

## Thomas James BAKER (1893-1915)

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**Thomas James Baker's connection to South Lopham is by birth and residence.**

**Brother of John Edward Baker and William Robert Baker.**

**Thomas James BAKER**, son of Benjamin BAKER (c. 1870-c. 1927) and Ellenor LUDBROOK (c. 1872-c. 1962), was born on 25 October 1893 in North Lopham, Norfolk.<sup>1 2</sup> He was baptised on 26 September 1897 in North Lopham - parents Benjamin (labourer) and Ellenor. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Arthur PETERS, curate.<sup>1</sup>

At the time of the 1901 Census, Thomas was living in North Lopham - 7, scholar, living with parents Benjamin (31, farm labourer) and Ellinor (29), and brothers John Edward (8, scholar), William Robert (4, scholar), Arthur Ernest (2) and Benjamin (2m).<sup>3</sup>

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at The Street in North Lopham - 17. farm labourer, living with parents Benjamin (41, farm labourer) and Ellenor (38) and brothers William (14), Benjamin (10), George (8), Horace (6), Roger (4) and Jesse (2).<sup>4</sup>

No service record has been found for Thomas. Everything known has been sourced from the CWGC website.

On 19 September 1914 there was a newspaper report in the Downham Market Gazette:

***EAST ANGLIANS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.***

***THE HONOURS LIST.***

***NORTH LOPHAM. - James Emms, Frank P. Emms, William F. Emms, Thomas A. Emms, Thomas J. Baker, Thomas Carman, and F. T. Taylor.***

Thomas died on 5 May 1915 in France - died of wounds. He is buried/

commemorated at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission grave registration entry for Thomas was "BAKER, Pte. T. J., 15570. 9th Bn. Norfolk Regt. 5th May, 1916. Age 22. Son of Benjamin Baker, of North Lopham, Thetford, Norfolk."

## The Lopham Project (Family Historian Report)

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