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**F**or those of you who have access to the Internet and e-mail, you can contact me  
on:  
[norster@one-name.org](mailto:norster@one-name.org)

Or, please visit our (your) website at:

[www.norster.org.uk](http://www.norster.org.uk)

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

There is also a Blog on the website, though you can access it by RSS from :-  
<http://www.norsterfamily.talktalk.net/atom.xml> - just type this into an RSS link.

If you have a computer, but are not on the Internet, I can send you a copy of the website on a CD. Please let me know if you would like a copy.

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If you have an e-mail address I could send this to you through, please e-mail me to let me know.

# 1911 Census Report.

I finally managed to procure a subscription to this, so that I could download without having to pay for each one.

Although I have managed to find most of the family, I still have one or two that remain elusive.

An example of an entry is shown below. You will see that this is the actual household return completed by the householder. Fascinating. Previous Censuses have only retained the enumerators books, that is the books that the collector copied the information into, not the householder's returns.

The white strip on the right hand side is to withhold sensitive information, such as mental or physical disability, until 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012 when the census was original due for release.

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**CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.**

Number of Schedule 169  
(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

*Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.*

*The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.*

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE (Last Birthday and Sex)	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE						PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged ten years and upwards			BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY
			State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—	Children born alive to present Marriage (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7)	Children born alive to previous Marriage had	Total Children all born alive	Children who have died	Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which worker is connected	Whether Employed, Worker, or Working on Own Account				
1 Francis Norster	Head	52	Married							Toolsmith 644	Worker	Dorset, Bournemouth	360	
2 Annie Norster	Wife	49	Married	29	7	7	0					Hants, Gosport		
3 Eva Kate Norster	Daughter	24	Single							Dressmaker 280	Worker	Hants, Gosport		
4 Edward Norster	Son	26	Single							Stonemason	Worker	Hants, Gosport		
5 Ellen Norster	Daughter	24	Single							Wm. Domestic	Worker	Hants, Gosport		
6 Frederick Norster	Son	21	Single							Stonemason 733	Worker	Hants, Gosport		
7 Harold Norster	Son	19	Single							Ripwright App. 583	Worker	Hants, Gosport		
8 Claude Norster	Son	17	Single							Boilermaker App. 627	Worker	Hants, Gosport		
9 Dorothy Norster	Daughter	13								School 390	0			
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(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

I certify that—

(1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper column.

(2) I have entered the names and surnames in Column 1, and the occupations, and have completed the rest of this and other columns in person.

(3) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be correct, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Initials of Enumerator J.M.

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Francis Norster

Postal Address 12 Chapel Row Gosport

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Some family legends, and my attempts to resolve them, one way or another...

The Noster's are descended from an Italian sailor who was shipwrecked on Portland...

Well, this is a possibility. The surname does really sound as if it could be Italian.

The surname Noster runs back through Norster to Nosciter in 1697 to Nociter in about 1599. Whether this is Italian or the way the local clergyman thought was the spelling of the name he heard, I don't know.

Whether there was an Italian sailor shipwrecked off Portland prior to 1599, again, I don't know. There have been so many ships wrecked off Portland, and I'm sure there are very few, if any, records of which sailors survived - particularly that long ago.

This one remains a possibility.

The Norster family came from Germany/Norway...

This could have been a possibility as there is the surname Norster in Germany, although I don't know the derivation of it. Quite a number of them emigrated to the USA between the wars.

I have heard that a member of the family went to Norway and was greeted by a local as having 'come home', as his name supposed to mean North Star and was usually given to navigators in the time of the Vikings.

As I have said above, the surname has been tracked back in Dorset to Nociter, so I think I can safely say that this one is not true.

A member of the family sailed with Captain Cook and was eaten by a crocodile/cannibal...

This one intrigued me, so I contacted the Captain Cook museum in Whitby and they kindly sent me copies of his crew lists. Sad to say there was not a Noster or Norster among them. Neither was there any other name that I could associate with the family.

This one, I'm sad to say, has to remain untrue

One of the 2 transported was innocent...

Well, I think I have covered Abraham and Samuel quite well in past Newsletters, but it does look as if Abraham could have been innocent, but he would not have let his brother Samuel take all the blame.