
Walter BUSSEY-JOLLEY (1883-1966)

Walter Bussey-Jolley's connection to South Lopham is by birth, residency and death.

There are several different ways of referring to the surname of this family. There are several versions including BUSSEY, JOLLEY, and BUSSEY-JOLLEY.

Walter's brother, Harry, also fought in The Great War and thankfully survived.

Walter BUSSEY-JOLLEY, son of William BUSSEY-JOLLEY (c. 1857-1919) and Susan Elizabeth PEARCE (c. 1856-1942), was born on 6 June 1883 in North Lopham, Norfolk.¹ He was baptised on 19 January 1884 in North Lopham - parents William (labourer) and Susan (ee-baptised 10.05.1885 in North Lopham).

The 1891 Census (held on 5 Apr 1891) shows Walter at The Green in North Lopham - (family surnames given as BUSSEY), 8, scholar, living with parents William (33, agricultural labourer) and Susan E (32), siblings Gertrude (12), Emma (11, scholar), William H (10, scholar), Olive B (8, scholar), Thomas J (4) and Frederick G (7m), and boarders James PEARCE (widower, 72, agricultural labourer), Lina PEARCE (36, agriculotural labourer) and William PEARCE (31, agricultural labourer), (the PEARCE boarders may have been related to mother Susan as she was a PEARCE).²

At the time of the 1901 Census, Walter was living at The Village in North Lopham - family surname given as BUSSEY, 16, groom, living with parents William (42 general labourer on farm) and Elizabeth (43), siblings Olive (15, mothers help), Frederick (11, scholar), Harry (9, scholar) and Albert (2), grandfather James PEARCE (81, in receipt of parish relief) and uncle Lina PEARCE (46, general labourer on farm).³

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at The Green in North

Lopham - family surname given as BUSSEY, 28, labourer, living with parents William (55, horseman on farm) and Susan Elizabeth (56), and siblings Olive Beatrice (26, living at home), Frederick George (20, carpenter), Harry (18, butcher) and Albert Ewart (12, scholar).⁴

Walter (name given as JOLLEY W B) enlisted on 24.11.1915, joining the 5th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, Private 5871, on 18.03.1916. He served on home soil from 24.11.1915, with the Middle East Force from 08.09.1916, en route home starting on 19.10.1918, and serving at home until 20.02.1919. Walter was transferred to Class "Z" Army Reserve on demobilisation on 20.02.1919. At some point he contracted malaria and on demob was deemed to have a 10% disability and granted a pension of 5/6 per week for a year. He is on the 1918 absent voters list for North Lopham - 3923: Bussey, Jolly Walter: Green: 26th Middlesex.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared in North Lopham - family surname given as BUSSEY, 34, out of work, living with mother Susan Elizabeth (widow, 65, home duties), sister Emma (35, home duties) and brothers Frederick (30, carpenter) and Albert Ewart (23, grocers assistant).⁵

Walter married **Ethel Maud FICKLING** on 11 November 1922 in North Lopham.⁶

He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Kings Head Cottage in North Lopham - b. 06.06.1883, farm carter, living with wife Maud E (b. 05.12.1894, unpaid domestic duties).⁷

He died on 28 November 1966 in Norwich, Norfolk - aged 83 years, died in hospital but resident at Worthan at the time. He was buried on 1 December 1966 in North Lopham. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. C E BEEVERS.

On 2 December 1966 there was a newspaper report in the Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express:

Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.

DEATHS

JOLLEY - On November 28, 1966, at West Norwich Hospital, Walter Bussey, aged 83 years, of North Lopham.

Spouse:

Ethel Maud FICKLING was born on 5 December 1894. She died on 18 August 1954.

Sources

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