

Albert Ernest EMMS (c. 1888-1916)

Albert Ernest Emms' connection to North Lopham is by birth and residency.

Albert's brothers, Herbert and Wilfred, also died in The Great War.

Albert Ernest EMMS, son of Walter EMMS (c. 1857-) and Elizabeth ROLFE (c. 1858-), was born circa 1888 in North Lopham, Norfolk.¹ He was baptised on 2 September 1888 in North Lopham.²

At the time of the 1891 Census, Albert was living at The Green in North Lopham - 2, living with parents Walter (34, agricultural labourer) and Elizabeth (32), and sibling Catherine (12), George W (10, scholar), Josiah (7, scholar), Charles Edward (5, scholar).³

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living at The Street in North Lopham - 12, scholar, living with parents Walter (44, agricultural labourer) and Elizabeth (43), and sibling George William (20, agricultural labourer), Frederick William (18, bricklayers labourer), Josiah (16, agricultural labourer), Charles Edward (14. agricultural labourer). Herbert Sidney (10, scholar), Blanche Eveline (6, scholar) and Wilfred (3).⁴

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) he appeared at The Green in North Lopham - 22, farm labourer, living with parents Walter (54, farm labourer) and Elizabeth (53), and sibling Charles (25, farm labourer), Herbert (22, farm labourer), Blanche (17, living at home) and Wilfred (13, scholar).⁵

Albert died on 7 October 1916 in France - when part of the B.E.F.

He is buried/commemorated at Thiepval Memorial - CWGC: "EMMS, Pte. Albert Ernest, 493882. 1st/13th Kensington Bn. London Regiment. 7th Oct., 1916. Age 28. Son of Walter and Elizabeth Emms, of North Lopham, Diss, Norfolk."

On 12 October 1917 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal:

IN MEMORIAM.

EMMS. - In ever loving memory of Albert Ernest, fifth beloved son of Walter and Elizabeth Emms, of North Lopham, who was first reported missing, and then officially reported killed on October 7th, 1916, aged 28 years. Duty done.

*Grieve not dear parents, but be content,
For I to you was only lent;
For love I lived, for my country I died,
You asked my life, but twas denied.
We often think of days gone by,
When we were all together;
A shadow o'er our life is cast,
A loving brother gone forever.
Our hardest blow has yet to come,
When the others they return,
And we miss among the cheering crowds,
The faces of our loved ones.*

From his loving Parents, Brothers and Sisters.

Sources

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2. *PR - Baptism*. North Lopham, Norfolk. Cit. Date: 2 September 1888.
3. *1891 Census*. RG12 Piece 1548 Folio 110 Page 2 Schedule 13. Cit. Date: 5 April 1891.
4. *1901 Census*. RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 7 Page 5 Schedule 31. Cit. Date: 31 March 1901.
5. *1911 Census*. RG14 PN11745 RD239 SD2 ED18 SN6. Cit. Date: 2 April 1911.