

# No(r)ster Family History

Place: Droxford, Hampshire

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# Henry Charles Norster

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Father: Robert Attwool Norster (\*? - †1932)

Mother: Matilda Emmaline Treacher (\*1853 - †1924)

Siblings: Thomas Norster (\*? - †1939)  
Minnie Maria Norster (\*? - †?)  
Ada Kate Norster (\*? - †?)  
Matilda Cicilia Norster (\*? - †?)  
John Norster (\*? - †1917)  
George Leslie Norster (\*? - †?)  
Robert Norster (\*1879 - †1879)  
Ena Rosie Norster (\*1888 - †1975)  
Samuel Norster (\*1889 - †1896)

Wife: Elizabeth Kate Verney (\*1891 - †1973)

Children: Ralph Louis Norster (\*? - †?)  
Mary Elizabeth Norster (\*1922 - †2012)  
John Henry Norster (\*1924 - †2014)  
Noel Stanley Norster (\*1935 - †1954)

Birth: Alverstoke, Hampshire

Wedding: 1921  
Fareham, Hampshire  
(Elizabeth Kate Verney)

Death: Droxford, Hampshire

Funeral: 1964  
St Barnabas Church, Swanmore, Hampshire

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Note: <sup>a)</sup> 1891-Census: 95 Prince Alfred Street, Gosport, Hants.n1901-Census: Portsmouth, SouthamptonnnOCCUPATION: 1891 (C) Scholarn1901 (C) Grocers AssistantnnMILITARY: Copy of WW1 record held.nn~Rank - PrivatenRegiment - Non Combatant Corps - Exempted from combatant service on Conscientious Grounds.nCivilian Trade - GrocernNoK - Father, Robert Attwood Norster (sic), 95 Whitworth Road, Gosport.nHenry Charles Norster was called up for non combatant service only - not due to his defective vision but on "conscientious grounds."nAccording to his military records he was an unmarried grocer, 5ft 6 and a half inches tall and weighing 123lbs.nJust one month into his service he was tried for disobeying the command of a superior officer, for which he was imprisoned for 56 days with hard labour.nHe wasn't demobilised until 31 March 1920.nn~Note from Ralph NorsternDad was one of the first conscientious objectors when conscription was introduced and the authorities were at a loss to know how to proceed.nTo make an example and to "test the water" the first seventeen c.o.'s were put on trial at the Old Bailey charged with Treason the penalty for which, in time of war, was death.nA very clever Kings Counsel, who was also a c.o. defended them and asked them to swear non combatent alligence to King and Country which they did and the charge of Treason was not proved.nThey were however ordered to be detained at His Majesty's pleasure for the extent of hostilities and Dad spent the rest of the war in Dartmoor Prison on hard labour.nHe did, in fact share his cell with a man who later became a Minister in the Labour government of 1945.nThough I did not share his convictions I was very proud of him for clinging to them.nn~Details from Dr Cyril Pearce collection of Conscientious ObjectorsnWar ServicenNCC(CM) (Disobeyed orders in the Non-Combatant Corps) Details of Court Martial: Posted to NCC (Non-Combatant Corps) (2 Aldershot) 24.6.16; to (3 Aldershot) 29.6.16; CM (Court Martial) Aldershot 11.7.16 - 56 days HL (With hard labour) Winchester CP (Civil Prison)nWork CentrenHOS (The Home Office Scheme, administered by the Brace Committee) Transfer to Army Reserve Class W 22.8.16; Dyce camp, Aberdeen; 13.11.16 been at Longsight, now at Warwick; 4.12.16 at Ercall Saw Mills,

Market DraytonnPrisonnWinchester CP (Civil Prison) 14.7.16 discharged 22.8.16 to HOS (The Home Office Scheme, administered by the Brace Committee) Dyce

# Noel Stanley Norster

\*1935 - †1954

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Father: Henry Charles Norster (\*? - †?)

Mother: Elizabeth Kate Verney (\*1891 - †1973)

Siblings: Ralph Louis Norster (\*? - †?)  
Mary Elizabeth Norster (\*1922 - †2012)  
John Henry Norster (\*1924 - †2014)

Birth: 1935  
Droxford, Hampshire

Death: 1954  
Droxford, Hampshire

# Thomas Scobell Comben Norster

\*15 May 1862 - †1938

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Father: John Richard Noster (\*? - †?)

Mother: Susanna Attwool (\*? - †1884)

Siblings: John Richard Norster (\*? - †1924)  
Robert Attwool Norster (\*? - †1932)  
Henry Attwool Norster (\*? - †1904)  
William Norster (\*1856 - †1903)  
Francis Norster (\*1859 - †1914)

Wife: Ada Emmeline Lloyd (\*1865 - †1941)

Birth: 15 May 1862  
Mallams, Portland, Dorset

Baptism: 16 May 1862  
Weslyan Methodist Church, Portland, Dorset

Wedding: 26 Dec 1888  
Alverstoke, Hampshire  
(Ada Emmeline Lloyd)

Death: 1938  
Droxford, Hampshire

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Note: <sup>a)</sup> 1871-Census: 6 Leesland Road, Alverstoke, Hantsnn1881-Census: Coppersmith, 8 Prince Alfred Street, Alverstoke, Hants.nn1911-Census: County Hall, Romanby, Northallerton, North Riding, YorkshirennBIOGRAPHY: Copy of Navy Record held.nnOCCUPATION: 1871 (C) Scholarn1881 (C) Coppersmithn1911 (C) Hall Keeper

# Jessie Potter

\*28 Feb 1889 - †29 Oct 1975

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Father: ???

Mother: ???

Husband: William Norster (\*1879 - †1951)

Children: Joyce Ellen Norster (\*? - †?)  
Vera Norster (\*? - †?)  
Dorothy Agnes Norster (\*1919 - †1925)  
Alexander John Norster (\*1919 - †1994)

Birth: 28 Feb 1889  
Abercorn, Linlithgowshire, Scotland

Baptism: 21 Apr 1889  
Woodend, Abercorn, Linlithgow, Scotland

Wedding: 17 Apr 1919  
Abercorn, Linlithgowshire, Scotland  
(William Norster)

Death: 29 Oct 1975  
Droxford, Hampshire

Funeral: Society, South Queensferry, Scotland

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Note: <sup>a)</sup> 1891-Census: Abercorn, West Lothian, ScotlandnnBIOGRAPHY: On 24th September 1926 the rest of his family, wife, son and daughter, left Southampton for Singapore. They sailed on the P&O ship Karmala. They travelled as 'Government Passengers'.nThe Singapore Free Press and Mercantile Advertiser (1884-1942), 23 June 1932, Page 13n"The following passengers are proceeding per 'Naldera' sailing at 9.30 a.m. on friday the 24th instant, for Penang, Colombo, Bombay and Europe - Master Norster, Mr. and Mrs. W. Norster and 2 children".nnOn 22nd July 1932 He, Jessie, Alexander, Gladys and Joyce landed at London on the ship Naldera bound for Ryders Stores, The Green, Southgate, London.

# Elizabeth Kate Verney

\*4 Jan 1891 - †1973

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Father: ???

Mother: ???

Husband: Henry Charles Norster (\*? - †?)

Children: Ralph Louis Norster (\*? - †?)  
Mary Elizabeth Norster (\*1922 - †2012)  
John Henry Norster (\*1924 - †2014)  
Noel Stanley Norster (\*1935 - †1954)

Birth: 4 Jan 1891  
Alverstoke, Hampshire

Wedding: 1921  
Fareham, Hampshire  
(Henry Charles Norster)

Death: 1973  
Droxford, Hampshire

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Note: <sup>a)</sup> 1901-Census: Alverstoke, Southampton