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## Roland SPARROW (1894-1970)

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**Roland Sparrow's connection to South Lopham is by residence and death.**

**Roland SPARROW**, son of William SPARROW (c. 1859-c. 1904) and Caroline Helen DRANE (c. 1865-c. 1915), was born on 2 July 1894 in Stuston, Suffolk.<sup>1 2</sup>

In the 1901 Census (31 Mar 1901) he appeared at Near Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 7, scholar, living with parents William (42, farmer and fowl dealer) and Caroline (37), sister Daisy (9, scholar) and servants Frederick MISON (16, domestic farm servant) and Mary LEEDER (15, general domestic servant).<sup>3</sup>

At the time of the 1911 Census, Roland was living at Lang Fen Farm in South Lopham - 16, working on farm, living with stepfather Arthur Osborne GARLAND (38, farmer), mother Caroline GARLAND (45), and stepsister Grace Evelyn GARLAND (5).<sup>4</sup>

On 4 July 1915 Roland was attested into the military at Croydon, aged 19y 6m, initially assigned to the Royal Field Artillery (Gunner) but later transferred to the Surrey Regiment. On 20 December 1917 he was on the War Office Weekly Casualty List No. 5447 Part 4, Ser. No. 23337, East Sussex Regiment, home place Lopham.

He was on the in 1918 Absent Voters List for in South Lopham at Lang Fen Farm - similarly listed in 1919, so presumable still in the military at that time.

In 1925 the Electoral Register showed him living at Lang Fen Farm in South Lopham - qualification by residency.

Roland and **Lily Ophelia FELMINGHAM** had marriage banns published on 28 November 1926 - other dates banns read were 05.12.1926 and 12.12.1926.<sup>5</sup> He married her on 12 December 1926.<sup>6</sup>

He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Corner Farm in South Lopham - b. 02.07.1894, farm labourer, living with wife Lily O (b.01.11.1899, unpaid domestic duties), son Bernard L R (b. 06.06.1929, scholar), and two closed records.<sup>7</sup>

He died on 28 February 1970 in South Lopham - b. 02.07.1894.<sup>1</sup> He had his estate probated on 29 April 1970 in Ipswich, Suffolk - "SPARROW Roland William of Corner Farm South Lopham Diss Norfolk died 28 February 1970 Probate Ipswich 29 April. £2653".<sup>8</sup>

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