
Thomas Alfred EMMS (1892-1931)

Thomas Alfred Emms' connection to North Lopham is by birth and residency.

Thomas's brothers Percy and James died in The Great War.

Thomas Alfred EMMS, son of Thomas Alfred EMMS (c. 1855-c. 1938) and Rebecca Emma REEVE (c. 1862-c. 1942), was born on 11 November 1892 in North Lopham, Norfolk.¹ He was baptised on 27 September 1896 in North Lopham - born 11.11.1892, parents Thomas (labourer) and Rebecca.

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living at The Village in North Lopham - 8, scholar, living with parents Thomas (46, horseman on farm) and Rebecca (39), and siblings William Frederick (12, ill at home), Sarah Ellen (10, scholar), James (6, scholar), Percy Frank (4, scholar) and Rose Dora (2).²

At the time of the 1911 Census, Thomas was living at The Street in North Lopham - 18, farm labourer, living with parents Thomas (56, farm labourer) and Rebecca (47), and siblings William Frederick (22, ill farm labourer), James (16, farm labourer), Percy Frank (14, farm labourer) and Rose Dora (12, scholar).³

Thomas was attested into the military on 9 September 1914 at Norwich, Norfolk and served on home soil until 29.08.1915. On 12 September 1914 he was posted to 9th Bn. Norfolk Regiment, Private 15572. On 30 August 1915 he went to France as part of the British Expeditionary Force until he was shell shocked in September 1916 and returned to England on 23.09.1916. He was transferred on 25 October 1918 to Royal Army Service Corps, Training Division, Private 404694. On 27 January 1919 he is noted in a document which may indicate his discharge. On it it does mention a disability of gun shot wound to the chest. Following this was his transfer to the Kelsey Manor Dispersal Station on 30.01.1919.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared at 68 Park Crescent in Wandsworth, London - boarding at address, 28y 7m, Mechanical Tram Driver employed by L.C.C., 23 Belevdre Rd, Westminster SW1.⁴

Thomas married **Emily Louisa SYLVESTER** on 22 October 1921 in Islington, London - no children have been found for Thomas and Emily.⁵

He died on 15 April 1931 in Clapham, London.⁶ On 24 April 1931 there was a

newspaper report in the The Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal:

DEATHS.

***EMMS. - On April 15th, very suddenly, at 96, Bromfield Road, Clapham, S.W.
Thomas Alfred, the dearly beloved husband of Emily Emms, and son of Mr. and
Mrs. Thomas Emms, of North Lopham, aged 38 years.***

Emily Louisa SYLVESTER was born circa 1899. She died circa 1978.

Sources

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3. *1911 Census.* RG14 PN11745 RD239 SD2 ED18 SN72. Cit. Date: 2 April 1911.
4. *1921 Census.* RG15 Piece 02318 Schedule 8 RD 26 RS 4 ED 23. Cit. Date: 19 June 1921.
5. *CR Marriage.* 1921 Q4 Islington London Vol 1B Page 377. Cit. Date: Q4 1921.
6. *CR Death.* 1931 Q2 Wandsworth London Vol 1D Page 460. Cit. Date: Q2 1931.