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Or, please visit our (your) website at:

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 :-<u>http://www.norsterfamily.talktalk.net/atom.xml</u> - 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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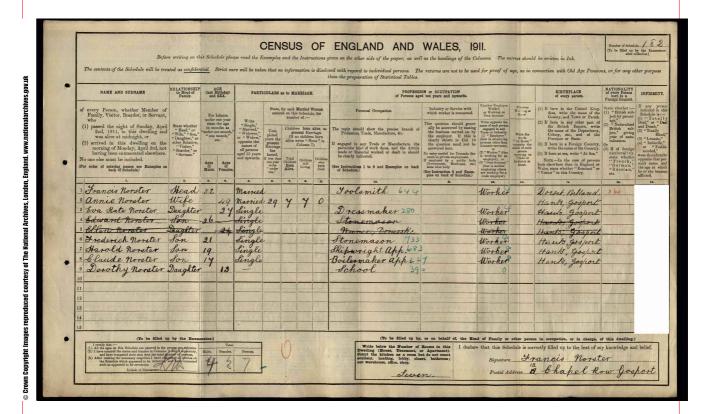
1911 Census Report.

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 Census 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 2nd January 2012 when the census was original due for release.



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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.