
Wilfred EMMS (1898-1916)

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

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

Wilfred EMMS, son of Walter EMMS (c. 1857-) and Elizabeth ROLFE (c. 1858-), was born on 12 February 1898 in North Lopham, Norfolk.

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living at The Street in North Lopham - 3, living with parents Walter (44, agricultural labourer) and Elizabeth (43), and siblings George William (20, agricultural labourer), Frederick William (18, bricklayers labourer), Josiah (16, agricultural labourer), Charles Edward (14, agricultural labourer), Albert Ernest (12, scholar). Herbert Sidney (10, scholar) and Blanche Eveline (6, scholar).¹

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

Wilfred was attested on 17 July 1915. - appointed to The Norfolk Regiment, Pte. 19760. On 31 July 1915 Wilfred he was posted to 3rd Bn. Norfolk Regiment, and on to the 7th Bn. on 29.12.1915, serving in France.

He died on 3 July 1916 in France. He is buried/commemorated at Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'abbe - CWGC: EMMS, Pte. W., 19760. 7th Bn. Norfolk Regt. 3rd July, 1916. Age 18. Son of Walter and Elizabeth Emms, of Jubilee Lane, North Lopham, Diss, Norfolk.

On 21 July 1916 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal:

DEATHS.

EMMS. - July 2nd, died from wounds received in action in France, Private Wilfred Emms, youngest and seventh beloved son of Walter and Elizabeth Emms, North Lopham, aged 18 years.

Sources

1. *1901 Census*. RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 7 Page 5 Schedule 31. Cit. Date: 31 March 1901.
2. *1911 Census*. RG14 PN11745 RD239 SD2 ED18 SN6. Cit. Date: 2 April 1911.