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## Thomas Arthur HIPKIN (1894-1972)

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### Thomas Arthur Hipkin's connection to South Lopham is by residence.

**Thomas Arthur HIPKIN**,<sup>1</sup> son of Thomas HIPKIN (1848-1934) and Hannah Maria SMITH (c. 1849-1932), was born on 6 January 1894. He was baptised on 4 February 1894 in Honingham, Norfolk - parents Thomas (steward) and Hannah Maria.<sup>2</sup>

The 1901 Census (held on 31 Mar 1901) shows Thomas at High Street in West Wrating, Cambridgeshire - 7, living with parents Thomas (52, farm bailiff) and Hannah M (52), and siblings Stephen T (29, bank clerk), Dorothy M (16), Pleasance M (14) and Ruth (9).<sup>3</sup>

At the time of the 1911 Census, Thomas was living at Blo Norton Road in South Lopham, Norfolk - 17, farmer's son, living with parents Thomas (62, farmer) and Hannah Maria (62), and sister Ruth (19).<sup>4</sup>

No service record for Thomas has been found. On his medal index card it shows he was in the Norfolk Regiment, Private 2611 and the Northamptonshire Regiment, Private 43455. On 26.02.1917 he was hospitalised with myalgia in the 31st Ambulance Train, Ward B, entrained at Bray and detrained at Rouen, and released to return to duty on 27.02.1917. He was on the South Lopham absent voters list, "43455, 2nd Bn. Northants."

On 19 Jun 1921, (the 1921 Census), he was living in Moulton St. Michael, Norfolk - 27, farmer's assistant, living with parents Thomas (72, farmer) and Hannah Maria (72), and sister Ruth (30, home duties).<sup>5</sup>

Thomas married **Elsie Garrett GOWING** on 29 November 1923 in Great Moulton, Norfolk - groom: 29, single, farmer; bride 29, single; both of Great Moulton.<sup>6 7</sup>

He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at School House Farm, Ash Field in Thurston, Suffolk - b. 06.01.1894, stockman on farm, living with wife Elsie (b. 06.08.18/94, unpaid domestic duties), son Reginald J (b. 03.04.1926, scholar), George WOOLWARD (b. 04.08.1927, scholar), Benjamin WOOLWARD (04.06.1933, scholar), and 2 closed records.<sup>8</sup>

He died on 2 March 1972.<sup>9</sup>

He had his estate probated on 29 June 1972 in Ipswich, Suffolk - "HIPKIN Thomas Arthur of Orchard Cottage Bridgham Norwich died 2 March 1971 Administration (with Will) Ipswich 29 June. £4595."<sup>10</sup>

### Spouse and known children:

Elsie Garrett GOWING, daughter of George Samuel GOWING (c. 1858-c. 1940) and Helen Elizabeth SQUIRE (c. 1865-c. 1950), was born on 6 August 1894 in Tharston, Norfolk. She died circa 1982. She and Thomas Arthur HIPKIN had the following children:

Reginald John HIPKIN (c. 1926-c. 2004)

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