

## Fergus Floyd CROOK (1887-1965)

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**Fergus Floyd Crook's connection to North Lopham is by birth and residency.**

**Fergus's brother Herbert Augustus also fought in The Great War and survived.**

**Fergus Floyd CROOK**, son of Charles Edward CROOK (c. 1862-c. 1929) and Laura LUDBROOK (c. 1861-c. 1943), was born on 13 June 1887 in North Lopham, Norfolk.<sup>1</sup>

The 1891 Census (held on 5 Apr 1891) shows Fergus at The Green in North Lopham - 3, living with parents Charles E (28, blacksmith master) and Laura (29), and siblings Gordon E (11, scholar), Ellen L (7, scholar), Albert A (6, scholar) and Herbert A (5, scholar).<sup>2</sup>

At the time of the 1901 Census, Fergus was living at The Village in North Lopham - 13, living with parents Charles (39, blacksmith iron) and Laura (41), and siblings Gordon (21, blacksmith assistant), Ellen Louisa (17) and Herbert (15, blacksmith assistant).<sup>3</sup>

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at The Green in North Lopham - 23, grocer's assistant, living with parents Charles (49, shoeing and general smith) and Laura (50), sister Ellen (27, living at home), and step-brother Gordon LUDBROOK (31, journeyman blacksmith).<sup>4</sup>

Fergus joined the military at Aldershot on 29 March 1915 and was posted to the Army Service Corps. To 16 April 1915 he served on home soil, joining the B.E.F. in France on 18.09.1917, returning home on 15.12.1917 having been gased.

He married **Sarah Jane GREEN** on 15 July 1915 in North Lopham - groom 28, private, single, from Aldershot; bride 29, single from North Lopham..<sup>5 6</sup>

On 3 August 1917 he transferred to the 4th Bn. Essex Regiment, Private 39503, joining the B.E.F. in France on 18.09.1917, transferring to the 2nd Bn. on the 24.09.1917, returning home on 15.12.1917 having been gased. He transferred to the Tipperary Depot on the 07.05.1918. He was transferred on 8 March 1919 to Class "Z" Army Reserve on demobilization, returning to Church Farm, North Lopham.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared in North Lopham - 34, farm work employed by Jesse GREEN, living with wife Sarah (35, home duties) and son Leslie (1y 5m).<sup>7</sup>

In 1931 the Electoral Register showed him living at The Fen in Carleton Rode, Norfolk - qualification by residence and occupation.

Fergus was recorded on the 1939 Register living at The Fen in Shelfanger, Norfolk - b. 13.06.1887, smallholder, living with wife Sarah J (b. 23.05.1886, domestic duties) and son Leslie F (b. 14.01.1920, helping on holding).<sup>8</sup>

He died on 18 February 1965 at The West Norwich Hospital in Norwich, Norfolk aged 77.<sup>9 10</sup> He was buried on 23 February 1965 in Carleton Rode - aged 77 years.<sup>9</sup>

He is commorated in Carleton Rode- "In / Memory / of FERGUS FLOYD CROOK / Born 13th June 1887 / Died 18th February 1965 / At Rest / Also SARAH JANE CROOK / Born 18th May 1886 / Died 7th September 1977 / Reunited."

He had his estate probated on 22 June 1967 in Norwich - "CROOK Fergus Floyd of The Fem Carleton Rode Norfolk died 18 February 1965 at West Norwich Hospital Norwich Administration (limited) Norwich 22 June [1967] to Albert Crook newsagent. £2002."<sup>11</sup>

### **Spouse and children:**

Sarah Jane GREEN, daughter of Jesse Cornelius GREEN (c. 1862-c. 1945)

and Rosa Ann KEMP (c. 1860-c. 1931), was born on 23 May 1886 in Old Buckenham, Norfolk. She died on 7 September 1977. She and Fergus Floyd CROOK had the following children:

Leslie F CROOK (c. 1920-c. 1971)

## The Lopham Project (Family Historian Report)

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