

Henry Copley BAKER (1897-c. 1971)

Henry Copley Baker's connection to South Lopham is by birth, residence, marriage and death.

Henry Copley BAKER, son of Henry BAKER (c. 1866-c. 1946) and Janet LUDBROOK (c. 1866-c. 1938), was born on 20 May 1897 in North Lopham, Norfolk.^{1 2} He was baptised on 26 September 1897 in North Lopham - living at King's Head Lane, b. 20 May 1897, parents Henry (labourer) and Jeannette.¹

The 1901 Census (held on 31 Mar 1901) shows Henry in North Lopham - 3 (named as Harry), living with parents Harry (34, agricultural labourer) and Janett (34), and sisters Emma (6) and Annie (2).³

At the time of the 1911 Census, Henry was living at The Green in North Lopham - 13, scholar, named as Harry, living with parents Harry (44, farm labourer) and Janet (44), siblings Emma (16, general domestic servant), Annie 12, scholar), Charley (9, scholar) and Olive (6, scholar), and boarder Arthur EDWARDS (2).⁴

Henry was attested into the military on 9 February 1916 at Norwich, Norfolk. On 19 February 1916 he put on the Army Reserve list. From 19 October 1916 to 23 December 1916 he served on home soil with the 2nd Battalion Norfolk Regiment, Private 26877. From 24 December 1916 to 23 April 1917 he served in India. From 24 April 1917 to 21 February 1919 he served in Mesopotamia. He had a furlough in Basrah, India from 15 July 1918 to 10 October 1918. On 22 March 1919 he was on board ship for the UK, a trip lasting 7 days, returning to serve on home soil. He was demobilized on 27 April 1919 and placed on the Class "Z" Army Reserve.

On 19 Jun 1921, (the 1921 Census), he was living in North Lopham - 24, agricultural labourer employed by Robert Claydon, living with parents Henry (55, agricultural labourer) and Janette (54, home duties), and siblings Charlie (10, agricultural labourer) and Daisy (9).⁵

Henry and **Ellen Maud Mary FOX** had marriage banns published on 23 July 1922 in North Lopham - other dates banns read were 30 July 1922 and 06 August 1922. Groom single, from North Lopham, bride single from Hethersett.⁶ He married her on 6 August 1922 in North Lopham.⁷

He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 9 Council Houses, King's Head Lane in North Lopham - b. 20 May 1897, farm labourer, living with wife Ellen M M (b. 23 October 1894, unpaid domestic duties) and 3 closed records.⁸

He died circa 1971 in North Lopham.⁹ He was buried on 12 February 1971 in North Lopham - aged 72 years; abode listed as Thorpe St. Andrew (maybe at the hospital).¹⁰

Spouse:

Ellen Maud Mary FOX, daughter of James FOX (c. 1865-) and Selina TUTTLE (c. 1858-c. 1897), was born in 1894. She died in 1954.

The Lopham Project (Family Historian Report)

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