
George BOND (1885-1916)

George Bond's connection to South Lopham is by birth, residency and marriage.

George BOND, son of John BOND (1846-1929) and Mary Ann BANHAM (1847-1937), was born on 17 February 1885 in South Lopham, Norfolk.¹ He was baptised on 12 April 1885 in South Lopham - parents John and Mary Ann.²

He appeared in the census on 5 April 1891 at Wood Lane in South Lopham - 6, scholar, living with parents John (44, shepherd) and Mary A (43), and siblings William (12, agricultural labourer), Frederick (10, scholar) and Eliza (3).³

He appeared in the census on 31 March 1901 at Low Common in South Lopham - 16, agricultural labourer, living with parents John (54, agricultural labourer) and Mary Ann (53), and sister Eliza (13).⁴

He and **Florence Eliza DEBENHAM** had marriage banns published on 26 February 1904 in South Lopham - other dates banns read were 05.03.1905 and 12.03.1905, groom single of South Lopham, bride single of Redgrave.⁵ He married her on 12 March 1905 in South Lopham.^{6 7}

He appeared in the census on 2 April 1911 at Popes Hole in South Lopham - 26, farm labourer, living with wife Florence (24) and children Ivy (5), George (3) and Irene (8m)⁸

He died on 15 September 1916 in France - killed in action, Private 14983, Coldstream Guards. He is buried/commemorated at Guards' Cemetery, Lesboeufs. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission grave registration entry for George was "BOND, Pte. George, 14983. 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards. 15th Sept., 1916. II. Z. 10."

On 17 November 1916 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal:

KILLED IN ACTION

BOND. - Previously reported missing, now reported killed on Sept. 15th, Pte. George Bond, Coldstream Guards, of South Lopham, aged 31 years. Deeply mourned. - From his loving Wife and Children and Father and Mother.

No full army service record has been found for Arthur.

Florence Eliza DEBENHAM, daughter of William DEBENHAM (1848-c. 1925) and Ann Eliza WATLING (1858-1946), was born on 29 August 1886 in Redgrave, Suffolk. She died circa 1974 in South Lopham

She and George BOND had the following children:

Ivy BOND (c. 1906-)

George BOND (c. 1908-)

Irene BOND (c. 1910-)

Sources

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