
Albert Walter VANHAM (1884-1944)

Albert Walter Vanham's connection to North Lopham is by birth and residence.

Albert Walter VANHAM, son of George VANHAM (c. 1854-c. 1900) and Frances PITCHER (c. 1853-c. 1918), was born on 29 February 1884 in North Lopham, Norfolk.¹ He was baptised on 12 June 1887 in North Lopham - parents George (labourer) and Frances.²

The 1891 Census (held on 5 Apr 1891) shows Albert at Jubilee Lane in North Lopham - 7, scholar, living with parents George (36, farm labourer) and Frances (37), and sisters Rosa (9, scholar), Georgiana (4, scholar) and Beatrice M (1).³

At the time of the 1901 Census, Albert was living at Kenninghall Road in North Lopham - 17, groom, living with mother Frances (widow, 47, tailoress) and sisters Beatrice (11, scholar) and Bertha (7, scholar).⁴

Albert enlisted in the army at Diss on 1 November 1904, Driver, Army Service Corps, regimental number 22524. Transferred to Army Reserve 31 October 1906.

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at Kenninghall Road in North Lopham - 27, cowman on farm, living with mother Frances (widow, 57).⁵

Albert married **Ada RAMSEY** on 4 October 1913 in North Lopham - groom 29, single, cowman; bride 21, single..^{6 7}

He was mobilized on 6 August 1914 with the A.S.C. and was transferred to the Class "Z" Army Reserve on 9 August 1919 and fully discharged on 31 March 1920. He had served in France as a horse driver and served for a total of 6 years and 215 days. His places of services were: at home, 01.11.1914 to 12.08.1914; France, 14.08.1914 to 04.12.1917; place unreadable, 05.12.1917 to 04.01.1918; France, 05.01.1918 to 06.02.1919;

at home, 07.02.1919 to 31.03.1920.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared in North Lopham - 37, cowman working for James Gooderham, living with wife Ada (28, home duties) and son George (7).⁸

Albert was recorded on the 1939 Register living at The Street in North Lopham - b. 29.02.1884, cowman, living with wife Ada (b. 12.08.1895, unpaid domestic duties), and four other people.⁹

He died on 8 October 1944 in Norwich, Norfolk - age 60 years.¹⁰

He is commorated in The Churchyard in North Lopham - "IN LOVING MEMORY OF / MY DEAR HUSBAND / ALBERT WALTER VANHAM / DIED OCT. 8 1944, AGED 60,YEARS. / ALSO OF ADA / WIFE AND MOTHER / DIED AUG. 25, 1975 QAGED 83 YEARS. / REUNITED. / ALSO GEORGE ALFRED / THE DEARLY BELOVED SON OF / ALBERT & ADA VANHAM, DIED JUNE 28, 1927, AGED 13 YEARS."

He had his estate probated on 28 November 1944 in Norwich - "VANHAM Albert Walter of 7 Council-houses North Lopham Norfolk died 8 October 1944 at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital Norwich Administration Norwich 28 November to Ada Vanham widow. Effects £380m11s. 5d."¹¹

Spouse and known children:

Ada RAMSEY, daughter of Alfred RAMSEY (-), was born on 12 August 1892. She died circa 1918. She and Albert Walter VANHAM had the following children:

George Alfred VANHAM (c. 1914-c. 1927)

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