

William BAILEY (1892-1961)

William Bailey's connection to North Lopham is by residence.

William BAILEY, son of George BAILEY (c. 1860-c. 1936) and Alice Mary BRIGGS (c. 1868-c. 1950), was born on 7 April 1892 in Kenninghall, Norfolk.¹ He was baptised on 22 May 1892 in Kenninghall - born 7 April 1892, parents George (labourer) and Alice Mary. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. W W TYLER.²

The 1901 Census (held on 31 Mar 1901) shows William at Mill Pond in Garboldisham, Norfolk - 8, scholar, living with parents George (41, horseman on farm) and Alice (33), and siblings Daisy (12, scholar), Arthur (12, scholar) and Rosetta F (10, scholar).³

At the time of the 1911 Census, William was living at Harbour Lane in Garboldisham - 19, bricklayer's labourer, living with parents George (51, roadman) and Alice (43), brother Arthur (22, harness maker), and niece Olive Rose (2).⁴

William was attested into the military on 22 April 1912 at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk - joined at Woolwich, a driver in the Army Service Corps. He transferred to the 4th Hussars of the Line on 15 July 1912. On 16 April 1913 he was dismissed for misconduct.

["Hussars of the Line" in The Great War was a collective term for British Regular Army hussar regiments (3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th), representing non-Household cavalry. Enlisted into the "Corps of Hussars," soldiers were allocated to specific units to serve as mobile reconnaissance, security, and mounted shock troops.]

He married **Edna May Payne COLLINS** on 28 February 1914 in North Lopham, Norfolk - groom 21, single, labourer, from Garboldisham; bride 18, single, from North Lopham. The marriage was witnessed by Arthur BAILEY and Gertrude BAILEY. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. C J

EASTWOOD.⁵

He enlisted at Norwich on 27 November 1914 - Norfolk Regiment, Private 16895, and served on home soil until 22 June 1915. From 23 June 1915 he served in France with the B.E.F. On 16 July 1917 he received a gun shot wound to the right foot and returned to the U.K. Initially he was at the 3rd Western General Hospital in Cardiff recovering from his wound. From 8 May 1918 he returned to France, rejoining his Regiment. On 11 September 1918 he was thought to be missing in the field and his next of kin notified, but later was found to be a PoW and his wife was informed on 12 November 1918 with the news. On 22 November 1918 he was repatriated after release from the PoW camp, returning to Hull aboard the S.S. Porto (name unsure), and served on home soil until demobilization and transfer to Class "Z" Army Reserve on 10 March 1919.

He was on the in 1918 Absent Voters List, living at The Green in North Lopham - 16895 Pte., 9th Nfks.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared in North Lopham - 29y 2m, teamman working for Mr. B WOODS farmer, living with wife Edna (24y 10m, home duties) and children Allen (7y 2m, scholar), Kitchener (5y 11m, scholar) and Iris (6m).⁶

William was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 42 Hall Cottage in Burston, Norfolk - b. 07 April 1892, farm foreman, living with wife Edna (b. 10 August 1894, domestic duties) and son Russell D (b. 01 June 1926, scholar).⁷

He died on 10 February 1961 at St. Barnabas Hospital in Thetford, Norfolk - usual residence North Lopham.⁸

He had his estate probated on 16 March 1961 in Norwich, Norfolk - "BAILEY William of Fortunes Well North Lopham Norfolk died 10 February 1961 at St. Barnabas Hospital Thetford Norfolk Probate Norwich 16 March to Willian Yates baker and Raymond Grant shop manager. Effects £990 11s. 1d."⁸

Spouse and known children:

Edna May Payne COLLINS, daughter of Arthur Payne COLLINS (-), was born circa 1894. She died circa 1968. She and William BAILEY had the following children:

Alan Leslie BAILEY (1914-)

William Kitchener BAILEY (1915-)

Iris Alice P BAILEY (c. 1920-c. 1994)

Russel D BAILEY (1926-)

The Lopham Project (Family Historian Report)

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