Judge Norton. He held the distinction with his younger brother, Thoda, as being among the passengers on

Robert Fulton's first steamboat, the Claymont, on its trial trip from New York City to Albany on the 11th day of August, 1807. *aug 7.*

Asa Almon Norton, eldest son of Asa Norton, lived and practiced law in Goshen, Ind. He left one son, William Norton, who lives and publishes a newspaper at Elkhart, Ind.

William N. Norton, second son of Asa Norton, was my father, and lived in Crawford county, Illinois. He died January 17, 1888. He married Juliana Spilkey Townsend, Jan. 14, 1849, who was born in Ohio June 7, 1823. Her father's name was Frederick Spilkey. He was born in Germany, Sept. 24, 1797. His wife's maiden name was Fanny Daugherty. Their family consisted of five sons and four daughters. Three sons were in the Civil War—Daniel, Edward and William Spilkey. The latter died from the effects of a wound received at the battle of Murfreesboro, Dec. 30, 1864.

Edward Spilkey died May 26, 1865, from the effects of a wound caused by the bursting of a shell at the taking of the Spanish fort at Mobile, Ala.

William Norton left three sons and one daughter—Wellington Asa, Almon A. and Horace B. Norton and Julia A. Norton.

Wellington Asa Norton left four sons and one daughter—Elmo E., Milton N., Robert A. and Clyde Norton, and Hallie, the wife of Everett Kent.

Wellington A. Norton was born in 1853, and died 1888. His wife was Mary R. Jones, daughter of Milton Jones.

Almon A. Norton was born in 1856; married Mariah Jones, daughter of Milton Jones. Their family consisted of two daughters—Blanch and Lucy Norton.

Horace B. Norton was born in 1859. He married Eliza A. Cunningham, daughter of John F. Cunningham, of Flatrock, Ill. Their family consisted of one son and two daughters—William F. Norton, Mrs. Edna Beckes, of Russellville, Ill., and Ethel Norton.

Julia Norton married Enoch W. Landreth, and left two daughters—Beulah and Minnie Landreth.

Wellington Norton, son of Asa Norton, was a doctor and practiced medicine in Russellville, Ill., and died leaving no children.

Charles H. Norton, son of Asa Norton, died leaving no children.

Lewis D. Norton, son of Asa Norton, married Lucinda Tennyson, whose father was a direct descendant from the noted poet, Alfred Tennyson.

Lewis D. Norton was the father of one son and six daughters—William, Parthenia, Emma, Rosa, Laura, Lucinda and Ella Norton.

Lewis D. Norton was a lawyer and practiced law in the same court with Abraham Lincoln at Lincoln, Ill. He tried almost every political party that ever started in his time. He moved to Texas and was elected county judge and was thereafter called Judge Norton. He died at Sumner, Ill., in 1904.

Marinda, one of Asa Norton's daughters, was married three times. Her second husband was Senator Parker of Indiana.

Thoda Norton, son of Stephen Norton, was born in New York in 1785, and died April 17, 1863. Thoda Norton left York State and came to the neighborhood of Springfield, Ohio, about 1810, and was the owner of a stage line which he operated, carrying passengers, and the contract to carry the U. S. mail. He married Lucinda Sample, Jan. 14, 1809, who died April 23, 1863. Thoda Norton was the father of four sons and six daughters—Asa, Nelson, Ira and George, and Nancy, Polly, Lucinda, Diana, Eliza and Lyda were the girls.

Nelson Norton was born Dec. 28, 1815, and died 1863. He married Miss Charlotte Geer, Jan. 5, 1836, and left a family of five sons and three daughters—Nelson, Homer, Gustavus, Wellington, Clay and Swan were the sons.

Nelson Homer Norton was a soldier in the Civil War. He left two sons—Joseph and Nelson, now of Vincennes, Ind.

Gustavus A. Norton left two sons, John and James, and two daughters.

Wellington Norton is still alive and lives in Vincennes, Ind. He has one son, Benjamin F. Norton, who went through the Spanish-American War, and now resides in St. Louis.

Clay and Swan Norton have no families.

Asa Norton, son of Thoda Norton, was the father of two sons, Almon T. and Millard Norton, and two daughters, Alice and Rosabelle.

Almon T. Norton left one daughter, Ruby, now employed in the Modern Woodmen offices in Rock Island, Ill.

Millard Norton lives in Palestine, Ill., and has one daughter.

Alice Norton married John Patton, of Wayne county, Illinois, and Rosabelle married Isaac Cannon, of Crawford county, Illinois.

George Norton, son of Thoda Norton, was the father of three sons, Scott, Paul and Will Norton, all in Nebraska at the present time, and two daughters, Lyda and Lucinda. Lyda is in Robinson, Ill., and Lucinda is in Sullivan, Ind.

Ira Norton, son of Thoda Norton, was a soldier in the Civil War. He was the father of nine sons, James T., Nelson, Wallace, Perry, Harlan, Everett, William, Francis and Charley Norton, and two daughters, Louira and Lucinda Norton.

James T. Norton lives at Sullivan, Ind., and Wallace lives at Flatrock, Ill. He has one son and two daughters. His son, Otis Norton, is located at Vincennes, Ind.; Nelson Norton lives at Washington, Ind.; Perry Norton lives at Prescott, Ark.; William Norton lives near Heathsville, Ill.; Everett Norton went through the Spanish-American War and at present is in Mississippi; Harlan Norton lives in Mississippi and is a rolling stone; Francis Norton is in California and is a professor in a college; Charley Norton is in Oklahoma and holds a government appointment as distributing agent among the Indians.

Dr. Benjamin Norton, son of Stephen Norton, left three sons, Andrew Jackson, Benjamin F. and Alonzo Norton, and one daughter, Mary Ann.

Andrew J. Norton was born in Ghent, Ky., March 13, 1818, and died Dec. 15, 1898. He was married to Mary Ann Jeffers, Dec. 19, 1839. They were married by Judge Asa Norton (my grandfather).

They had four children, two sons and two daughters. His son, Edwin A. Norton, was born in Crawford county, Illinois, October 8, 1840, and lives at the present time in Hampton, Iowa. He married Miss Catherine Taylor, of Platsville, Wis., in 1865. By this union seven children were born, four sons and three daughters. The sons were Jasper, George J., Andrew J. and Guy Norton; the daughters were Nellie, Mary and Clara. George J. Norton lives at the present time in Salt Lake City, Utah; Andrew J. Norton lives in Iowa.

Francis Norton, son of Jackson Norton, has two sons alive—Fredrick Lee Norton, who resides in Wisconsin, and Able F. Norton, who lives in Kansas City.

Benjamin F. Norton, son of Jackson Norton, had one son, Ruben Dilworth Norton, who died some years ago at York, Neb. He left one son and two daughters, all living in Denver, Col., at the present time.

Alonzo Norton, son of Benjamin Norton, left two daughters. Mrs. Rachel Lackey and Mrs. Eliza Bird, both of Birds, Ill.

Stephen William Norton was born in the year of 1821 and died in February, 1911, being 90 years old. Stephen W. Norton was a minister in the M. E. Church. He was a man of great ability and exalted ideas, and of an aristocratic nature. He left three sons and two daughters, consisting of A. B. Norton,

Horace Greeley Norton and Stephen W. Norton. His daughters were Mrs. L. E. Olliver, of Seminole, Okla., and Mrs. M. F. Wade, of Flora, Kans.

A. B. Norton lives in Tulsa, Okla., and is in the real estate and oil business.

H. G. Norton went through the Spanish-American War and is a rolling stone.

Stephen W. Norton, the youngest son of Stephen William Norton, lives in Washington, D. C. He is in the civil service and has been for twenty years. He has one son. He speaks of a tradition of an old sword handed down from father to son by the name of Stephen, but some way he has been cheated out of it.



TOWNS BY THE NAME OF NORTON AND WHOM THEY WERE NAMED AFTER.

Norton, Whitfield county, Georgia, named from Wilson Norton, who was born on Gadkin River, North Carolina, his father. His father was William A. Norton, who in 1833 settled in Whitfield county.

Norton, Oneida county, Idaho, was named after Charles A. Norton, son of Charles Norton, who went in 1850 to Utah from eastern states.

Norton, Norton county, Kan., population 1,074, was named after Orloff Norton, Captain of Company L, Fifteenth Kansas Cavalry, killed by guerillas at Cave Hill, Ark., Oct. 29, 1865.

Norton, Piscataquis county, Maine, was named after Charles C. Norton, who had a store on the corner and in 1889 was established a postoffice and called Norton.

Norton, Bristol county, Massachusetts, population 1,826, was originally part of the town of Taunton, Mass., but was divided, and this part was called Norton from a city in England.

Norton, Runnells county, Texas, named after George W. Norton, of Louisville, Ky., who owned a large tract of land in Runnells county.

Nortonsville, Albemarle county, Va., named after Sippy Norton, who went there from Connecticut about the year of 1825.

Nortonsville, Contra Costa county, Cal., was named after Noah Norton, who made the first discovery of coal in that county.

Nortonsville, Jefferson county, Kans., was named after H. B. Norton, who was road master of the A. T. & Santa Fe R. R. Co. when it was built through the county.

Nortonsville, Hopkins county, Ky., named after three Norton brothers, William F., George W. and X. Norton, who owned the land when the town was laid off. This George W. Norton was the same party that Norton, Texas, was named after.

Nortonsburg, Bartholomew county, Ind., named after William Norton, who was born in Virginia, in 1801 went to Trumbull county, Ohio, and thence to Nortonsburg in the year of 1831. His father was from Strasburg, Germany.

