

Background Information

Daggett Crandall Newcomb Home is a 1966 consolidation of the John Daggett-Frances A. Crandall Home for Aged Women of Attleboro and the Newcomb Home of Norton.

The Newcomb Home for Old Ladies of Norton was organized in 1923 for the purpose of fulfilling the terms of the will of Harriot A. Newcomb who left the old homestead specifically for use as a home for old ladies, together with other property and assets to support the Home. The corporate name was later changed to the Newcomb Home.

Frances A. Crandall left a bequest to be held in trust as an endowment fund for the establishment and maintenance of a home for elderly ladies in Attleboro. The fund was to be allowed to accumulate until, through interest and other gifts, an amount of \$50,000 was available, at which time a suitable home was to be purchased. Late in 1926 this goal was achieved and on November 23, 1926 a corporation was formed under the name of the John Daggett Home for Aged Women. The so called Sheffield property on No. Main St. in Attleboro was purchased on January 26, 1927 from Amelia Daggett Sheffield (daughter of John Daggett). The corporate name was later changed to the John Daggett-Frances A. Crandall Home for Aged Women.

Over the years each of these Homes were the recipients of various gifts and bequests, and operations were supported mostly from investment income from such funds and from money paid into the homes' treasuries by residents who entered the homes under life care contracts.

Because both of the homes were of old wooden construction it became increasingly difficult to meet State safety requirements and in 1966 the two homes pooled assets and formed a new single corporation; the Daggett-Crandall-Newcomb Home. A new facility was built in Norton on Newcomb land and in January of 1968 the new home was occupied and the old properties vacated. At a later time the old Newcomb homestead was razed and the Attleboro property was sold.