
James Robert SAGE (c. 1881-1915)

James Robert Sage's connection to South Lopham is by family residency.

James Robert SAGE, son of John SAGE (-) and Eliza UNKNOWN (-), was born circa 1881 in Rickinghall, Suffolk.¹ He was baptised on 6 November 1881 in Redgrave, Suffolk , the ceremony was conducted by Rev. B H GRIGSON, Rector - parents John (horseman) and Eliza.¹

At the time of the 1891 Census, James was living at Back Hills in Botesdale, Suffolk - 9, scholar, living with parents John (40, maltsters labourer) and Elizabeth (31), siblings Wesburgh (7, scholar), Robert (6, scholar), Frederick (4, scholar) and Mary (10m), and Sarah (widow, 82, grandmother?).²

At the time of the 1901 Census, James was living at Fort George in St. Peter Port, Guernsey; , he was a Private in the British Army in the 3ed Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment.³

James and **Elizabeth HOLDEN** had marriage banns published on 5 June 1910 in South Lopham, Norfolk - other dates banns read were 12.06.1910 and 19.06.1910; the groom from Botesdale, bride from South Lopham.⁴ He married her on 19 June 1910 in South Lopham.^{5 6}

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living in Botesdale - 29, carrier, living with wife Elizabeth (30).⁷

James died on 25 May 1915. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission grave registration entry for James was "SAGE, Pte. James Robert, 17953. 1st Bn. Suffolk Regt. 25th May 1915. Age 34, . Husband of Elizabeth Sage, of Primrose Lane, South Lopham, Diss. Norfolk."

James is buried/commemorated at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.

From the entry in the 1901 Census it appears that James was in the regular arm for some time around 1900. No service record has been found to get the start and duration of his employment but he must have left at some point and returned to duty at the beginning of WW2.

Elizabeth HOLDEN was born circa 1881.

Sources

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