

John Francis Norster

*8 Dec 1826 - †17 Nov 1891

Father: Richard Norster (*1797 - †1856)

Mother: Mary Gill (*? - †1892)

Siblings: Marianne Norster (*? - †1902)
Jane Norster (*? - †1890)
Elizabeth Ann Norster (*1829 - †?)
Rebecca Norster (*1831 - †?)
Maria Norster (*1833 - †?)
Sarah Norster (*1834 - †1905)
Amelia Grace Norster (*1841 - †1901)

Wife: Martha Godfrey (*1820 - †1913)

Children: Robert Gill Norster (*? - †1865)
Male Child Norster (*1852 - †1852)
Elizabeth Mary Norster (*1853 - †1952)
John Richard Godfrey Norster (*1857 - †1902)
Jonas Godfrey Norster (*1859 - †1944)
Martha Jane Norster (*1862 - †?)

Birth: 8 Dec 1826
Beer, Devon

Baptism: 25 Dec 1826
Parish Church, Seaton & Beer, Devon

Wedding: 19 Sep 1851
Pagham, West Sussex
(Martha Godfrey)

Death: 17 Nov 1891
Denton, East Sussex

Funeral: 20 Nov 1891
Denton, East Sussex

Note: ^{a)} 1841-Census: Wall End, Selsey, Sussexnn1861-Census: 11 Coast Guard Bldgs, Lancing Sussexnn1871-Census: Coast Guard Station, Newhaven, Sussexnn1881-Census: 'Flying Fish' Public House, Denton, Newhaven, East Sussex.nn1891-Census: 'Flying Fish' PH, Denton, Newhaven, Sussex.nnOCCUPATION: 1864 Coastguardn1861 (C) Coast Guardn1878 Marinern1880 Inn Keepern1881 (C) Pensionern1882 Inn Keepern1884 Pensionern1891 (C) Beer Wine KeepernnBIOGRAPHY: Jan 1874 joined London, Brighton and South Coast Railway as Stevedore at Newhaven (pay 23s 0d p.w.). Discharged Oct 1874 due to staff reductions, but rejoined as Seaman Jan 1876 (pay 25s 0d p.w.)nnBIOGRAPHY: John Francis NORSTER born Beer, Devon 8 December 1826nPRO KEWnVessels served on in the Royal Navy see ADM 38/8777nCARYSFORT Ord. 27.12.1843 - 26. 6.1845nPRESIDENT AB 26. 8.1845 - 29. 1.1849nHERCULES AB 18. 8.1849 - 9. 9.1851 (sic)nNOMINATIONS TO THE COASTGUARD ADM 175/19 p172nNomination No. 3201nDate of Order of Nomination: 11 September 1851nDate of Letter of Nomination: 23 September 1851nName: John Francis NORSTERNPlace nominated from: HMS HERCULESnPlace nominated to: ST.LAWRENCEnTo whom sent for examination: Inspecting Commander BognornDate of 1st examination: 23 September 1851nDate of joining: 24 September 1851nDate of qualification: 21 November 1851nCOASTGUARD ESTABLISHMENT BOOKSnST LAWRENCE station; COWES port; RYDE district ADM 175/7 P155n (became VENTNOR station)nN3201 24 September 1851 from HMS HERCULESnJohn Francis NORSTER, boatmannremoved 4 October 1853 to LANCINGnLANCING station; SHOREHAM port; BRIGHTON

district ADM 175/7 p121n(detachment at East Worthing but men all listed under main station)n4
 October 1853 from ST LAWRENCEJohn Francis NORSTER, boatmannpromoted same station 10 July
 1860 R6297nJohn Francis NORSTER, commissioned boatmannRemoved 27 June 1861 to NEWHAVEN
 Good of the CG Service R7070nDuring the Crimean War he, with over 3000 Coastguards, was called
 up into thenRoyal Navy. He served on the PRINCESS ROYALnDescription Book ADM 38/8777 Muster
 Book ADM 38/4525 &cnCoastguard No 151 on musternEntry to vessel: 13 February 1854 from
 Littlehampton CGndistrictnName: John F. NORSTERNRank: ABnDischarged: 9 July 1856 to the
 shorenCharacter: Very goodnBorn: Beer, DevonUsual Place of Residence: -----nAge: 27 yrs ---
 monthsnHeight: 5' 8 1/2"nComplexion: FreshnEyes: GreynHair: BrownnMarks,wounds,scars: ---nHad
 smallpox or been vaccinated: SMALLPOXnMarried or single: MarriednTrade: SeanRN vessels served
 on:nCARYSFORT Ord 27.12.1843 - 26. 6.1845 Good Lord Paulet,Com.nPRESIDENT AB 26. 8.1845 - 29.
 1.1849 (sic) Indifferent ---- StanleynHERCULES AB 18. 8.1849 - 9. 9.1851 ---- ---- Fulton,Master
 CnNEWHAVEN station; NEWHAVEN port; BRIGHTON dist ADM 175/7 p111nR7070 27 June 1861 from
 LANCINGnJohn F NORSTER commissioned boatmann(still here when volume finished
 1863)nNEWHAVEN HARBOUR station; NEWHAVEN port; BRIGHTON dist ADM 175/10 p61n(still here
 1866 - no more Establishment Books have survived)nCOASTGUARD GUARDSHIP IRRESTIBLE ADM
 175/65 p140nSUPPLEMENTARY RECORD BOOK OF OFFICERS & MEN ON SHORE IN THE NEWHAVEN
 DISTRICTnFLEET LIST No. 41nNEWHAVEN station; BRIGHTON divisionnNo of muster page: 6nJohn F
 NORSTER born Beer, Devon 8 December 1826nRank commissioned boatman Pay 1s 9d per
 diemnBadges: 3 Good Conduct Badges 7 June 1864 T.M. [Trained Man]nFrom: DAUNTLESS
 GUARDSHIP (previous Guardship in this district)31. 3.1864nEntry to this volume of musters 1.
 4.1864nTo: HECTOR GUARDSHIP (next Guardship in this district) Volume 1 30. 4.1864nCharacter:
 Very GoodnCOASTGUARD GUARDSHIP HECTOR Volume 1 (this volume has not
 survived)nCOASTGUARD GUARDSHIP HECTOR Volume 2 ADM 175/67nSUPPLEMENTARY RECORD
 BOOK OF OFFICERS & MEN ON SHORE IN THE NEWHAVEN DISTRICTnFLEET LIST No. 41n(this volume
 starts on the 17 February 1873 and the first man on the musternpage is no. 30. John F NORSTER
 would have appeared in Volume 1 therefore he wasndischarged between 1 May 1868 and 16
 February 1873nAs he does not appear in the ADM 188 series which commenced 1 January 1873,
 henwas discharged before 1 January 1873.nnBIOGRAPHY: Jan 1874 Joined London, Brighton and
 South Coast Railway as Stevedore at Newhaven (pay 23s 0d p.w.). Discharged Oct 1874 due to staff
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 Sussex, 1890nBeer Retailer, South View, Railway Road, Denton, SussexnKelly's Directory of Kent,
 Surrey & Sussex, 1891. [Part 4: Sussex & Advertisements]nBeer Retailer, South View, Railway Road,
 Denton, SussexnnMILITARY: He seems to have given the Baltic Medal.nDuring the Crimean War, a
 British and French fleet entered the Baltic, and captured Bomarsund harbour and one of the Aland
 Islands (now part of Finland). Bomarsund is the sound between the islands and the Swedish island of
 Vardo; and at the fine harbour on Bomarsund, dominating the entrance of the Gulf of Bothnia, and
 indirectly that of the Gulf of Finland, the Russians had constructed a northern naval base, and this
 was destroyed in the attack. The British fleet taking part in the Baltic expedition comprised Her
 Majesty's ships Aeolus, Ajax, Alban, Algiers, Amphion, Archer, Arrogant, Basilisk, Belleisle, Blenheim,
 Boscawen, Bulldog, Caesar, Calcutta, Centaur, Colossus, Conflict, Cornwallis, Cossack, Cressy,
 Cruizer, Cuckoo, Cumberland, Dauntless, Desperate, Dragon, Driver, Duke of Wellington, Edinburgh,
 Esk, Euryalus, Exmouth, Falcon, Firefly, Geyser, Gladiator, Gorgon, Hannibal, Harrier, Hastings,
 Hawke, Hecla, Hogue, Imperieuse, James Watt, Leopard, Lightning, Locust, Magicienne, Majestic,
 Merlin, Miranda, Monarch, Neptune, Nile, Odin, Orion, Otter, Pembroke, Penelope, Pigmy, Porcupine,
 Prince Regent, Princess Royal, Pylades, Resistance, Retribution, Rhadamanthus, Rosamond, Royal
 George, Royal William, Russell, St George, St Jean D'Acre, St Vincent, Sphinx, Stromboli, Tartar,
 Termagant, Tribune, Tyne, Valorous, Volage, Volcano, Vulture, Wrangler and Zephyr. This is the
 medal roll of the naval and marine claimants who qualified for the Baltic Medal for service in 1854 to
 1855. The medals were dispatched in batches from early 1857, the first batch being numbered B A 1,
 the next B A 2, &c.; then follows the destination (a place or, more usually, a ship) and the date of
 dispatch. Most of the medals had been sent by the end of 1857.nnAlso the Crimean
 Medal.nSebastopol in the Crimea was the great Russian naval arsenal on the Black Sea. A combined
 assault by British, French and Turkish troops resulted in the reduction of Sebastopol and led to the
 Treaty of Paris of 27 April 1856, guaranteeing the independence of the Ottoman Empire. By
 Admiralty Order the Crimea Medal was awarded to sailors and marines present during the campaign,
 between 17 September 1854 (the first landing at Eupatoria) and 9 September 1855 (when the allies
 secured Sebastopol). Her Majesty's Ship Princess Royal, a 90-gun screw steamer, took part in the
 assault. Four clasps to this medal were awarded to the men present in the actions at Sebastopol
 itself, Inkerman, Balaklave (Balacalava) and (the sea of) Azoff. The Sea of Azoff (Azov, Azoph, Azof),
 east of the Crimean peninsula, is an arm of the Black Sea, with which it is united by the Straits of
 Kertch or Kaffa. This is the Azoff Clasp Roll, recording the names of the men from the ship who took
 part in the actions on the Azoff Sea during the Crimean War.nHis Crimean Medal was sent to the
 Littlehampton Coast Guard Station on 4th April 1857.nnBIOGRAPHY: Brighton Gazette - Thursday 07
 June 1860n THE GALE AT WORTHING. About seven o'clock on Saturday evening, the Plough, of
 Whitby, bound to Littlehampton, with 100 tons of stone for the Duke of Norfolk. Captain Johu
 Peacock, and a crew of two men and a boy, was driven in, and struck short distance from the shore
 at the eastern part of the town; the sea was running furiously, and the crew got into the boat, which
 was staved in getting her out. One of the men plugged the hole with piece of pork, which held a
 piece of sail down upon to keep out the water. The captain was standing at the bow, when sea broke
 over the boat and completely washed him out. When the man at the helm, with great presence of

mind, threw him an oar, which he was happily able grasp. He retained his hold thereof, though frequently submerged and lost to the view of the spectators and dashed about the breakers. He was in the water nearly twenty minutes, and as he neared the shore he appeared exhausted, and strong fears were entertained of his being able longer to retain the oar, when a coastguardsman of the name of Noster, of Lancing, fastening rope round his body, leaving the other end with the men shore, courageously rushed into the water and reached him just his last strength was failing him. Noster laid hold him, and for moment or two they both disappeared. Coming to the surface, the men on shore drew in the rope, and they were both got safe to land. The captain was conveyed to the Horse Shoes' Inn, at Lancing, and Dr. Sharpe was in attendance as speedily as possible. We are happy to state that the poor fellow soon rallied. The vessel has gone to pieces. A brig laden with coal was likewise driven on shore off Goring, and was expected to go to pieces. Several luggers were torn from their anchors in the roads and driven ashore, and more or less damaged; amongst them were the Lord Nelson, belonging to Mrs Beck, broken to pieces, the Elima, belonging to Mr G. Cortis and others, completely wrecked. The Caroline and the Long-Looked-for, both of Brighton, were considerably injured. Trees, chimney pots, and slates were displaced and thrown down; two very large trees in the south front of Warwick House were torn completely up, and in falling destroyed the branches of another; and one of the trees in the Steyne Gardens was blown one side against the iron railings and enclosure wall, doing it considerable injury. The enclosed gardens in the town suffered considerably. nnWILL: 2 December 1891. Administration of the Personal Estate of John Francis Norster late of the "Flying Fish" Beer-house Denton in the County of Sussex Publican died 17 November 1891 at Denton was granted at the Principal Registry to Martha Norster of Denton Widow the Relict.nPersonal Estate £145 7s 5d.