

Stephen GODDARD (1895-1972)

Stephen Goddard's connection to North Lopham is by birth, residency and death.

Brother of George Henry Goddard who also fought in the Great War and thankfully survived.

Stephen GODDARD, son of Samuel GODDARD (c. 1862-c. 1900) and Eliza SMITH (c. 1868-c. 1955), was born on 18 January 1895 in North Lopham, Norfolk.^{1 2}

The 1901 Census (held on 31 Mar 1901) shows Stephen in North Lopham - 6, scholar, living with grandmother Martha Ann SMITH (widowed, 59, licensed victualler), mother Eliza (31, living with mother), siblings Edna (13, dressmaker's apprentice) and George (9, scholar), and 5 lodgers. [Probably living at The Bull Inn.]³

Stephen was baptised on 22 June 1902 in North Lopham - mother Eliza, father deceased. On the baptism record it states Stephen was born out of wedlock. His mother was married to Samuel GODDARD on 18.10.1887, who died in 1900. Was Samuel Stephen's father?

He appeared in the census on 2 April 1911 at The Bull Inn in North Lopham - 16, living with grandmother Martha Ann (widow, 70, licensed victualler), and sister Edna Marie CROOKE (23) and her husband Herbert A CROOKE (25, blacksmith) and their daughter Doris (3), and one lodger.⁴

Naval service record:

Service	From	To
Service started	21 Oct 1913	
HMS Pembroke I (shore establishment)	21 Oct 1913	29 Jul 1914
HMS Iphigenia (converted to minelayer)	30 Jul 1914	10 Mar 1915
Promoted Cooks Mate	24 Oct 1914	
HMS Biarritz (converted to minelayer)	11 Mar 1915	22 Jan 1919
HMS Pembroke I (shore establishment)	23 Jan 1919	31 Aug 1919
HMS Cyclops (repair ship at Scapa Flow)	1 Sep 1919	31 Jan 1920
HMS Erin (training ship)	1 Feb 1920	19 Jan 1922
HMS Pembroke I (shore establishment)	20 Jan 1922	26 Jan 1922
HMS Victory (Mistley)	27 Jan 1922	26 Nov 1924
HMS Pembroke II (shore establishment)	27 Nov 1924	5 Mar 1925

HMS Ajax (V-class dreadnought battleship)	6 Mar 1925	19 Aug 1925
HMS Pembroke II (shore establishment)	20 Aug 1925	9 Apr 1926
HMS Ganges (training ship)	10 Apr 1926	15 Jun 1926
HMS Pembroke II (shore establishment)	16 Jun 1926	6 Jul 1926
HMS Repulse (Renown-class battle cruiser)	7 Jul 1926	2 Nov 1928
HMS Pembroke II (shore establishment)	3 Nov 1928	25 Feb 1929
Promoted PO Cook	12 Dec 1928	
HMS Enterprise (Emerald-class light cruiser)	26 Feb 1929	14 Oct 1931
HMS Pembroke II (shore establishment)	15 Oct 1931	3 Feb 1932
HMS Vindictive	4 Feb 1932	12 Apr 1932
Medway	13 Apr 1932	25 Apr 1934
Promoted CPO Cook	23 Nov 1932	
HMS Calcutta (C-class light cruiser)	26 Apr 1934	1 Aug 1934
HMS Pembroke II (shore establishment)	2 Aug 1934	27 Nov 1934
HMS Pembroke II (Chelsea Hosp.)	28 Nov 1934	8 Oct 1934
HMS Pembroke II (shore establishment)	9 Oct 1935	23 Oct 1935
Pensioned	23 Oct 1935	
Rejoined	31 Jul 1939	
HMS Emerald (Emerald-class light cruiser)	31 Jul 1939	1 Jan 1942
Final release	8 Nov 1945	

Stephen married **Stella Blanche CROWE** circa 1919.⁵

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared in Sheerness, Kent - 26y 5m, leading cook, on board HMS Cyclops, married with 2 children. [Contradicts service record as to where based.] Wife Stella was living back in North Lopham with her two children Sylvia CROWE (6) and Kitty GODDARD (2).⁶

Stephen died on 24 August 1972 in North Lopham.^{2 7} He was buried on 31 August 1972 in North Lopham.⁸

He had his estate probated on 19 October 1972 in Ipswich, Suffolk - "GODDARD Stephen of The Green North Lopham Diss Norfolk died 24 August 1972 Probate Ipswich 19 October. £6348."⁷

Spouse and known children:

Stella Blanche CROWE was born circa 1896. She died circa 1968. She and Stephen GODDARD had the following children:

Kitty GODDARD (c. 1919-)

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