

Horace LANCHESTER (1872-1954)

Horace LANCHESTER, son of Walter LANCHESTER (c. 1831-) and Mary WRIGHT (c. 1833-), was born on 11 June 1872 in Fersfield, Norfolk.^{1,2} He was baptised on 14 April 1878 in Fersfield.³ He appeared in the census in 1881 at Bates Lane in Fersfield - 9, scholar, living with parents Walter (47, farm labourer) and Mary (45), and brothers James (12, farm labourer) and Herbert (7, scholar).⁴ Horace appeared in the census in 1891 at Millway Farm Longs Lane in Palgrave, Suffolk - 19, horseman, a lodger in the household of William BLOOMFIELD (44, yardman) and his family.⁵ Horace and **Eliza Jane SHELDRAKE** had marriage banns published on 23 September 1894 in Kenninghall, Norfolk, the marriage banns were read by Rev. W W TYLER - other dates were 30.09.1894 and 07.10.1894, bride from Diss.⁶ Horace married Eliza Jane SHELDRAKE on 10 October 1894 in Hargham, Norfolk.^{7,8} He appeared in the census in 1901 at Bury Road in Palgrave - 29, horseman on farm, living with wife Eliza (29) and sons Horace G (5) and Frederick N (11 mos).⁹ Horace appeared in the census in 1911 at Chase's Farm Bury Road in Palgrave - 38, working farm bailiff, living with wife Eliza (38), and children Frederick (10, scholar) and May (5).¹⁰ Horace was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Bates Lane in Fersfield - labourer, b. 11.06.1872.¹ Horace died on 17 October 1954 in Fersfield.^{11,12} He was buried on 21 October 1954 in Fersfield - aged 82 years.¹³ Horace had his estate probated on 30 November 1954 in Norwich, Norfolk - "LANCHESTER Horace of Bates-lane Fersfield Bressingham Norfolk died 17 October 1954 Probate Norwich 30 November to Mary Jane Lanchester spinster. Effects £604 13s. 4d."¹²

Eliza Jane SHELDRAKE, daughter of Perry SHELDRIK (c. 1831-c. 1914) and Driscilla LEATHERS (c. 1835-c. 1905), was born on 16 May 1870 in Diss, Norfolk.^{1,14} She was baptised on 3 July 1870 in Diss - father Perry a labourer.¹⁵ Eliza appeared in the census in 1871 at Walcot Green in Diss - 10 mos, living with parents Perry (40, agricultural labourer) and Druscilla (35), and siblings Emma (14), Anna M (13), Minnie (10), George (8), James (4), Ellen (3) and John (2).¹⁶ Eliza appeared in the census in 1881 at Walcot Green Road in Diss - 10, scholar, living with parents Perry (50, agricultural labourer) and Druscilla (45), siblings George (18, agricultural labourer), James (14, agricultural labourer), Ellen (13), John (12, scholar), William P (9, scholar) and Mary A (7, scholar), and niece Druscilla (1).¹⁷ Eliza appeared in the census in 1891 at Walcot Green in Diss - 20, brush maker, living with parents Perry (60, agricultural labourer) and Druscilla (55), brother William (19, agricultural labourer), and niece Druscilla Jane (11).¹⁸ Eliza appeared in the census in 1901 at Bury Road in Palgrave - 29, living with husband Horace (29, horseman on farm) and sons Horace G (5) and Frederick N (11 mos).⁹ Eliza appeared in the census in 1911 at Chase's Farm Bury Road in Palgrave - 38, living with husband Horace (38, working farm bailiff), and children Frederick (10, scholar) and May (5).¹⁰ On 18 October 1924 Eliza saw her son Frederick leave for Melbourne, Australia on board the ship "Ormez", to return home on the 18.07.1929 aboard the "Baradine" but going again to Melbourne on 18.01.1903 aboard the "Orford"; for all his movements his home address was given as Church Road, Brome, Suffolk. Eliza was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Bates Lane in Fersfield - housework, b. 16.05.1871.¹ Eliza died on 8 September 1953 in Fersfield - aged 82 years.¹⁹ Eliza was buried on 17 September 1953 in Fersfield.²⁰ On 25 September 1953 there was a newspaper report:

Diss Express, 25th September 1953, page 4

MRS. E. J. LANCHESTER (FERSFIELD)

The funeral took place on Thursday week at Fersfield Parish Church of Mrs. Eliza Jane Lanchester, aged 82, of Bates Lane, Fersfield. Mrs. Lanchester was born at Walcot Green, Diss, and was married at Diss Church to Mr. H. Lanchester. She had been living at Fersfield about eighteen years. She leaves a widower, one daughter and one son [Frederick N] who is living in Australia.

The funeral service was taken by the Rev. K. Liley (The Lophams) and the organist for the hymn "Rock of Ages" was Mr. Kirkman.

The immediate mourners were: the widower; Miss M. Lanchester daughter; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hales, sister and brother-in-law; , sister-in-law; Mrs. J. Lanchester, sister-in-law; Mrs. Trudgill, niece; Mr. R. Mark, nephew.

Others present included Mrs. Calver, Mrs. Jeffery and Mrs. Vernon.

Eliza had a sister born before her also named Eliza Jane who died in January 1870, buried on 20.01.1870, after whom she may have been named. She and Horace LANCHESTER had the following children:

Horace G LANCHESTER (c. 1896-). *Horace was born circa 1896 in Diss. He appeared in the census in 1901 at Bury Road in Palgrave - 5, living with parents Horace (29, horseman on farm) and Eliza (29), and brother Frederick N (11 mos).*⁹

Frederick Neave LANCHESTER (c. 1900-c. 1987). *Frederick was born circa 1900 in Palgrave. He appeared in the census in 1901 at Bury Road in Palgrave - 11 mos, living with parents Horace (29, horseman on farm) and Eliza (29), and brother Horace G (5).*⁹ *Frederick appeared in the census in 1911 at Chase's Farm Bury Road in Palgrave - 10, scholar, living with parents Horace (38, working farm bailiff) and Eliza (38), and sister May (5).*¹⁰ *On 18 October 1924 Frederick left London home address given as Church Road, Brome, Norfolk, a farm labourer, bound for Melbourne, Australia, on board the "Ormuz" (3rd class), a ship of the Orient Shipping Line, the voyage taking 35 days.*²¹ *On 18 July 1929 Frederick arrived at London on board the "Baradine", proposed home address Church Road, Brome, Suffolk.*²² *On 18 January 1930 Frederick left London home address given as Church Road, Brome, Norfolk, a farm workerer, bound for Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, on board the "Orford" (3rd class), a ship of the Orient Shipping Line.*²¹ *Frederick married **Eliz Ann DAWS** circa 1935 in Victoria, Australia. He died circa 1987 in Victoria. He was buried on 16 July 1987 in Fawkner, Victoria, Australia - Fawkner Memorial Park, Church of England S, Grave 1175.*

May Jane LANCHESTER (c. 1906-). *May was born circa 1906 in Palgrave. She appeared in the census in 1911 at Chase's Farm Bury Road in Palgrave - 5, living with parents Horace (38, working farm bailiff) and Eliza (38), and brother Frederick (10, scholar).*¹⁰

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