

Elijah Harper Norton Family Papers Biographical Sketch

Elijah Harper Norton was born September 18, 1843 to W. A. and Caroline Norton in Ashtabula County, Ohio. The family moved to Cleveland where his father died in 1855. The Cleveland & Toledo R. R. employed him as a messenger boy at the age of thirteen.

He enlisted in the Civil War in 1861 serving in the 84th and 150th O.V.I. He then moved to Toledo as ticket agent at the Union depot for the Cleveland & Toledo R.R. Norton then worked as a teller for First National Bank until he joined the bank of Keener, Holcomb & Co. as the junior partner. He was active in the firm for twelve years, retiring in ill-health three years before he died, September 15, 1886.

He married Mary A. Evans in August 1869. They had three children: Richard Evans Norton, born May 5, 1872; Julia P. Norton, born April 27, 1874; and Harold Harper Norton, born November 19, 1885. Mary Norton died November 14, 1925. Richard died December 17, 1946; Harold died August 3, 1949; and Julia died March 4, 1966.

An undated newspaper article in the department's Toledo Biography Scrapbook – Norton describes articles in the scrapbook about the schooner C. B. Benson which sailed from Toledo to Europe in

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| Folder 1 | Letter, Jno. A. [Norton], London, to E. H. Norton, Toledo, October 19, 1881 |
| Folder 2 | Scrapbook |