

JOHN M. NORTON

Hon. John M. Norton, who has been ill for nearly two years with dropsy died very suddenly last Monday morning, August 11, almost immediately after eating breakfast at his home three miles south of Rochester, aged 82 years.

John M. Norton was born in Ontario County, NY, May 5, 1820, and came to Michigan with his parents in 1824. His father, Rev. John Norton, built and lived in the first house in what is now Oakland Township. He was married in 1847 to Miss Nancy Hazen, of Ontario County, NY and shortly afterwards took possession of a 160 acre farm in DeWitt township, Clinton Co.

Mr. Norton was a delegate to the meeting 'under the Oaks' at Jackson, when the Republican Party was formed. In 1880 he turned to the greenhackers and was the nominee of the greenback party for state treasurer. In 1882 he was elected state senator in the fifteenth district. He was a delegate to the greenback national convention which nominated Peter Cooper and Gen. Weaver for president.

His widow and five children survive him – Mrs. Alvina King, Tawas City; William H. Norton, Washington, Macomb Co.; John T. Norton, Rochester; Dr. Clarence Norton of Killmaster and Grant C. Norton who lives on the farm.

Funeral services were held from the Rochester M. E. church, of which Mr. Norton was a member, on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Dr. C. T. Allen of Detroit officiating. A large concourse of people gathered to show their last respects to a neighbor and friend and one who had been a man among men.

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