
Arthur GARNHAM (1884-c. 1957)

Arthur's connection to North and South Lopham is by birth, residency and death.

Arthur GARNHAM, son of Walter GARNHAM (c. 1854-1912) and Amelia DOVE (1861-1952), was born on 7 May 1884 in South Lopham, Norfolk. He was baptised on 2 December 1888 in South Lopham, the ceremony was conducted by Rev. J F BATEMAN, Rector.¹

The 1891 Census (held on 5 Apr 1891) shows Arthur at The Street in South Lopham - 6, scholar, living with parents Walter (35, bricklayer) and Amelia (30), and sisters Edith (8, scholar) and Mary J (5, scholar).²

At the time of the 1901 Census, Arthur was living at near The Street in South Lopham - 16, bricklayer's assistant, living with parents Walter (46, bricklayer) and Amelia (40).³

Arthur married **Alice DORKINS** on 30 January 1905 in North Lopham, Norfolk - groom: 20, single, bricklayer; bride 19, single; both of the parish; married after banns.. The marriage was witnessed by Walter BLOOMFIELD and Laura BLOOMFIELD. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. C J EASTWOOD.⁴

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at The Street in South Lopham - 26, bricklayer, living with wife Alive (25) and daughters Dorothy Iris (6), Cissie Irene (4), Edna May (2) and Rith Gwendoline (5m).⁵

Very little is known of Arthur's Great War military service except for references to Private 84793, 297th Field Company of the Royal Engineers in the 1918 South Lopham absent voters list and a World War I Pension Ledgers and Index Card.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared at The Street in South Lopham - 37y 1m, bricklayer on the estate of the Duke of Norfolk, living with wife Alice (35y 0m, home duties) and children Edna M (13y 0m, full

time scholar), Ruth G (10y 8m, full time scholar), Walter F (7y 1m, full time scholar) and Sidney A (1y 6m).⁶

Arthur was recorded on the 1939 Register living at East View in South Lopham - b. 07.04.1884, builder master, heavy worker, living with wife Alice (b. 11.09.1885, unpaid domestic duties), children Raymond E (b. 14.03.1923, bricklayer's labourer), Sidney A (b. 02.12.1919, builder, painter, heavy worker) and Joan (b. 28.04.1920, unpaid domestic duties), Kate DORKINS (widow, b. 26.11.1863, old age pensioner [mother-in-law?]), and 2 other closed records.⁷

He died circa 1957 in North Lopham.⁸ He was buried on 4 May 1957 in North Lopham - aged 72 years.

Spouse and known children:

Alice DORKINS, daughter of Frederick DORKINS (c. 1862-1903) and Kate BLOOMFIELD (c. 1862-1949), was born on 11 September 1885 in North Lopham. She died on 27 September 1988 in North Lopham. She and Arthur GARNHAM had the following children:

Dorothy Iris GARNHAM (1905-1956)
Cissie Irene GARNHAM (1906-1977)
Edna May GARNHAM (1908-2006)
Ruth Gwendoline GARNHAM (1910-2015)
Walter F GARNHAM (1914-1998)
Sidney A GARNHAM (1919-1981)
Raymond E GARNHAM (1923-2015)
Cynthia Jean GARNHAM (1926-1975)

Sources

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