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Historical Note:
Noman’s Land currently serves as a wildlife refuge but at one time had a small colony of the Norton family live on it and in the recent past served as a bombing range for the US Navy. Visiting the island is prohibited unless you have special permission from the US Dept. of the Interior.

Scope & Content Note:
This finding aid contains information on the past inhabitant’s on Noman’s Land as well as its significance as a fishing ground, bombing range and nature preserve. There is a collection of documents in this finding aid from Bertrand T. Wood. Mr. Wood grew up on Noman’s while his parents were caretakers of the Island. He went on to publish History and Legends of Noman’s Land Island.

The Gale Huntington Library has additional resources to the finding aid. There are several books that might assist in researching Noman’s Land. Southeast of Noman’s by Melvern J. Barker, Coaster and Fisherman by Tom Tilton, Mystic Seaport Museum Watercraft by Malcolm Bray and Noman’s Land Isle of Romance by Annie M. Wood.

See also RU 205 Marine Vessels, for more material on Noman’s Land Boats

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