

Spencer George WALLIS (c. 1884-1924)

Sidney Charles Wallis's connection to South Lopham is by birth and residence.

Spencer George WALLIS, son of George WALLIS (c. 1830-c. 1893) and Louisa BOGGIS (c. 1845-c. 1919), was born circa 1884 in South Lopham, Norfolk. He was baptised on 6 July 1884 in South Lopham - parents George (labourer) and Louisa.

On 5 Apr 1891, (the 1891 Census), he was living at Redgrave Road in South Lopham - 6, scholar, living with parents George (60, agricultural labourer) and Louisa (45), siblings Elizabeth (24), John (16, agricultural labourer), Lavinia (13), Walter (11, scholar) and Spencer G (6, scholar), and nephew Sidney C (3m).¹

At the time of the 1901 Census, Spencer was living at Silver Street in South Lopham - 16, private Norfolk Militia 3rd Norfolks, living with stepfather James FRANCIS (60, agricultural labourer) and mother Louisa FRANCIS (55, monthly nurse), sister Elizabeth (34, his mother) and her children Sidney Charles (10, scholar), Arthur E B (8, scholar), Arthur J B (5, scholar), Ellen Jane B (4) and Gertie B (1).²

Spencer was attested into the military on 12 May 1902 - No. 3 Battalion Royal Field Artillery Depot, Gunner, ser. no. 23297. Stated that he was in the 3rd Battlion Norfolk Regiment prior to this.

He and **Mary Elizabeth FULLER** had marriage banns published on 10 October 1909 in South Lopham - both single and of this parrish; other dates banns read were 17.10.1909 and 24.10.1909.³ He married her circa 1909.⁴

On 13 May 1910 he was transferred to the Army Reserve. The last date mentioned in his service record was 15.04.1913 which said he was "absent", by which time he was in Australia.

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) he appeared at Fen Street in Redgrave, Suffolk - 27, farm labourer, living with wife Mary Elizabeth (24) and daughter Ruth Elizabeth (2).⁵

On 20 December 1912 Spencer left London and travelled to Freemantle, Australia aboard the "Gothic". On 21 April 1914 his wife Mary and children Ruth and Marjorie followed him on board the "Armada".

In 1916 Spencer and Mary appeared on the 1916 Freemantle electoral roll living at

Wood Street, Osborne.

Spencer died on 30 January 1924. He was buried 1n in 1924 in The West Terrace Cemetery in Adelaide, South Australia.

Spouse and children:

Mary Elizabeth FULLER was born circa 1887 in Coddendam, Suffolk. She died on 15 March 1919 in Perth, Western Australia. She and Spencer George WALLIS had the following children:

Ruth Elizabeth WALLIS (c. 1908-c. 1995)
Marjorie Grace WALLIS (c. 1912-c. 2000)
Stanley George WALLIS (c. 1916-c. 1989)
Arthur John WALLIS (c. 1918-c. 1988)

Sources

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