The Richard E. Norton Family Collection, 1848-1870

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Descriptive Summary
Repository: Martha’s Vineyard Museum
Call No.
Title: The Richard Norton Family Collection 1840-1850
Creator: Anna Littlefield
Quantity: .5 cubic feet
Abstract: The Richard E. Norton Family Collection contains original correspondences and envelopes between Richard E. Norton and his wife, Jane Ann Cottle Norton. The collection also includes correspondences between Jane Ann and her brother James Cottle, as well as James’ business letters. The collection also contains transcriptions of these original letters.
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Index Terms
Richard E. Norton
Jane Ann Cottle Norton
James Cottle
F.W. Choate

Series and Subseries Arrangement
Series I: Richard E. Norton Family Correspondences

Biography/Historical Note:
Richard E. Norton was a member of the Norton family and more specifically a descendant of the Benjamin Tribe of the Norton family. The Norton Family was divided into three tribes, Isaac, Joseph and Benjamin, they are the names of the three sons of
Nicholas and Elizabeth Norton. Richard E. Norton was born July 26, 1820 and died November 1, 1899. Richard E. Norton was a Deacon of the Baptist Church in New Bedford. Richard married Jane Ann Cottle May 27, 1847. Jane Ann Cottle was born on January 10, 1830 and died January 16, 1906. This family was in the household of William R. Norton.

**Scope and Content Note:**
The collection contains original letters and their transcriptions involving Richard E. Norton and his wife, Jane Ann Cottle Norton, Anne’s brother James Cottle and a business associate of James’, F.W. Choate. The collection also contains the original envelopes.

The Richard E. Norton Family Collection was assembled in June 2011. See also RU 282 The Norton Family Papers and other genealogical records.

**Series Descriptions:**

**Series I: Richard E. Norton Family Correspondences**
Box 1 of 1
Folder 1: Original Letters from Jane Ann Cottle Norton to Richard E. Norton 1852-1853
Folder 2: Transcription of Original Letters from Jane Norton to Richard Norton, 1852-1853
Folder 3: Original Letters from Richard Norton to Jane Ann Norton 1848-1849
Folder 4: Transcription of Original Letters from Richard Norton to Jane Norton 1848-1849
Folder 5: Original Letter from Jane Ann Norton to James Cottle, August 5, 1852
Folder 6: Transcription of Original Letter from Jane Ann Norton to James Cottle, August 5, 1852
Folder 7: Original Letters from James Cottle to Jane Ann Norton, 1853-1856
Folder 8: Transcription of Original Letters from James Cottle to Jane Ann Norton, 1853-1854
Folder 9: Original Business Letters from F.W. Choate to James Cottle 1868-1870
Folder 10: Transcription of Original Business Letters from F.W. Choate to James Cottle 1868-1870
Folder 11: Original Envelopes