

James LANCHESTER (1868-c. 1944)

James LANCHESTER, son of Walter LANCHESTER (c. 1831-) and Mary WRIGHT (c. 1833-), was born on 21 August 1868 in Fersfield, Norfolk.¹ He appeared in the census in 1871 at The Street in Fersfield - 2, living with parents Walter (40, agricultural labourer) and Mary (38), and siblings Henry (8, scholar) and Ann (5, scholar).² James was baptised on 30 November 1877 in Fersfield.³ He appeared in the census in 1881 at Bateses Lane in Fersfield - 12, farm labourer, living with parents Walter (47, farm labourer) and Mary (45), and brothers Horace (9, scholar) and Herbert (7, scholar).⁴ James appeared in the census in 1891 at Bates Lane in Fersfield - 20, agricultural labourer, living with parents Walter (58, agricultural labourer) and Mary (58), and brothers Harry (27, agricultural labourer), Herbert (16, agricultural labourer) and William (12, scholar).⁵ James and **Frances Maria BRIGGS** had marriage banns published on 15 September 1895 in Kenninghall, Norfolk - other dates were 22.09.1895 and 29.09.1895.⁶ James married Frances Maria BRIGGS on 1 October 1895 in Hargham, Norfolk - both fathers were labourers.. The marriage was witnessed by Horace LANCHESTER and Eliza Jane LANCHESTER. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. W W TYLER.^{7,8} James appeared in the census in 1901 at Lodge Farm Cottage in Kenninghall - 32, teamster on farm, living with wife Frances (25) and sons Robert (1) and Leonard (8 mos).⁹ James appeared in the census in 1911 at Kenninghall Lodge in Kenninghall - 41, horseman on farm, living with wife Frances Maria (35) and children Leonard (10, scholar), Frederick G (8), Charles Biggs (6), Hilda Mary (5), Alfred (3), Norman Thomas (2), James (1) and Albert Edward (4 mos) - 14 children to couple, 10 still living.¹⁰ In 1919 the Electoral Register showed him living at Diss Road, Kenninghall, Norfolk. In 1925 the Electoral Register showed him living at The Street, Fersfield, Norfolk. In 1931 the Electoral Register showed him living at Hall Cottages, Fersfield, Norfolk - qualification by occupation and residency. James was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Lodge Cottages in Fersfield - agricultural labourer, b. 21.08.1868.¹¹ James died circa 1944.¹²

Frances Maria BRIGGS, daughter of Robert BRIGGS (c. 1839-c. 1914) and Mary Ann POTTER (c. 1839-c. 1921), was born on 19 June 1875 in Kenninghall.^{11,13,14} She was baptised on 5 September 1875 in Kenninghall - aged 2months 16days.¹³ Frances appeared in the census in 1881 at Grange Road Yard in Kenninghall - 5, scholar, living with parents Robert (41, agricultural labourer) and Frances M (41), and children James (17, agricultural labourer), Robert (15, labourer), Alice M (13) and William (2).¹⁵ Frances appeared in the census in 1891 at The Green in Shelfanger, Norfolk - 15, general domestic servant, living in the household of Nelson LANHAM (51, farmer) and his family.¹⁶ Frances appeared in the census in 1901 at Lodge Farm Cottage in Kenninghall - 25, living with husband James (32, teamster on farm) and sons Robert (1) and Leonard (8 mos).⁹ Frances appeared in the census in 1911 at Kenninghall Lodge in Kenninghall - 35, living with husband James (41, horseman on farm) and children Leonard (10, scholar), Frederick G (8), Charles Biggs (6), Hilda Mary (5), Alfred (3), Norman Thomas (2), James (1) and Albert Edward (4 mos) - 14 children to couple, 10 still living.¹⁰ In 1919 the Electoral Register showed her living at Diss Road, Kenninghall, Norfolk. In 1925 the Electoral Register showed her living at The Street, Fersfield, Norfolk. In 1931 the Electoral Register showed her living at Hall Cottages, Fersfield, Norfolk - qualification by residency and by husband's occupation. Frances was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Lodge Cottages in Fersfield - domestic duties, b. 19.06.1875.¹¹ Frances died circa 1954.¹⁷ She and James LANCHESTER had the following children:

Robert James LANCHESTER (c. 1899-c. 1905). *Robert was born circa 1899 in Kenninghall. He appeared in the census in 1901 at Lodge Farm Cottage in Kenninghall - 1, living with parents James (32, teamster on farm) and Frances (25) and brother Leonard (8 mos).⁹ Robert died circa 1905.*

Leonard LANCHESTER (c. 1901-c. 1970). *Leonard was born circa 1901 in Kenninghall. He appeared in the census in 1901 at Lodge Farm Cottage in Kenninghall - 8 mos, living with parents James (32, teamster on farm) and Frances (25) and brother Robert (1).⁹ Leonard appeared in the census in 1911 at Kenninghall Lodge in Kenninghall - 10, scholar, living with parents James (41, horseman on farm) and Frances Maria (35), and siblings Frederick G (8), Charles Biggs (6), Hilda Mary (5), Alfred (3), Norman Thomas (2), James (1) and Albert Edward (4 mos).¹⁰ On 6 April 1934 there was a newspaper report:*

Diss Express, 6 April 1934, page 12.

OLD BUCKENHAM WEDDING

The marriage was somemnised at the Parish Church on Saturday by the Rev. H. Anderson (Rector) of Miss Mary Ann Collier, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Collier of Poplar, London and Mr. Leonard Lanchester, second son of Mrf. and Mrs. J. Lanchester of Fersfield Hall, Fersfield. The bride was given away

by the bridegroom's father and she was attired in ankle length white satin, veil, coronet of orange blossom, shoes and hose to tone with dress. She carried a sheaf of white tulips. The bridesmaids, Miss Hilda Lanchester (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Marjorie Sutton (friend) wore ankle length brick coloured silk dresses, fawn picture hats trimmed with red flowers, black patent shoes and fawn coloured hose. Their bouquets were composed of daffodils.

The best man was Mr. James Lanchester (brother of the bridegroom).

The reception took place at the Prince of Wales, Old Buckenham.

Leonard died circa 1970.

William Nelson LANCHESTER (c. 1902-c. 1963). *William was born circa 1902. He died circa 1963.*

Frederick George LANCHESTER (c. 1903-c. 1988). *Frederick was born circa 1903 in Kenninghall. He appeared in the census in 1911 at Kenninghall Lodge in Kenninghall - 8, living with parents James (41, horseman on farm) and Frances Maria (35), and siblings Leonard (10, scholar), Charles Biggs (6), Hilda Mary (5), Alfred (3), Norman Thomas (2), James (1) and Albert Edward (4 mos).¹⁰ In 1931 the Electoral Register showed him living at Hall Cottages, Fersfield, Norfolk - qualification by residency. Frederick died circa 1988.*

Charles Briggs LANCHESTER (c. 1904-c. 1977). *Charles was born circa 1904 in Kenninghall. He appeared in the census in 1911 at Kenninghall Lodge in Kenninghall - 6, living with parents James (41, horseman on farm) and Frances Maria (35), and siblings Leonard (10, scholar), Frederick G (8), Hilda Mary (5), Alfred (3), Norman Thomas (2), James (1) and Albert Edward (4 mos).¹⁰ Charles died circa 1977.*

Hilda Mary LANCHESTER (c. 1906-c. 2001). *Hilda was born circa 1906 in Kenninghall. She appeared in the census in 1911 at Kenninghall Lodge in Kenninghall - 5, living with parents James (41, horseman on farm) and Frances Maria (35), and brothers Leonard (10, scholar), Frederick G (8), Charles Biggs (6), Alfred (3), Norman Thomas (2), James (1) and Albert Edward (4 mos).¹⁰ In 1931 the Electoral Register showed her living at Hall Cottages, Fersfield, Norfolk - qualification by residency. Hilda died circa 2001.*

Alfred John LANCHESTER (c. 1907-c. 2000). *Alfred was born circa 1907 in Kenninghall. He appeared in the census in 1911 at Kenninghall Lodge in Kenninghall - 3, living with parents James (41, horseman on farm) and Frances Maria (35), and siblings Leonard (10, scholar), Frederick G (8), Charles Biggs (6), Hilda Mary (5), Norman Thomas (2), James (1) and Albert Edward (4 mos).¹⁰ In 1931 the Electoral Register showed him living at Hall Cottages, Fersfield, Norfolk - qualification by residency. Alfred died circa 2000.*

Norman Thomas LANCHESTER (1908-1980). *Norman was born on 22 August 1908 in Kenninghall.^{11,18} He was baptised on 28 January 1910 in Kenninghall.¹⁹ He appeared in the census in 1911 at Kenninghall Lodge in Kenninghall - 2, living with parents James (41, horseman on farm) and Frances Maria (35), and siblings Leonard (10, scholar), Frederick G (8), Charles Biggs (6), Hilda Mary (5), Alfred (3), James (1) and Albert Edward (4 mos).¹⁰ In 1931 the Electoral Register showed him living at Hall Cottages, Fersfield, Norfolk - qualification by residency. Norman was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Lodge Cottages in Fersfield - agricultural labourer, b. 22.08.1908.¹¹ Norman died on 20 December 1980 in Bressingham, Norfolk.²⁰ In the London Gazette in 1981 the following notice appeared: "*

NOTICES UNDER THE TRUSTEE ACT 1925, s. 27

Notice is hereby given pursuant to s. 27 of the Trustee Act, 1925, that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of any of the deceased persons whose names and address are set out

*Name os Deceased: **LANCHESTER, Norman Thomas.***

*Address, description and date of death of Deceased: **11 School Road, Bressingham, Diss, Norfolk, Agricultural Labourer (Retired). 20th December 1980.***

*Names, addresses and descriptions of Persons to whom notices of claims are to be given and names, in parentheses, of Personal Representatives: **Brian John Pulfer, Meadowlands, High Road, Bressingham,***

Diss, Norfolk

Date before which notices of claims to be given: **18th September 1891**"

Norman had his estate probated on 16 February 1981 in Ipswich, Suffolk - "LANCHESTER, Norman Thomas of 11 School Rd Bressingham Diss Norfolk died 20 December 1980 Probate Ipswich 16 February [1981]. £19690. 811101805R.¹²¹

James LANCHESTER (c. 1910-). James was born circa 1910 in Kenninghall. He appeared in the census in 1911 at Kenninghall Lodge in Kenninghall - 1, living with parents James (41, horseman on farm) and Frances Maria (35), and siblings Leonard (10, scholar), Frederick G (8), Charles Biggs (6), Hilda Mary (5), Alfred (3), Norman Thomas (2) and Albert Edward (4 mos).¹⁰ In 1931 the Electoral Register showed him living at Hall Cottages, Fersfield, Norfolk - qualification by residency. On 12 October 1934 there was a newspaper report:

Diss Express, 12 October 1934, Page 6

WEDDING

A pretty wedding was solemnised at the High Street Methodist Church on Saturday, the contracting parties being Mr. James Lanchester, 8th son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lanchester, of Fersfield Hall and Miss Marjorie Ruth Sutton, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Sutton, of Pulham.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. B. Sutton, of Kenninghall, was attired in a white satin dress, with shoes to match, a veil and coronet of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and white heather. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss H. Lanchester sister of the bridegroom and Miss E. Sutton sister of the bride who wore lemon satin dresses with mob caps with tulle and silver leaves, and black patent shoes. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. H. Beardsley and the hymns "O Father, all creating" and "O Perfect love" were sung, Mrs. W. Moss being at the organ.

The reception was afterwards held at Fersfield Hall, when 34 guests were present. The happy pair were the recipients of many useful and beautiful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanchester will make their home at Worstead, Norfolk.

James married **Marjorie Ruth SUTTON**.

Alfred Edward LANCHESTER (1910-c. 2006). Alfred was born on 9 November 1910 in Kenninghall.¹¹ He appeared in the census in 1911 at Kenninghall Lodge in Kenninghall - 4 mos, living with parents James (41, horseman on farm) and Frances Maria (35), and siblings Leonard (10, scholar), Frederick G (8), Charles Biggs (6), Hilda Mary (5), Alfred (3), Norman Thomas (2) and James (1).¹⁰ Alfred was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Lodge Cottages in Fersfield - agricultural labourer, b. 09.11.1910.¹¹ Alfred died circa 2006.

Walter LANCHESTER (1914-c. 1988). Walter was born on 10 May 1914.^{11,22} He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Lodge Cottages in Fersfield - agricultural labourer, b. 10.05.1914.¹¹ Walter died circa 1988.²²

Russell LANCHESTER (1918-2009). Russell was born on 12 August 1918.^{11,23} He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Lodge Cottages in Fersfield - agricultural labourer, b. 12.08.1918.¹¹ Between 2003 and 2008 the Electoral Register showed him living at 14 Chapel Road, Spooner Row, Norfolk NR18 9LN.²⁴ In 2009 the Electoral Register showed him living at Melton House, 47 Melton Road, Wymondham NR18 0DB.²⁵ Russell died on 27 May 2009 in Wymondham, Norfolk.

Isabella F LANCHESTER (c. 1916-c. 1918). Isabella was born circa 1916.²⁶ She died circa 1918.²⁷

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