

No(r)ster Family History

Place: Grafton Street, Buckland, Portsmouth, Hampshire

Norster, Alexander John (*1919 - †1994)

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Alexander John Norster

*22 Dec 1919 - †22 Oct 1994

Father: William Norster (*1879 - †1951)

Mother: Jessie Potter (*1889 - †1975)

Siblings: Joyce Ellen Norster (*? - †?)
Dorothy Agnes Norster (*1919 - †1925)
Vera Norster (*1922 - †?)

Wife: Gwendoline M West or Reeves (*? - †?)

Birth: 22 Dec 1919
Queensferry, Scotland

Baptism: 5 Jan 1920
Port Edgar, Scotland

Death: 22 Oct 1994
Grafton Street, Buckland, Portsmouth, Hampshire

Funeral: 7 Nov 1994
Portchester Crematorium, Fareham, Hampshire

Note: ^{a)} BIOGRAPHY: 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'.
The Singapore Free Press and Mercantile Advertiser (1884-1942), 23 June 1932, Page 13
"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".
On 22nd July 1932 He, Jessie, Alexander, Gladys and Joyce landed at London on the ship Naldera bound for Ryders Stores, The Green, Southgate, London.
BIOGRAPHY: The Singapore Free Press and Mercantile Advertiser (1884-1942), 15 June 1931, Page 12
"The following pupils of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus, Singapore, have passed the Trinity College of Music, practical examination recently held :-
Convent School Johore, Preparatory Division :- A. Norster
Convent School Johore, First Steps :- G. Norster"
BIOGRAPHY: A report in the Portsmouth Evening News dated 29th October 1994.
Funeral Delay in Hunt for Neice
Recluse cannot be laid to rest until beneficiary found.
An elderly Portsmouth recluse cannot be laid to rest until a mystery woman named in his will is found.
Wheelchair-bound Alexander Norster, aged 74, was found dead in his house at Grafton Street, Buckland, on October 22, after suffering heart failure.
And Portsmouth coroner David Thomas, co-ordinating the search for the woman, said the funeral will be postponed until the woman - cited as both executor and beneficiary - is located.
Mr Thomas said : "Mr Norster lived alone and didn't have much communication with anybody. Really he was a bit of a loner."
As far as we know he has no living relatives except this woman, named either Tracy or Julie Walters, who we know nothing about except that she lived at Harrow Road, in Southsea, a year ago. "We understand she could possibly be a neice. "We are anxious she should contact our office because she's a beneficiary of his will, as well as being the executor. "The will won't make her a millionaire but she'd certainly not be out of pocket if she came forward."
We are waiting to see if we can find her before any funeral arrangements are made but we can't wait forever.
If she doesn't come forward by the middle of next week the environmental health department will organise the funeral.
We're just hoping she's still living locally so it can all be sorted out soon.
If anyone has any details about a Tracy or Julie Walters, formerly of Harrow Road, Southsea, Please call Portsmouth coroner's office on Portsmouth 321111 or 660625.
BIOGRAPHY: The Times, Monday, Jan 02, 1956; pg. 5; Issue 53417; col An
Warrant Officer Class 1 Alexander John NORSTER, Royal Army Ordnance Corp has been awarded the OBE. He was stationed at Marlborough Farm Camp, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. This would have been for meritorious service rather than gallantry, and would probably have been in recognition of long term outstanding contributions in his particular field.
BIOGRAPHY: London Gazette 30 December 1955 - 7589467 Warrant Officer Class I Alexander John NORSTER, Royal Army Ordnance Corps. OBE
BIOGRAPHY: Name Norster, Alexander
John
Rank: Conductor
Service No: 7589467
Regiment: Royal Army Ordnance Corps
Theatre of Combat or Operation: New Year Honours
Award: Member of the British Empire
Date of Announcement in London Gazette: 02 January 1956
Date 1956
Catalogue reference WO

373/163links to the CataloguennBIOGRAPHY: He was in the Indian Army Ordnance Corps 1944.nnBIOGRAPHY: 1974-1976 Telephone Directory.n145b Kyverdale Rd, N16 (Waltham Forest)n01-806-5625nnBURIAL: His ashes were buried in Scotland!nnOCCUPATION: 17 Sept 1999 his medals were sold for £120.00nA post-war M.B.E. group of six awarded to Warrant Officer A. J. Norster, Royal Army Ordnance CorpsnThe Order of the British Empire, M.B.E. (Military) 2nd type, a modern copy badge;n1939-45 Star;nDefence and War Medals;nGeneral Service 1918-62, 1 clasp, Malaya, G.VI.R. (7589467 W.O.Cl.1, R.A.O.C.);nRegular Army L.S. & G.C., E.II.R., 1st issue (7589467 W.O.Cl.1, R.A.O.C.) nearly extremely fine (6) £80-100nFootnotenM.B.E. London Gazette 2 January 1956.nAlexander John Norster was born in South Queensferry, near Edinburgh, on 15 July 1919, and enlisted at Stirling in July 1937. He was on the last Ammunition Examiners Course prior to the war and served with the B.E.F. in France as an Ammunition Examiner in 1939 and 1940. Posted to India early in 1941, he served there until November 1944, when he returned to the U.K. before being posted to Norway with No. 9 Disarmament Team in July 1945, remaining there until that unit was disbanded in February 1947. He served subsequently in Malaya and Hong Kong, was awarded the L.S. & G.C. medal in 1955, and retired in 1958. Sold with further research including a photograph of the recipient and copies of the recommendation for his M.B.E.