

## Charles Patrick O'CONNOR (1897-1960)

### Charles Patrick O'Connor's connection to North Lopham is by parents' residency.

**Charles Patrick O'CONNOR**, son of Gerald John O'CONNOR (c. 1860-c. 1918) and Ellen BUCK (c. 1864- ), was born on 7 August 1897 in Botesdale, Suffolk.<sup>1 2</sup> He was baptised on 29 October 1897 in Palgrave, Suffolk - parents Gerald Blennerhasset (Colour Sergeant) and Ellen.<sup>3</sup>

The 1901 Census (held on 31 Mar 1901) shows Charles in Redgrave, Suffolk - 3, living with mother Ellen (37) and siblings Kathleen (6) and Gerald (1).<sup>4</sup>

Charles appeared in the census on 2 April 1911 at T.S. Mercury in Hamble, Hampshire - age 13. (TS Mercury was a renowned, privately owned naval training establishment.)<sup>5</sup>

In 1913, 1914 and 1915, Charles' parents were living in North Lopham, Norfolk, showing on the Electoral Roll as residents and property owners, at a place called Yewtree.

On 7 August 1915 Charles joined the Royal Navy, service number J26108. A summary of his naval service is:

Establishment/ Vessel	Description	Rank	From	To
HMS Impregnable	School ship	Boy 2	29 Jul 1913	.....
- : -	promoted to	Boy 1	24 Jan 1914	13 Jul 1914
HMS Endymion	Edgar-class cruiser	- : -	14 Jul 1914	27 Nov 1914
HMS Vivid I	Shore establishment	- : -	28 Nov 1914	10 Dec 1914
HMS Caribbean	Troop ship	- : -	11 Dec 1914	8 Jun 1915
HMS Victorian	Armed merchant	- : -	9 Jun 1915	.....

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	cruiser			
- : -	promoted to	Ord. Seaman	8 Aug 1915	19 Aug 1915
HMS Vivid I	Shore establishment	- : -	20 Aug 1915	18 Oct 1915
HMS Argyll	Devonshire-class cruiser	- : -	19 Oct 1915	29 Oct 1915
HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- : -	30 Oct 1915	22 Jan 1916
HMS Lowestoft	Town-class light cruiser	- : -	23 Jan 1916	.....
- : -	promoted to	AB	13 Apr 1916	31 Dec 1917
HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- : -	1 Jan 1918	10 Jul 1918
HMS Columbine	Shore establishment	- : -	11 Jul 1918	31 Mar 1919
HMS Sandhurst	Depot ship	- : -	1 Apr 1919	5 Jul 1919
HMS Royal Oak	Revenge-class battleship	- : -	6 Jul 1919	17 Dec 1920
HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- : -	18 Dec 1920	3 Feb 1921
HMS Moorhen	Teal-class river gunboat	- : -	4 Feb 1921	11 Apr 1922
HMS Alacrity	Surprise-class cruiser	- : -	12 Apr 1922	15 Jun 1922
HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- : -	16 Jun 1922	29 Dec 1922
HMS Columbine	Shore establishment	- : -	30 Dec 1922	.....
- : -	promoted to	Ldg. Seaman	1 Jan 1923	5 Jun 1924
HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- : -	6 Jun 1924	29 Aug 1924
HMS Vulcan	Torpedo boat depot ship	- : -	30 Aug 1924	16 Jan 1925
HMS Repulse	Renown-class battlecruiser	- : -	17 Jan 1925	7 Jul 1926
HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- : -	8 Jul 1926	25 Aug 1926
HMS Marlborough	Iron Duke-class battleship	- : -	26 Aug 1926	15 Jan 1928

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HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- :-	16 Jan 1926	23 Jan 1928
HMS Pembroke II	Shore establishment	- :-	24 Jan 1928	27 Jan 1928
HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- :-	28 Jan 1928	.....
- :-	promoted to	Acting PO	28 Feb 1928	4 Jul 1928
HMS Kent	Monmouth-class cruiser	- :-	5 Jul 1928	.....
- :-	promoted to	PO	28 Feb 1929	14 Jun 1931
HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- :-	15 Jun 1931	18 Apr 1932
HMS York	Armed boarding steamer	- :-	19 Apr 1932	21 Dec 1932
HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- :-	22 Dec 1932	21 Feb 1933
HMS Cumberland	Monmouth-class cruiser	- :-	22 Feb 1933	28 Feb 1935
HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- :-	1 Mar 1935	29 Apr 1935
HMS Greenwich	Destroyer depot ship	- :-	10 Apr 1935	28 Oct 1935
HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- :-	29 Oct 1935	2 Mar 1936
HMS Pembroke II	Shore establishment	- :-	3 Mar 1936	30 Apr 1936
HMS St. Angelo II	Malta - bastioned fort	- :-	1 May 1936	27 Oct 1936
HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- :-	28 Oct 1936	.....
- :-	promoted to	CPO	1 Jul 1937	5 Aug 1937
(Shore pensioned)	-	- :-	6 Aug 1937	27 Sep 1938
HMS Pembroke I	Shore establishment	- :-	28 Sep 1938	1 Oct 1938

He was demobilised on 1st October 1938, having served at shore-based establishments and on board ships for over 25 years.

He was on the in 1918 Absent Voters List for in North Lopham, Norfolk, living at Great Common - "J 26108 A.B. R.N. 'Pembroke'"

He appeared in the census on 19 June 1921 - 23y 10m, able seaman on board H.M.S. Moorhen, based at China West River Gunboat, currently at Hongkong.<sup>6</sup>

He married **Ivy May WARREN** on 9 August 1924 in Rickinghall Superior, Suffolk - married after banns; groom single, 27, Royal Naval seaman on H.M.S. Gretna, father Gerald John a sergeant-major in the King's Royal Rifles; bride, single, 20, father Edward Henry a butcher. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. H K BROWN.<sup>7 8</sup>

He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 20 Theberton Road in Ipswich, Suffolk - b. 07.08.1897, labourer on HM Boom Defence, living with wife Ivy M (b. 31.01.1904, unpaid domestic duties), Gerald M (d. 22.07.1925, Office Boy for agriculture implement manufacturers), and two closed records.<sup>9</sup>

He died on 29 May 1960 in Ipswich.<sup>10</sup> He had his estate probated on 27 July 1960 in Ipswich - "O'CONNOR Charles Patrick of 20 Theberton Road Ipswich died 29 May 1960 Probate Ipswich 27 July to Ivy May O'Connoe widow. Effects £348."<sup>2</sup>

### **Spouse and known children:**

Ivy May WARREN, daughter of Edward Henry WARREN (c. 1878-c. 1952) and Elizabeth Rebecca PECK (c. 1875-c. 1956), was born circa 1904. She died on 1 October 1981. She and Charles Patrick O'CONNOR had the following children:

Gerald O'CONNOR (1925-c. 1993)

Eileen Isla O'CONNOR (c. 1927-2012)

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