
Henry Charles LEGGETT (c. 1885-)

Henry Charles Leggett's connection to South Lopham is by birth and residence.

(There are several variations of the forenames; Charles Henry, Henry Charles, Charles, and Henry.)

Henry Charles LEGGETT, son of Henry LEGGETT (c. 1856-c. 1945) and Emilt HALL (c. 1855-c. 1922), was born circa 1885 in South Lopham, Norfolk.¹

The 1891 Census (held on 5 Apr 1891) shows Henry at Fen Street in Wortham, Suffolk - 5, living with parents Henry (35, threshing machine engine driver) and Emily (36), and siblings Ernest (13) and Evaline (2).²

At the time of the 1901 Census, Henry was living at Low Common in South Lopham - 15, agricultural labourer [names Charles], living with parents Henry (41, agricultural labourer) and Emily (44), and sisters Eva (12, scholar) and Gertrude (9, scholar).³

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at Low Common in South Lopham - 25, farm labourer, living with parents Henry (54, farm labourer) and Emily (56), sister Gerty Lousie (19), and nephew Gordon (1).⁴

Very little has been found about Henry's military career. The Absent Voters list for South Lopham names Charles H as: 4015; Leggett, Charles Henry; Low Common; 21044 Pte., 2nd Bn. Queen's [Royal West Surrey Regiment]. This is also seen in his medal card.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared at Lanfen in South Lopham - 34y 8m, agricultural labourer employed by farmer Mr. Styles, living with mother Emily (65y 8m, home duties), and Gordon (11y 8m, full time scholar) and Percy (8y 2m, full time scholar). [Note by the enumerator give Henry as married. are Gordon and Percy his sons?]⁵

(Other than the Census records there are no records that can be confidently assigned to Henry. The variety of forenames complicates matters. There are possibilities that he was married at some point before 1921 and consequently did he have children?)

Sources

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