

COASTGUARDS OF BIRCHINGTON IN 1861

In the time when smuggling was still being carried out, there were no fewer than nine coastguards living in Epple Bay with their families in 1861, and seven at Pope's Bay, St Nicholas (now Plum Pudding Island). All were from different parts of the United Kingdom, but some had children born in Birchington.

At Epple Bay were: James Scanrolle (?) aged 43, born in Ireland
Richard Heath, 58, born in Devon
Richard Nower, 40, born in Ireland
James Anning, 47, born in Plymouth
John Landy (or Sandy?), 39, born in Exeter
William Ginman, 40, born in Selsey
Isaac May, 36, born in Cornwall
Robert Cleave, 50, born in Plymouth
Henry Snell, 51, born in Cornwall

At Pope's Bay,
St Nicholas:

William Barrett, 49, born in Cornwall
John Plummer, 36, born in Greenwich
John Tiltman, 49, born in Rye
Dennis Murphy, 38, born in Ireland
William Colleran, 53, born in Ireland
George Knapman, 28, born in Devon
John Norseworthy, 35, born in Devon