

No(r)ster Family History

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Martha Godfrey

*1820 - †Nov 1913

Father: ???

Mother: ???

Husband: John Francis Norster (*1826 - †1891)

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: 1820
Beer, Devon

Wedding: 19 Sep 1851
Pagham, West Sussex
(John Francis Norster)

Death: Nov 1913
Newhaven, East Sussex

Funeral: 12 Nov 1913
Denton, East Sussex

Note: ^{a)} Not in Seaton & Beer 1820nn1861-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.nn1901-Census: Newhaven, East SussexnnOCCUPATION: 1901 (C) Living on own meansnnOCCUPATION: Sussex Agricultural Express - Saturday 23 January 1892nTRANSFERS. Mr. E. Bedford, solicitor, applied for the temporary transfer of the Flying Fish, Denton, from Mrs. Norster to Harry Coleman. —He said the circumstances were somewhat peculiar inasmuch as the widow was the administratrix, but she was not in good enough health to carry on the house herself, and she had conveyed all her interests her son-in-law. He thought there was power under the Intoxicating Liquors Act to enable the bench to make the temporary transfer.—The bench acceded to the application.

John Richard Godfrey Norster

*10 May 1857 - †16 Jan 1902

Father: John Francis Norster (*1826 - †1891)

Mother: Martha Godfrey (*1820 - †1913)

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

Wives: Eliza Ann Browning (*1848 - †1899)
Grace Reed (*1872 - †1902)

Birth: 10 May 1857
Lancing, West Sussex

Baptism: 10 May 1857
Lancing, West Sussex

Wedding: 2 Oct 1880
Denton, East Sussex
(Eliza Ann Browning)

Wedding: 24 Sep 1899
Parish Church, Marylebone, London
(Grace Reed)

Death: 16 Jan 1902
"The Engineer", Newhaven, East Sussex

Funeral: 21 Jan 1902
Denton, East Sussex

Note: ^{a)} 1861-Census: 56 Sea Lane, Pagham - with Grandparentsnn1871-Census: Coast Guard Station, Newhaven, Sussexnn1881-Census: General Labourer, Denton,Sussex. On Census as John B G Nossler.nn1891-Census: Railway Road (Enginers Wine), Newhaven, Sussex.nn1901-Census: Engineers Inn, Railway Road, Newhaven, SussexnnOCCUPATION: 1878 Able Seaman on board Hereford bound Port of London to Sydney, In Sydney 9/12/1878n1881 (C) Gen Labn1891 (C) Beerhouse Keepern1901 (C) Beer Retailer PublicannnBIOGRAPHY: Had a watch stolen by David Tyler on July 16th 1900.nnWILL: NORSTER John Richard Godfrey of the 'Engineer' inn Newhave Sussex licensed-victualler died 16 January 1902 Administration Lewes 11 February to Grace Norster widow Effects £477 10s 6d.

John Francis Norster

*8 Dec 1826 - †17 Nov 1891

Father: Richard Norster (*1797 - †1856)

Mother: Mary Gill (*? - †1892)

Siblings: Jane Norster (*? - †1890)
Marianne Norster (*? - †1902)
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
 reductions, but rejoined as Seaman Jan 1876 (pay 25s 0d p.w.)nnBIOGRAPHY: Kelly's Directory of
 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.

Jonas Godfrey Norster

*3 Jul 1859 - †8 Jan 1944

Father: John Francis Norster (*1826 - †1891)

Mother: Martha Godfrey (*1820 - †1913)

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

Wife: Susanna Holder (*1858 - †1909)

Children: Mary Norster (*? - †1924)
Jonas Godfrey Norster (*? - †1917)
Jane Norster (*? - †?)
John Francis Norster (*1884 - †1963)
Susan Martha Francis Norster (*1888 - †1982)
Elizabeth Norster (*1897 - †?)

Birth: 3 Jul 1859
Lancing, West Sussex

Wedding: 14 Jan 1882
Denton, East Sussex
(Susanna Holder)

Death: 8 Jan 1944
Manchester

Funeral: 12 Jan 1944
Southern Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire

Note: a) 1861-Census: 11 Coast Guard Bldgs, Lancing Sussexnn1871-Census: Coast Guard Station, Newhaven, Sussexnn1911-Census: 3 Parkstone Villas, Newhaven, SussexnnMILITARY: Copy of Navy Record held.nnOCCUPATION: 1884 Seamann1889 Seaman, H M Navyn1891 Seaman, H M Navyn1893 Seaman, H M Navyn1898 Chief Petty Officer, RNn1905 LabourernnBIOGRAPHY: Parsons' Isle of Sheppey Directory & Guide, 1902n34 Montague Road, West Minster, Sheppey, Kent.nnBIOGRAPHY: Hampshire Telegraph & Sussex Chronicle, March 26, 1887.nThe Naval Brigade in Burmah. Correspondent of the Western Morning News, writing from Rangoon on February 19th, says : Mr. Holman, gunner of the Ranger, is again to the front with his exploits. On the night of the 15th a spy gave him information of three armed boats being in his neighbourhood (Mimbu district); whereupon he proceeded to the spot, which is on the Mah river, a confluent of Irrawaddy, and cut out the three boats, each with six men in her, without any engagement. The prisoners and boats were taken to Mimbu and handed over to the civil authorities. Up to the present we have no particulars as to the accident which happened to Lieutenant Aplin, of the Ranger reported in my last. The telegrams merely state that he and an able seaman named Jonas Norster were soldering up a tin of guncotton, when it exploded. No guncotton was taken from the ship in launches. Aplin is in the sick quarters at Pagan. The military doctor fears he will lose the sight of his right eye, and advises his removal. Surgeon Johnson, of the Ranger, proceeds to Pagan to bring him him down to Rangoon. Lieutenant Johnston has taken over command of his launch. The seaman Norster is reported to be in great pain, but in no danger. The Mariner arrived from Bassein yesterday, and to day a naval brigade, under command of Commander Durnford, will proceed to Upper Burmah to relieve the Ranger's men, who have now been over three months absent from their ship. The officers who accompany Commander Durnford are Lieutenants Warren and Cole, Sub-Lieutenant MacHutchin, and Mr. Ellis, gunner, with eighty bluejackets and Marines, and Surgeon Corcoran in medial charge. -Another correspondent writing on Feb. 26th to a western contemporary, says :- In my last letter I

informed you that a naval brigade, from the Mariner, under the command of Commander Durnford , had proceeded to the upper waters of the Irrawaddy to relieve the officers and men of the Ranger, who had been absent from their ship for upwards of three Months. The first detachment of the Rangers, under Lieutenant Johnston, arrived at Rangoon yesterday, and consisted of 20 men and two invalids, with Surgeon Johnson. The two invalids were Lieutenant Aplin and Jonas Norster, able seaman, who were injured by an explosion of guncotton on board the launch Dacoit on the 11th inst. Lieutenant Aplin's left eye has recovered from its injury; his right eye is badly injured, but not beyond recovery, and he is badly burnt about the face and body generally. Norster's eyes escaped injury, but he is some what seriously burnt otherwise. As soon Mr. Aplin is able to be moved he will be sent to England. Details of the accident are only now to hand. It appears that close to Pagan (Aplin's headquarters) the navigation of the river was impeded by two sunken steamers of the late King Theban (sic - Theebaw). Aplin offered to blow up these vessels, his services were accepted, and from the Royal engineers he procured some five or six lbs. of gun-cotton, and he was preparing his mine in a tin which had held preserved potatoes. Norster held the tin, and Mr. Aplin was soldering it, when the explosion took place. Of course the tin was not nearly closed, or the results would have been very different. The change of the monsoon is about taking place, which means the end of the cool weather, and life in Burmah will soon become unpleasant for a man with a white skin.nnDEATH: The Sussex Agricultural Press - Friday 14 January 1944nOn January 8th, 1944, at his daughter's residence, 23 Crimson-avenue, Manchester, 16, Jonas Godfrey Norster, aged 84, formerly of Newhaven, beloved father of Elizabeth Martin and father-in-law of William. At rest.