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Christmas 2002 – here at last.

If you would prefer to see other subjects covered, or some not covered, I'd be pleased to hear from you. I will be including a section soon on how I got started on this.

Examples could be a section for notification of Births and Marriages, or perhaps a list of contact points – whatever you want, I will try to incorporate.

If any of you are on the net, I can send this newsletter via e-mail. If you wish this, please let me have your e-mail address.

Previous copies are available to anyone who would like one.

As for me, my details remain the same:-



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I am beginning to think again of a Reunion or Family Gathering, similar to the one held in 1998. Venue and date to be decided on, and dependant on the number interested. The last one was on Portland in Dorset, so a different venue may be required this time, perhaps further north, to accommodate more people. Let me know your views, either positive or negative, so that I can begin to make arrangements.

1901 Census OnLine.

Well, they promised us the Earth, but failed to deliver... ..

The full 1901 Census searchable online, up and running on 2nd January 2002. It did happen, for about 2 days, then went off line for about 8 months.

Be that as it may, I have managed to extract a large number of the family from the online database.

Due to the transcription being undertaken, initially by guests of Her Majesty, (the prison population). As the average mental age of our prisoners is about 9, they had some difficulty reading Victorian handwriting, so that was seen not to be quick enough. Over 78% was then transcribed in Sri Lanka, and unfortunately, a large proportion of the transcription has errors in it. I have tracked quite a few down, and list below the various names which the family have been given, apart from Nosrter and Noster ;

Roster
Nausher
Woster
Worster
Morter
Norter

All of these are pretty understandable, but 1 member I found only by his name, age and place of birth - transcribed as 'Dar?ton'.

I do now think that I have the vast majority of family members, but still occasionally look for the remaining few.

1599 and all that.

Until recently, the furthest back in time that I have been able to track the family was a marriage in 1694 between Richard NO SCITER and Joan SW EET (I do have Joan's parents and baptism details, but I am talking about the main family name).

I cannot trace Richard being baptised on Portland, mainly due to the sporadic nature of the parish records. There is a Richard NOCITER being baptised in Portesham, just off the island, to the west of Weymouth, in 1669, which would be about the same time that Joan SW EET was baptised on Portland.

This is where the problem starts. I cannot confirm that Richard NOCITER is the same person as Richard NO SCITER. The parish records for Portesham do not exist between 1680 and 1695, so I cannot prove that he wasn't buried in Portesham, and there is no baptism on Portland for either person. So, I cannot prove they are the same person, and I cannot prove they are different people.

As with the nature of this hobby, one has to assume on the balance of probabilities, so I will work on the assumption that they are the same person until proven otherwise.

For those of you who have access to the Internet and e-mail, you can contact me on:



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Or, please visit our (your) website at:

www.norster.freemove.co.uk/genstart.htm

which has recently been updated. This newsletter will be on the website by the time you read it. It will now give you the opportunity to see your ancestors in a normal tree format. Please e-mail me, or write, or phone and let me know what you think of it.

I have registered the names Norster, Noster and variants with the Guild of One-Name Studies (GOONS, no 3004), so that makes me the principal researcher in the world!