
Sidney George GOOCH (1893-1976)

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

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

Sidney George GOOCH, son of John GOOCH (c. 1854-c. 1923) and Eliza LONG (c. 1855-c. 1945), was born on 22 Oct 1893 in North Lopham, Norfolk.¹

The 1901 Census (held on 31 Mar 1901) shows Sidney at The Street in South Lopham, Norfolk - 6, living with parents John (48, fishmonger) and Eliza (46), and brother Thomas (9).²

At the time of the 1911 Census, Sidney was living at The Street in South Lopham - 16, bricklayer's labourer, living with parents John (58, fishmonger) and Eliza (57), and siblings Laura (25, cook domestic) and William (23, farm labourer).³

Sidney experienced Attested on 5 Sep 1914. 4th Bn. Norfolk Regiment, Private 2576. Sidney experienced Military period from 5 Sep 1914 to 21 Apr 1916. served on home soil, 1 year 230 days service. Sidney experienced Military Note on 20 Apr 1916. On 20 Apr 1916 he was deemed "no longer physically fit for War Service", and was discharged. He had severe varicose veins in both calves which had been progressing since enlisting. Sidney re-enlisted on 21 Jan 1918, 141st Coy. Labour Corps, Private 273954. He was transferred on 3 Apr 1919 to Class "Z" Army Reserve.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared at The Street in South Lopham - 26, bricklayer, living with parents John (67, fishmonger) and Eliza (66, home duties), and brother William F (32, farm labourer).⁴

Sidney married **Evelyn Constance ALLUM** c. 1922.⁵

He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Bridge Farm in South Lopham - b. 22.10.1893, bricklayer, living with wife Evelyn C (b. 07.04.1901, unpaid domestic duties), children (Percy G (b. 14.07.1922, farm labourer), Kenneth C (b. 06.07.1924, grist mill hand) and Joan O (b. 24.12.1928, scholar), two closed records, and Renee COHEN (b. 01.09.1932, scholar).⁶

He died on 19 Mar 1976 in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, aged 83 years.⁷ He was buried on 24 Mar 1976 in North Lopham.⁸

He had his estate probated on 11 May 1976 in Ipswich, Suffolk - "GOOCH, Sidney George of 3 Victoria Gdns Wattisfield Diss Norfolk died 19 March 1976 Probate Ipswich 11 May. £1069. 761101481R."⁹

Spouse and known children:

Evelyn Constance ALLUM was born on 7 Apr 1901 in Bressingham, Norfolk. She died on 21 Jun 1954. She and Sidney George GOOCH had the following children:

Percy George GOOCH (1922-). *Percy was born on 14 Jul 1922.*

Kenneth Charles GOOCH (1924-). *Kenneth was born on 6 Jul 1924.*

Jean O GOOCH (1928-). *Jean was born on 24 Dec 1928.*

Rose GOOCH (-)

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