
Frederick William GOOCH (1888-c. 1962)

Frederick William Gooch's connection to North and South Lopham is by birth, residence and death.

Frederick's brothers Thomas Henry and Sidney George also served in the Great War and thankfully both survived.

Frederick William GOOCH, son of John GOOCH (c. 1854-c. 1923) and Eliza LONG (c. 1855-c. 1945), was born on 18 Oct 1888 in North Lopham, Norfolk.¹

The 1891 Census (held on 5 Apr 1891) shows Frederick at The Green in North Lopham - 2, living with parents John (38, fowl dealer) and Eliza (36), and siblings Edwin (12, agricultural labourer), Florence J (10, scholar), Bertie E (9, scholar) and Laura H (5, scholar).²

At the time of the 1901 Census, Frederick was living at Hall Lane in Fersfield, Norfolk - 13, ordinary agricultural labourer, living in the household of George Wright HALL (43, farmer).³

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at The Street in South Lopham, Norfolk - 23, farm labourer, living with parents John (58, fishmonger) and Eliza (57), and siblings Laura (25, cook domestic) and Sidney (16, bricklayer's labourer).⁴

No complete service record has been found for Frederick. He appears on the 1918 South Lopham List of absent voters, "23962 Pte., 2nd Bn. Nfks.", and has a medal list entry naming the same. In addition, the medal list names a second service in the Labour Corps, Ser. No. 672891.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared at The Street in South Lopham - 32, farm labourer, living with parents John (67, fishmonger) and Eliza (66, home duties), and brother Sidney G (26, bricklayer).⁵

Frederick married **Lucy Elizabeth Caroline IVERSON** on 13 Oct 1928 in Thornton Heath, Surrey - groom 39, single, quarryman; bride 21, single. Lucy's grandfather William George Long and Frederick's mother Eliza were siblings..⁶

In 1931 the Electoral Register showed him living at near Bull Inn in North Lopham - qualification by residency and occupation.

Frederick was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 7 The Terrace in North Lopham -

b. 18.10.1888, incapacitated, living with wife Lucy E C (b. 12.10.1903, unpaid domestic duties), Alexander W (b. 26.03.1931, scholar), and 3 closed records.⁷

He died c. 1962. He was buried on 29 Mar 1962 in North Lopham - aged 73 years.⁸

He experienced Filler in 1980. **Spouse and known children:**

Lucy Elizabeth Caroline IVERSON, daughter of Alfred IVERSON (-), was born c. 1906. She died c. 1996. She and Frederick William GOOCH had the following children:

Alexander William GOOCH (c. 1931-c. 1963). *Alexander was born c. 1931. He died c. 1963.*

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