

Ellis WALLIS (c. 1820-1881)

Ellis Wallis' connection to North Lopham is by birth and residency.

Ellis WALLIS, son of John WALLIS (c. 1775-c. 1845) and Alice PEAKE (c. 1776-c. 1838), was born circa 1820 in South Lopham, Norfolk. He was baptised on 10 December 1820 in South Lopham.¹

He was attested into the military on 3 October 1838 at Quiddenham, Norfolk - into the Coldstream Guards, Private 2363, from South Lopham, a labourer, aged 17y 9m.

A summary of his service is:

Service	Period
Enlisting as Private	3 Oct 1838
Absent without leave	30 May 1842 - 1 Jun 1842
Imprisoned for above	2 Jun 1842 - 16 Jun 1842
Promoted to corporal	11 Sep 1844
Promoted to sergeant	25 Jul 1849 - 31 Mar 1857
Total service to 31 Mar 1857	18 years and 70 days
Extended service	1 Apr 1857 - 17 Feb 1860
Final discharge as colour sergeant	28 Feb 1860

Ellis, a sergeant, was part of the Garrison of the Tower of London in 1851. He served in the "East" for over 2 years which was in the Crimean War where he was at the Siege of Sebastopol (Oct 1854 - Sep 1855). After his discharge he had been a permanent member of the 7th Surrey Rifle Volunteers rising to the rank of Sergeant-Major.

The 1841 Census (held on 6 Jun 1841) shows Ellis at Portman Street Barracks in Marylebone, London - a soldier.²

Ellis married **Mary Ann VENN** circa 1847 - reg: Whitechapel London.³

At the time of the 1851 Census, Ellis was living at Garrison of the Tower of London in Whitechapel, London - a sergeant.⁴

In the 1861 Census (7 Apr 1861) he appeared at 2 Hall Place in Lambeth, London - 40, army pensioner, living with wife Mary Ann (33), mother-in-law Mary Ann Young

(widow, 64) and servant Elizabeth ATTFIELD (20).⁵

Ellis appeared in the census On 2 Apr 1871, (the 1871 Census), he was living at Kennington Lane in Lambeth - 50, drill instructor, living with wife Mary Ann (43), two servants, and a visitor Robert TEARE (36, soldier, born in South Lopham).⁶

He died on 27 January 1881 in Sunninghill, Berkshire.⁷ He had his estate probated on 4 March 1881 in Oxford, Oxfordshire - "WALLIS Ellis. 4 March. The Will of Ellis Wallis formerly of 2 Hall's-place Kennington-lane in the County of Surrey Sergeant-Major in the 7th Surrey Rifle Volunteers but late of Sunninghill in the County of Berks Innkeeper who died 27 January 1881 at Sunninghall was proved at Oxford by Mary Ann Wallis of Sunninghill Widow the Relict the sole Executrix. Personal Estate under £400."⁷

Spouse:

Mary Ann VENN was born circa 1828. She died circa 1881 in Sunninghill.

Sources

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7. *Government Probate Index*. 1881 Page 96. Cit. Date: 4 March 1881.