
Charles John WHARTON (1883-1957)

Charles John Wharton's connection to South Lopham is by residence and death.

Charles John WHARTON, son of Thomas Godbolt WHARTON (c. 1857-c. 1932) and Anne Elizabeth VEASY (c. 1858-c. 1999), was born on 28 July 1883 in Stradbroke, Suffolk.¹ He was baptised on 19 August 1883 in Stradbroke - father Thomas Godbolt (farmer) and Anne Elizabeth.²

The 1891 Census (held on 5 Apr 1891) shows Charles at Pixey Green in Stradbroke - 8, scholar, living with grandparents Charles (70, farmer) and Harriet (68), and servants James KERRIDGE (19, farm servant) and Alice COATES (18, domestic servant).³

At the time of the 1901 Census, Charles was living at Pixey Green in Stradbroke - 17, apprentice to joiner, living with grandparents Charles (79, retired farmer) and Harriet (76).⁴

Charles and **Sarah Jane FULCHER** had marriage banns published on 24 July 1904 in Stradbroke - other dates banns read were 31.07.1904 and 07.08.1904.⁵ He married her on 8 August 1904 in Diss, Norfolk - groom 21, single, carpenter, from Stradbroke; bride 19, single, from Diss..^{6 7}

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at Wilby Road in Stradbroke - 27, carpenter, living with wife Jane (25) and children Charles (4) and Frederick (7m).⁸

From 1912 to 1957 Charles was a landlord in South Lopham, Norfolk - The Chequer's Inn (from Norfolk Public Houses website).

In 1914 the Electoral Register showed him living at Chequers Inn in South Lopham - No. P271, abode: South Lopham; qualification: land and tenement; property: Chequer's Inn.

No service record has been found for Charles but he was found in the

absent voters list for South Lopham, "254743 Sap. H. Co. Sig. Co. H.Q. R.E." and had a medal record card.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared at Chequers Inn in South Lopham - 37y 10m, innkeeper and small holder, living with wife Sarah Jane (36y 10m, house duties), sons Charles J (15y 2m, land work) and Frederick (10y 10m, scholar), lodger George H HOLDEN (34y 7m, engine driver), and visitors Richard TIDSWELL (39y 2m, police constable), Hebe TIDSWELL (41y 2m, house duties) and Annie L TIDSWELL (4y 3m).⁹

In 1931 the Electoral Register showed him living at Chequers Inn in South Lopham - No. 251, qualification: residency and occupation.

Charles was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Chequers Inn in South Lopham - b. 28.07.1883, licensed victualler and farmer, living with wife Sarah J (b. 15.07.1885, household duties), children Eevlyn (b. 28.11.1922, domestic farm work) and Jim (b. 05.06.1924, horseman and farm work), and four other closed records.¹⁰

He died on 26 December 1957 in South Lopham - aged 74 years.¹¹ He had his estate probated on 10 April 1958 in Norwich, Norfolk - "WHARTON Charles John of The Chequers Inn South Lopham Norfolk died 26 December 1957 Administration Norwich 10 April [1958] to Charles James Wharton haulage contractor. Effects £511 7s. 1d."¹²

He is commemorated in St. Andrew's Churchyard in South Lopham- "IN / LOVING MEMORY OF / A DEAR WIFE & MOTHER / SARAH JANE WHARTON / PASSED AWAY 11TH APRIL 1950 / AGED 64 YEARS / PEACE PERFECT PEACE / ALSO OF / A DEAR HUSBAND AND FATHER / CHARLES JOHN WHARTON / WHO DIED 26TH DECEMBER 1857 / AGED 74 YEARS / LOVE'S LASTING REMEMBRANCE"

Spouse and known children:

Sarah Jane FULCHER, daughter of James FULCHER (c. 1863-c. 1931) and Ellen BELL (c. 1867-c. 1932), was born circa 1885. She died circa 1950. She

and Charles John WHARTON had the following children:

Charles WHARTON (c. 1907-c. 1983)

Albert WHARTON (c. 1909-c. 1909)

Frederick WHARTON (c. 1911-c. 2002)

Evelyn WHARTON (1922-)

Jim WHARTON (1924-c. 1991)

Joan WHARTON (-)

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