# Norton

#### John Nicholas Norton

Born: (fall or	winter) 1820 in Water	loo, N.Y.	
Parents: Geor	rge H. Norton, Sr. (178	7) and Maria Gault (1795)	
Children of C	George and Maria Norto	<u>on</u>	
John N.	1820	m Mary Sutton	1881
George H.	1824	m Ann Marshall	1893
Ann	1826		
Daniel N.	1828	m 1) Call	
		m 2) Lucy Marshall Fisher	

# NOTES

**George Hatley Norton, Sr.** (1787) was the son, and middle child, of John Hatley Norton (1745-1797) and <u>Sarah Nicholas</u> (1752-c. 1790). He was born in Virginia. He had two sisters, Courtney (1779) and Anne (1788). After his mother died, his father married again. His second wife was Catherine Bush; her children were Virginia, Randolph and Daniel. George spent much time with his uncle John Nicholas (his mother's brother), who became as close as a father to him.

He and Maria were married December 12, 1819, in Brooklyn. An Episcopal Minister, George came to Allen's Hill shortly after the birth of his first child to become the minister at St. Paul's Church. (He is the principal character of the book *Allerton Parish*, written by his son John.)

John N. Norton (182	20)				
m 1855 in Kentucky					
<u>Mary Sutton</u> (1835-1881)					
Children of John and Mary Norton					
George Herbert	1857		1857		
Charles Delaney	1863		1863		
Juliet May	1868		1940		

## **Death**

John: January 18, 1881 in Louisville, Ky. Mary: 1881 in Ky.

**John Norton** graduated from Hobart College, Geneva, in 1845, then from General Theological Seminary in New York City. As a young man "in the first budding of his noble manhood" he had wanted to go to sea, but was "deterred from doing so by the grief and flowing tears of an affectionate mother." (Appleton's Encyclopedia)

After his ordination he served for a time as Assistant Minister in a church in Rochester, then went as a pioneer Missionary to Frankfort, Kentucky in December 1846 at age twenty-six. He labored there for twenty-three years as minister and teacher "Part of the time as a very poor man, with no income save the meager stipend received for the performance of his duties."

Around 1870 he became ill with an illness that lingered and led to his death; he was laid low by "the fever's blinding blow." At his funeral the church was crowded with mourners. There was a down pouring of rain that day as "a multitude stood by the narrow house where we laid his body down."

**His Obituary**: "John Nicholas Norton, clergyman, born in Waterloo, New York, in 1820; died in Louisville, Kentucky, 18 January, 1881. He belonged to an old Virginia family, though he was born and educated in New York. He was graduated at Hobart college, Geneva, New York, in 1842, and at the General theological seminary in 1845, was ordained deacon in Trinity church, Geneva, 20 July, 1845, by Bishop DeLancey, and priest in St. Paul's church, Rochester, New York, 24 August, 1846, by the same bishop. His first post was that of assistant minister of St. Luke's church, Rochester, in 1845.

He removed to Kentucky in December, 1846, became rector of Ascension church, Frankfort, and engaged also in teaching. He occupied this post until August, 1870, when he accepted a call to become associate rector of Christ church, Louisville, Kentucky, where he labored during the remaining years of his life. He received the degree of D. D. from Hobart in 1862, and subsequently from two other colleges.

Dr. Norton was a member of the standing committee of the diocese of Kentucky, for nine years a deputy to the General convention, and a trustee of the Theological seminary of Kentucky. His publications were numerous, amounting in all to nearly forty volumes. They include "The Boy who was trained up to be a Clergyman" (Philadelphia, 1854) ; "Full Proof of the Ministry," sequel to the preceding (New York, 1855); " Lives of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church," beginning with Bishop" White" (1857), followed by Bishop Seabury, and fifteen others (1857-'9); "Life of Bishop Heber (1858) ; "Life of George Washington" (1860);" Life of Benjamin Franklin" (Frankfort, Kentucky, 1861); "Life of Archbishop Cranmer" (1863); "Life of Archbishop Laud" (Boston, 1864); "Short Sermons " (1858) ; " Sketches, Literary and Theological" (1872) ; "The King's Ferry-Boat," sermons (1876) ; and " Old Paths," sermons (1880)."

<u>George Hatley Norton, Jr.</u> (1824) was born May 7, 1824. His father was serving as minister at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Allen's Hill at the time. It is said that George was born in Winchester, Virginia. This may be true, if his mother traveled to the place of her nativity to have her child, but he and his brothers were raised in Allen's Hill. George married his wife <u>Ann Burwell Marshall</u> on June 1, 1854 in Virginia. They had seven children: Claudia (1856), Maria Gault (1858), and James Keith (1860), Thomas (1863), Nannie (1867), George (1869), and Courtney (1876). He became an Episcopal minister. He died September 15, 1893.

George was also mentioned in his brother John's obituary: "George Hatley Norton, clergyman, born in Ontario county, New York, 7 May, 1824, entered Hobart college in 1838, but was not graduated. He studied law in Fauquier county, Virginia, in 1840-'3, but, resolving to enter the ministry, went to the Theological seminary of Virginia, where he was graduated in 1846. He was ordained deacon in July, 1846, by Bishop Meade, and

priest in May, 1848, by the same bishop. He accepted the rectorship of St. James's church, Warrenton, Virginia, in 1846, and held that post for twelve years, but removed to Ohio in 1858, and became rector of Trinity church, Columbus. In 1859 he was called to St. Paul's church, Alexandria, Virginia, which post he holds at the present date (1888).

He received the degree of D.D. from William and Mary in 1868. Dr. Norton has held various offices of trust in church affairs. He was delegate to the general council of his church in the seceding states in 1862-'5, deputy to the General convention in the United States in 1868-'86, and has been a member of the standing committee of the diocese and a trustee of the Theological seminary of Virginia since 1865. He was elected professor of systematic divinity in the theological seminary in 1874, and president of Kenyon college, Ohio, in 1876, but declined both posts. Dr. Norton has contributed to some extent to current religious literature, and has also published an "Inquiry into the Nature and Extent of the Holy Catholic Church"

<u>Ann Burwell Marshall</u> (1832) was born in Fauquier County, Virginia, on October 28, 1832. Her family called her "Nannie." She was the daughter of James Keith Marshall (1800-1862) and Claudia Hamilton Burwell (1804-1884). James K. Marshall served in the State Legislature of Virginia. His father was Chief Justice John Marshall (1755-1835), the fourth Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (1801-1835).

<u>Sarah Nich</u>	<u>olas</u>		
Born: 1752			
Parents: Rol	pert Carter Nich	olas (1728-1780) and Anne Cary (1735)	
Children of	Robert and Ann	e Nicholas:	
Sarah	1752	m John Hatley Norton	c.1790
George	1755	m Mary Smith	
John	1756	m Ann Rose Lawson	1819
Thomas	1759	m Dolly Berry	1846
Wilson	1761	m Margaret Smith	1820
Elizabeth	1762	m Edmund Randolph	
Lewis	1763	m Harris	
Judith	1765		
Mary			
Robert	1768		1803
Philip	1775	m 1) Mary Spear	1849
		m 2) Maria Byrd	

## NOTES

**<u>Robert Carter Nicholas</u>** (1728) was prominent in Virginia politics. He was a statesman, a jurist and a vestryman of the Williamsburg Church. He served in the House of Burgesses and was Treasurer of Virginia.

<u>Sarah Nicholas</u> (1752) had three children: Courtney (1779), Anne (1788), John (1790). After John's birth, she died. Her husband John Norton married again to Catherine Bush and had three more children: Virginia, Randolph and Daniel.

<u>John Nicholas</u> (1756) was born in Williamsburg, Virginia, and graduated from the College of William and Mary, where he studied Law. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives, serving the  $15^{\text{th}}$  district of Virginia from 1793 to 1801. He married Ann Lawson (1758-1838) in Virginia about 1777. Their children are Jane (1799), <u>Robert Carter</u> (1801), Elizabeth (1804), Sarah (1806), Mary (1811), and John (1814). He is the uncle of George Norton (and great-uncle of **John Nicholas Norton**).

John came to Geneva, New York, in 1803. (His wife's sister Jane was married to Robert Selden Rose, who also came to Ontario County at this time.) He served in the New York State Senate for the Western District 1806-1809. In Ontario County, he was appointed the first county judge of Common Pleas on March 11, 1805 and served until March 1819. He died nine months later on Dec. 31, 1819. (He is "Colonel Ashley" in John Nicholas Norton's *Allerton Parish*.)

**<u>Robert Carter Nicholas</u>** (1801) married Mary S. Rose (1809-1837). She was the daughter of Robert Selden Rose (1774-1835) and the sister of Robert Lawson Rose (1804-1877), who lived in Allen's Hill and married the daughter of Nathaniel Allen.

<u>Wilson Cary Nicholas</u> (1761) was the Governor of Virginia (1814-1816) and served in the U.S. House of Representatives (dates). His children were Robert, Margaret, Mary, Sarah, Jane, John, Sidney, and Cary.