

**DOCUMENT 26 – HIRAM NORTON'S DAMAGE CLAIM ARISING FROM A LOSS OF WATER
POWER**

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TRANSCRIPTION

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Gent

I beg leave to present a claim to —
your Board for damages sustained by me
as the Tenant of the Flouring & Saw Mills at
Lockport, in consequence of the diversion of
the Des. Plains River from its natural channel

With the supply of water I had at the
time it was taken from me, I was manufacturing
Eighty Bbl^s. flour daily & an average of 60 Bushels
grane for custom work, ~~besides~~ I was sawing—
daily 3000 feet lumber. The daily expenses of both
Mills are \$15. the daily net proffits were \$25

Both mills are now Idle, while the expenses are
continued, my claim therefore is \$25 pr day while
so situated. The evidence in support of this
claim, I am prepared to submit in such form as
you may direct

Respectfully requesting the action of the Board
in the premises

I Am Gent

Very Respy Yours

To the Hon Board of Trustees

Hiram Norton

I & M Canal

Chicago