

# A Guide to the Charles Eliot Norton Collection

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# Item Listing

## Manuscripts

### **Preface, "Lectures and Fragments of Lectures by James Russell Lowell" by Charles Eliot Norton**

**Unit Date** n. d.

**Extent**

TMSS,  
4 p.

#### **Scope and Content**

[Includes author's corrections and addition.] (Bound volume also contains essay "Humor, wit, and fun" and engraving and print of Charles Eliot Norton)

### **Essay, "Humor, wit, and fun" by James Russell Lowell**

**Unit Date** n. d.

**Extent**

TMSS,  
24 p.

#### **Scope and Content**

[Includes autograph corrections by Charles Eliot Norton. ]

## Letters

### **Charles Eliot Nortonto Charles E. Guild**

**Unit Date** 1851 Aug 31

**Extent**

ALS,  
5 p.

#### **Scope and Content**

[Regards Longfellow and other friends.]

### **Charles Eliot Nortonto unknown**

**Unit Date** 1859 Apr 22

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

#### **Scope and Content**

[Thanks correspondent for information pertaining to his Eliotancestors; says a witch jury-man is of special interest; wishes to borrow the Eliot familyprinted genealogy.]

### **Charles Eliot Nortonto unknown**

**Unit Date** 1866 Apr 17

**Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

#### **Scope and Content**

[Refers to a letter by the correspondent which appeared in The North American Review; mentions that [George] Bancroft fled the country on the mere report of the letter's appearance.]

### **Charles Eliot Nortonto unknown**

**Unit Date** 1877 Jul 3

**Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

#### **Scope and Content**

[Informs correspondent that he was chosen to be a member of the Saturday Club. ]

### **Charles Eliot Nortonto Houghton, Mifflin & Co.**

**Unit Date** 1883 May 7

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

#### **Scope and Content**

[Expresses thanks for a copy of advance sheets of a new edition of Jones Very's poems; praises the spiritual intensity and sincerity of the poems and is glad that they are published.]

### **Charles Eliot Nortonto Editor of CenturyMagazine [ Richard Watson Gilder]**

**Unit Date** 1884 Jan 23

**Extent**

ALS,  
4 p.

#### **Scope and Content**

[Discusses the oldest known portrait of Dante; he states that the portrait in the Bargelloin Florencewas not by Giottobut by one of his pupils.]

## **Charles Eliot Norton to Carl Wilhelm Ernst**

**Unit Date** 1887 Apr 12

**Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Thanks him for sending him an article about letters by Goethe that appeared in the Athenaeum.]

## **Charles Eliot Norton to Edmund Clarence Stedman**

**Unit Date** 1887 Jul 27

**Extent**

ALS,  
3 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Refers to John Norton and permits Stedman to make use of his own writings.]

## **Charles Eliot Norton to Bayard Wyman**

**Unit Date** 1887 Aug 9

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Refuses a request to write a critical opinion on the work of Tolstoy.]

## **Charles Eliot Norton to George Pellew**

**Unit Date** 1888 Mar 3

**Extent**

ALS,  
4 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Replies after having received an article by him in defense of the works of William Dean Howells; interprets "realists" and "actualists" among writers, stating that "actualists" are seldom artists of the highest rank and gives examples of both.]

## **Charles Eliot Norton to Richard Watson Gilder**

**Unit Date** 1890 Mar 28

**Extent**

ALS,  
3 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Refers to a letter by James Russell Lowell which, to his great satisfaction, is in the hands of Gilder for later publication; reports on Lowell's health.]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto Willis Hatfield Hazard**

**Unit Date** 1893 Feb 1

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Informs him that he might find the passages from the Bible referred to in the Divine Comedy in an essay "Dante e la Bibbia" by Niccolo Tommaseo. ]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto Robert Underwood Johnson**

**Unit Date** 1894 Jan 11

**Extent**

ALS,  
3 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Discusses publication of the James Russell Lowell papers in the Century. ]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto Henry Paret**

**Unit Date** 1894 Mar 19

**Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Sends the requested autograph of his father, Andrews Norton. ]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto the Rev. J[ulius] H[ammond ?] Ward**

**Unit Date** 1894 Mar 19

**Extent**

ALS,  
4 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Letter of recommendation regarding J. H. Jones, a student at Harvard, who would like to obtain a position as a reporter at the [Boston ?] Herald to report on the proceedings and papers of The Schools of Social Ethics; mentions Crawford Howell Toy. ]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto Messrs. Harper Brothers**

**Unit Date** 1894 Jul 28

**Extent**

ALS,  
4 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Gives suggestions on how to improve the appearance of the book, Literary and Social Essays, by George William Curtis, which is about to be printed; points out number of misprints in the last volume of From the Easy Chair and makes corrections.]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto Gerard Roberts**

**Unit Date** 1895 Oct 9

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Thanks him for sending a 30 year old notices from the Atlantic Monthly of the translation of Vita Nuovaby Norton.]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto Howe**

**Unit Date** 1896 Jan 22

**Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Complies with request for titles of books on the art of painting as practiced by the Egyptians.]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto William Gibbs Peckham**

**Unit Date** 1896 Jun 8

**Extent**

ALS,  
3 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Recalls a visit to Bryn Mawr where he enjoyed a friendly reception by Peckham and his student daughter, who will be coming to Cambridge. ]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto William Gibbs Peckham**

**Unit Date** 1897 Mar 8

**Extent**

TLS,  
1 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Includes autograph postscript acknowledging letter and cheque for the Memorial Library in memory of Mr. Child; voices his concern about future national politics; says he has noticed Peckham's name on the list of visiting committees to Harvard. ]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto William Gibbs Peckham**

**Unit Date** 1898 Apr 13

**Extent**

ALS,  
1 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Expresses his concern and anxiety about the nation.]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto Hinckley Gilbert [Thomas] Mitchell**

**Unit Date** 1899 Mar 17

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Gives the requested title of a book containing all of Dante's works: Tutte le Opere di Dante Alighieriby Dr. Edward Moore; mentions the cancellations of one of his readings.]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto unknown**

**Unit Date** 1900 Oct 26

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Gives a short description of the life of Charles C. Burleigh, an abolitionist and lawyer; comments on Burleigh's friendship with fellow abolitionist James Russell Lowell; mentions William Lloyd Garrison, 1805-1879: The story of his life told by his children. ]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto Franklin Benjamin Sanborn**

**Unit Date** 1901 Jun 5

**Extent**

ALS,  
2 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Mentions Ralph Waldo Emersonby Sanborn for the "Beacon Biographies of Eminent Americans" and The Correspondence of Thomas Carlyle and Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1834-1872, which he plans to reissue.]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto William Gibbs Peckham**

**Unit Date** 1907 Mar 11

**Extent**

TLS,  
1 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Includes autograph postscript thanking him for the third series of verse from the Harvard Advocate; expresses hope that in this generation there may be one poet of creative originality, etc.]

## **Charles Eliot Nortonto William Gibbs Peckham**

**Unit Date** 1907 Apr 13

**Extent**

TLS,  
1 p.

### **Scope and Content**

[Thanks him for sending his memorial pamphlet on R. R. Sinclair; points out the merits of Sinclair.]

## **Prints**

**Printed photograph of Charles Eliot Norton, seated**

**Unit Date** n. d.

**Extent**

Photograph

**Scope and Content**

[In bound volume with TMs of "Humor and Wit."]

**Printed etching by Hollyer of James Russell Lowell, head and shoulders**

**Unit Date** n. d.

**Extent**

Etching

**Scope and Content**

[In bound volume with TMs of "Humor and Wit."]

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