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Drinking Establishments in North and South Lopham

1800 – 1939

(Part of the DFHG Lopham Project)

This is a look into the drinking establishments in North and South Lopham and the people who ran them.

The starting point for much of this research was the information found within the Norfolk Public Houses website. Many thanks go to them for making this information freely available.

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INTRODUCTION

Village pubs in England have a rich history, evolving really from the alehouses of the Anglo-Saxon period to the establishments we know today, the social hubs and meeting places for today's communities. They've faced challenges, including economic changes, and legislation.

Public houses in the Lophams have always been centres of village life. The many uses to which they were put is a great insight into their social history, sometimes used for meetings or for celebrations, some maybe as places where sales and inquests were held.

The landlords were often 'characters' and were held in some regard within the village. Many had other jobs, several locally being farmers.

Gradually it is hoped that this resource will grow as new information is found. It will never be complete!

If anyone has any further information or photographs, and is prepared to share them, we will welcome it and add it to the resource. It will, of course, be acknowledged.

Many thanks must go to those responsible for the Norfolk Public Houses website. It was their information which was used as a starting point for much of this research. Please visit their website; it covers all of Norfolk, not just the Lophams. The website address is:

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NORTH LOPHAM

Bell Inn (The Street, North Lopham)



Norfolk Public Houses website

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ISAAC FISK	1789
ROBERT WOMACK	1830
LEVI BOWELL	1836
JOHN NUNN - age 50 in 1851 - & farmer 4 acres	1845 - 1851
SAMUEL HUGGINS - & butcher	1854 - 1858
SAMUEL PORTER - (age 43 in 1861) - (Died Q3 1865)	1861 - 1863
WILLIAM PEARCE - & butcher 1871 (age 42) - & farmer 40½ acres 1881 (age 53)	by Oct 1863 - 1883
Convicted October 1863 of having beer house open after 10:00pm on Friday 18th September also of allowing gaming on the same day. Fine of 19s 9d and costs on each of the two offences.	
Conveyed 30th December 1868 along with 5 acres from the estate of the late L. S. Bidwell to S. C. Bidwell.	
ROBERT HOWARD - age 54 in 1891 - age 63 in 1901	1885 - 1908
Valued at £500 including 4 acres 25th July 1889	
ALVA ROLPH	1912
Three licence transfers reported during 1913 - Names to be discovered.	
The Household furniture and Effects of Robert Howard were to be sold at the premises Thursday 8th October 1908.	
JAMES HOWARD	to 1915
LOUIS SIMPER	11.10.1915 - 1916+
ELLIS E. A. TAYLOR - (Grandfather of Iris Carman, see below)	1922 - 1938
(Fred Taylor of the Bell Inn was fined 5s on 7th June 1938 for cycling without a light on 16th May.)	
ISABELLA TAYLOR - (Wife of landlord Ellis?)	1940
.CHARLES CYRUS BARBER	to 1950
WILLIAM FREDERICK SPEER - William died 9th March 1981 - age 72 - (Wife Iris, nee Carman)	27.02.1950

Lopham Drinking Places

No change recommended at the First Joint Committee Meeting of Bullards and Steward & Patteson 29th May 1962. Sales reported as 101 barrels.	
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IRIS SPEER	03.1981
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The darts team of North Lopham Bell were still playing in January 1983.

Starting with the information above the following chronological details, and [Notes] have been found about the establishments and the landlords:

1841 Census

Nothing definite yet found There was a record of a Levi BOWELL, a farmer, living in The Street, North Lopham, and named as landlord in 1836. As there were future references to landlords of the Bell also being farmers, maybe Levi is also the landlord at this time. If correct, information may be: Levi BOWELL, 45, farmer, born in Norfolk, living with Mary (50, wife?) and William (85, farmer, father?). [HO107 Piece 775 Book 8 Folio 15 Page 14 Schedule 1141]

1851 Census

John NUNN, 50, innkeeper and farmer of 4 acres, born in Finningham, Suffolk, living with wife Susan (49), son John (22, journeyman miller), and lodgers Richard DRAKE (42) and John WARNES (28, gardener); address The Street, North Lopham. [HO107 Piece 1822 Folio 217 Page 25 Schedule 105]

[John NUNN was born on 12 June 1801 and baptised in Finningham, Suffolk on 2 May 1802, parents John and Elizabeth. The 1961 Census shows John as sick, infirmed, living in Bingley, Yorkshire, with wife Susan, in the household of John, his son, an innkeeper, and their children. John and wife Susan were buried in Keithley, Yorkshire, with memorial showing: "In The Memory of / Susan Nunn, / The Beloved Wife of John Nunn, / Of This Town, / Who Departed This Life 26th of November 1865 / In Her 64th Year. / Also of the Above-Named / John Nunn, / Who Departed This Life 16th of January 1866, / In His 65th Year."]

1861 Census

Samuel PORTER, age 43, innkeeper and farmer, born in North Lopham, living with wife Esther (42), children John (17, carter), George (13, scholar) and Mary A (11), servant Sophia PORTER (13, house maid), and lodger Daniel TAYLOR (23, boot maker master). [RG09 Piece 1236 Folio 1521 Page 13 Schedule 68]

[Samuel PORTER, son of Samuel and Mary SARJENT, was baptised in North Lopham on 3 May 1918. He married Esther TALBOT (b. c.1819 in Gissing) on 5 Nov 1839 in Hargham, Norfolk. Prior to taking over the Bell Inn, he is shown in the 1851 Census as a carrier and baker in North Lopham. By 1871 Samuel and some of his family had moved to Worksop, Nottinghamshire, where he became a colliery worker. He died in 1903.]

1871 Census

William PEARCE, 42, innkeeper and butcher, born in Redgrave, Suffolk, living with wife Mary Ann (39), children Sarah Ann (10) and Walter (7), and lodgers Robert LING (47) and Thomas HOLDEN (25), address The Bell Inn, The Street, North Lopham. [RG10 Piece 1840 Folio 68 Pagen 10 Schedule 57]

23 Jun 1871 : Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal, page 5

NORTH LOPHAM

On Friday last, the 16th inst., the workmen employed on the North Lopham Royal Albert National School were entertained, in celebration of the "Roof-raising," with a supper at the Bell Inn, by the Rev. J. F. Bateman, who occupied the chair,

1881 Census

William PEARCE, 53, licensed victualler and farmer of 40½ acres employing 3 labourers, born in Redgrave, Suffolk, living with wife Mary Ann (48), children Sarah Ann (19) and Walter (17, farmer's son), and servant George LONG (19, farm servant indoors), address The Bell Inn, The Street, North Lopham. [RG11 Piece 1973 Folio 44 Page 1 Schedule 1]

[By 1859, William was a widower, marrying for a second time to Mary Ann LEGOOD (surname uncertain) on 7 Nov 1859. The 1861 Census shows William as a farmer and beer house keeper, living on Garboldisham Road, with wife Mary A. – currently the only possible establishment on Garboldisham Road was The Graden House but little is known of this inn.]

4 Nov 1882 : The Norfolk News, page 3

<i>To Innkeepers and Dealers</i> TO LET, the BELL INN at North Lopham. – Apply to Mr. Bidwell, Brewery, Thetford.

30 Jan 1891 : Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal, page 5

DEATHS. PEARCE. – January 27th, at South Lopham, Mr. William Pearce, farmer, of the above parish, and late landlord of the Bell Inn, North Lopham. – Much respected.

1891 Census

Robert HOWARD, 54, publican, born in Brandon Parva, Norfolk, living with wife Caroline (53), son Robert E (23, wheelwright) and visitor Alice HOARE (27), address The Bell Inn, The Street, North Lopham. [RG12 Piece 1548 Folio 113 Page 8 Schedule 50]

1901 Census

Robert HOWARD, 63, publican, born in Brandon Parva, Norfolk, living with wife Caroline (62), and boarder Tom KEEBLE (49, agricultural labourer), address The Bell Inn, The Village, North Lopham. [RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 9 Page 9 Schedule 56]

[Robert, son of James and Elizabeth, was christened on 19 Feb 1837 in Brandon Parva, Norfolk. He married Caroline TUCK on 24 Nov 1858 in Colton, Norfolk. For much of his earlier working life he was a shoemaker but was listed in the 1881 Census in Saham Toney as an innkeeper as well as a shoemaker (no confirmation as to which establishment this was has been found). His wife Caroline died in 1905. Later, in 1910, he went on to marry Elizabeth DRIVER, marriage registered in Thetford. Robert was buried in North Lopham on 6 Jan 1927, aged 89 years.]

1911 Census

Harry BURT, 51, innkeeper, born in Old Duston, Northamptonshire, living with wife Alice Jane (50), address The Bell Inn, North Lopham. [RG14 PN11745 RD239 SD2 ED18 SN84]



Harry (seated) with possibly his 3 brothers

[Harry was born in 1860 [reg: 1860 Q1 Northampton Vol 3B Page 89] to parents Henry and Hannah (nee Wilcox) and was baptised on 7 October 1860 in Duston, Northamptonshire. He married Alice Jane BULL in 1879 [reg: 1879 Q3 Northampton Vol 3B Page 150]. They were known to have had two children, Walter Henry (b. 1880) and Mary Anna (b. 1886). Harry died on 24 February 1912 and was buried in London Road Cemetery, Thetford.]

1912 Electoral Register

Name: Alva ROLPH, Abode: North Lopham, Qualification: Land and tenement (successive), Description: Market Weston and Bell Inn.



Alva ROLPH

[Alva ROLPH was born on 28 December 1882 in Lakenheath, Suffolk to Thomas Jabez (1836-1913) and Maria (nee COLEMAN, 1839-1909). He married Martha M WILES in 1911. They had 2 children, Alva Ernest (1912-1993) and Sidney William (1916-2006). He died 28 February 1947 [reg: 1947 Q1 Newmarket Vol 4B Page 1349] age 65. His estate was probated: "ROLPH Alva of Brakey Hill Farm Lakenham Suffolk died 28 February 1947 Administration Ipswich 24 July to Martha Rolph widow. Effects £680 16s. 5d." No reference to Alva having been an innkeeper has been found (only references were to farming) so maybe he just owned the property.]

28 Apr 1917 : Downham Market Gazette, page 2

TO BE LET <i>TO LET, THE "BELL INN", situate at North Lopham: 5 Acres of Land, fully licensed. Apply Bidwell & Co., Brewers, Thetford.</i>
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1916 – 1919 : Military Service

Ellis Ernest Albert TAYLOR (see below), served with the British Army, enlisting on 28 Jul 1916 at Norwich, aged 43, and joined the Depot Company of The Queen's Regiment. He spent some time with the Royal Army Medical Corp as an ambulance driver. Ellis transferred to the 421 Agricultural Company of the Labour Corps, Private 495496 on 6 Dec 1917. He was demobilised on 1 Jun 1919 returning home to Bell Inn, North Lopham. (The service record is somewhat unreadable and is also disjointed.)

Autumn 1919 : Absent Voters List

1175, Taylor, Ellis Ernest Albert, "Bell" Inn, North Lopham

1921 Census

E E A [Ellis Ernest Albert] TAYLOR, 45, labourer, born in Redgrave, Suffolk, living with wife Isabella (41), children Gilbert (17, blacksmith), Royal (9), Ethel (7) and Freddie (1), and granddaughter Iris (1). [RG15 Piece 08801 Schedule 104 RD 239 RS 2 ED 1?]

[Ellis was born in 1876 in Redgrave, Suffolk to George and Rebecca (nee GREEN. He married Isabella FROST on 5 April 1900 in North Lopham and they had 5 children. Ellis died in 1946 and was buried in North Lopham on 5 October 1946, aged 70.]

31 Jul 1931 : Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal, page 8

NORTH LOPHAM SCHOOL SUCCESS <i>Frederick Taylor, Bell Inn, North Lopham a pupil of North Lopham Council Schools, has been awarded a grant of £25 per year by the "Thomas Wall Trust" for 5 years. This grant has been supplemented by the Norfolk Education Committee with a grant of £15 per year for the same period.</i> <i>He will attend Diss Secondary School as a boarder.</i>

26 Oct 1937 : Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express, page 4

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Between 30 and 40 guests were entertained to a birthday supper at the Bell Inn, North Lopham, on Tuesday evening, when they were the guests of Mrs. E. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor, hostess, was helped by Mrs. Rose Crowe, Mrs. Rene Crowe, Mrs. Potter, Mrs Napthan and Mrs. Vincent, who were responsible also for the decorating of the room and the tables in such tasteful fashion. Songs were rendered by Mr. M. Crowe, Mrs. W. Crowe, Mr. T. Carman, Mr. J. Baker, Mrs. Burbett, and others. A very enjoyable evening closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

11 Jun 1938 : Yarmouth Independent, page 11

LIGHTLESS CYCLISTS.

Herbert Page, 3, Railway Cottages, Roudham, was fined for cycling without a light at Bridgham on May 16th.

For a similar offence at Banham on May 22nd, Fred Taylor, of the Bell Inn, North Lopham, was fined 5s.

1939 National Registration

Ellis E A TAYLOR, b. 23 Jan 1876, publican, living with Isabella (b. 26 Oct 1879, unpaid domestic duties), Gilbert E (b. 2 Apr 1904, incapacitated), Joyce (b. 1 May 1922, later married name FULCHER), and 2 records officially closed, address The Bell Inn Public House, North Lopham.. [RG101/65881/008/22 Letter Code: TSDI]

[Ellis Ernest Albert, son of George and Rebecca (nee GREENE), was born 1876, registered: 1876 Q1 Hartismere Suffolk Vol 4A Page 611, and baptised in Redgrave, Suffolk on 24 Jun 1877. He married Isabella FROST on 5 Apr 1900 in North Lopham. Ellis died in 1946, registered: 1946 Q4 Wayland Norfolk Vol 4B Page 632, and was buried in North Lopham on 5 Oct.]

27 Dec 1940 : Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express, page 1

ENGAGEMENT

TAYLOR-JENKINS. *The engagement has been announced between Frederick Charles Verdun Taylor, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor, Bell Inn, North Lopham, and Miss Isabella Violet Alice Jenkins of Barry, Glamorgan, Wales.*

2 Jan 1942 : Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express, page 4

LOPHAM, NORTH

WEDDINGS

Mr. G. Fulcher and Miss E. J. Taylor

A wedding which evoked considerable interest took place at St. Nicholas Church on Boxing Day, the contracting parties being Miss Eileen Joyce Taylor, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tayloe, of the Bell Inn, North Lopham, and Mr. George Fulcher, of Thelneyham.

18 Jan 1946 : Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express, page 8

THE LATE MR. G. TAYLOR

The funeral of Mr. Gilbert Taylor, of the Bell Inn, North Lopham, took place at St. Nicholas Parish Church, on Saturday, the Rev. J. C. Poole (Rector) officiating.

The mourners were Mrs. Taylor (mother), Mr. F. Taylor (brother), Mr. and Mrs. A. Carman (sister and brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Betts (sister and brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Potter (sister and brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. Fulcher (sister and brother-in-law), Mrs. Speer (niece).

Black Horse (Tanners Lane, North Lopham)



Norfolk Public Houses website

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JEREMIAH BEALES - age 41 in 1851 & butcher - died 12th July 1851 - age 42	*1839 - 1851
The Debtors and Creditors of Jeremiah Beales were advised 6th March 1840 that all his Effects had been assigned to Edward D. Alston and James Carver, both of Diss, for the Mutual Benefit of his Creditors. Mr. Beales was described as a Beer-house Keeper and Butcher.	
Mrs ELIZABETH BEALES widow	*1852
THOMAS REEVE - (married Elizabeth Beales 2nd quarter 1853) - age 44 in 1861	1854 - 1865
JEREMIAH BEALES - age 33 in 1871 - died in 1st quarter of 1876	1869 - 1875
Mrs GRACE BEALES - age 45, widow in 1881 - (Mrs J Beales 1877)	1877 - 1888
HARVEY WHITE - age 63 in 1891 (Harry White)	1890 - 1892
GEORGE KING	1896
HERBERT FREDERICK HUTSON - (& Florrie Hutson 1906) - age 39 in 1901	1897 - 1906
There was no objection to the licence being referred at the East Harling Brewster Sessions held Monday 12th February 1906. With a population of 600 and 5 fully licensed houses in the parish, the house was deemed to be surplus.	
Licence renewal refused 21st June 1906 and referred to Compensation.	

Starting with the information above the following chronological details have been found:

19 Oct 1831 : Bury and Norwich Post, page 3

NORWICH, October 18.

MARRIED.

Same day [on Wednesday] at North Lopham, by the Rev. Jas. BARROW, Mr. Jeremiah Beales, butcher, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. John Buckenham, jun. and granddaughter of Mr. Wm. Lovack, farmer.

14 Mar 1840 : Norfolk Chronicle, page 1

Notice to Debtors and Creditors.

WHEREAS JEREMIAH BEALES, of North Lopham, in the county of Norfolk, Beer-house Keeper and BUTCHER, hath Assigned over all his Effects to Edward D. Alston and James Calver, both of Diss, in the county of Norfolk, for the Mutual Benefit of such of his Creditors who shall Execute the Deed of Assignment within Three Calendar Months from the date hereof; - Notice is hereby Given, that the said Deed is now lying at the Brewery, in Diss, for the inspection and signature of the said Creditors, and such of them as shall not Execute the Deed within the time limited, will be excluded from all benefit arising therefrom. All Persons who stand indebted to the said Jeremiah Beales, are required to pay the same to the said Assignees forthwith.

Diss, March 6, 1840.

1841 Census

Jeremiah BEALES, 30, butcher, born in Norfolk, living with wife Elizabeth (30) and children Walter (5), Jeremiah (4) and Thirza (7), address The Green, North Lopham. [HO107 Piece 775 Folio 9 Page 13 Schedule 1083]

1851 Census

Jeremiah BEALES, 41, butcher and beer seller, born in North Lopham, living with wife Elizabeth (40, butcher and beer seller), children Thirza (19), Jeremiah (12, tailor's apprentice) and Mary (6), and lodger Samuel PORTER (widower, 74, drover), address The Green, North Lopham. [HO107 Piece 1822 Folio 209 Page 8 Schedule 33]

[Jeremiah BEALES, son of Jeremiah and Mary, was born on 18 Aug 1809 in North Lopham, and baptised there on 4 Feb 1810. He married Elizabeth Buckenham on 12 Oct 1831 at North Lopham. He died in 1951 aged 42, whilst living at the Black Horse Inn, registered 1851 Q3 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 13 Page 117.]

19 Jul 1851 : Norfolk News, page 3

Deaths.

BEALES – On Saturday last, Mr Jeremiah Beales, of the Black Horse, North Lopham, aged 42 years.

1861 Census

Thomas REEVE, 44, Innkeeper, born in North Lopham, living with wife Elizabeth (50) and children Agnes (7, scholar) and Jeremiah (23, linen weaver journeyman), daughter and son-in-law Adelaide EDWARDS (29) and Alfred EDWARDS (30, agricultural labourer), and their children Emma EDWARDS (8, scholar) and Austin (6, scholar). [RG09 Piece 1236 Folio 154 Page 19 Schedule 110]

[Thomas was born in North Lopham in 1817 and was christened there on 13 Oct 1817. His first marriage was to Mary Ann BOWELL (1822-1842) on 12 Feb 1840 in North Lopham. Soon after Mary Ann's death he married Ann BOWEN (1822-1852). Thomas, again a widower, married after banns Elizabeth BUCKENHAM (1911-1879), also a widow, on 16 May 1853 in North Lopham. He died in Swaffham, living at Station Street, in 1904 aged 87, registered 1904 Q4 Swaffham Norfolk Vol 4B Page 216, and was buried on 10 Dec 1904.]

1871 Census

Jeremiah BEALES, 33, licensed victualler and farmer, born in North Lopham, living with wife Grace (33), address Black Horse, North Lopham. [RG10 Piece 1840 Folio 66 Page 5 Schedule 28]

1873 : Return Of Owners Of Land

Beales, Jeremiah – North Lopham – Extent of lands 7a 1r 39p – Estimated rental £8 12s.

22 Jun 1877 : National Probate Calendar

“BEALES Jeremiah Edward. 2 June. The Will of Jeremiah Edward Beales late of North Lopham in the County of Norfolk Licensed Victualler who died 10 March 1876 at North Lopham was proved at Norwich by Grace Beales of North Lopham Widow the Relict one of the Executors. Effects under £100.”

[Jeremiah was the son of a previous landlord of the Black Horse, also Jeremiah Beales. He was born on 2 Jul 1837 in North Lopham, and was baptised there on 2 Jul 1837, parents given as Jeremiah (butcher) and Elizabeth. He married by licence to Grace HUGHES (1836 – 1919) at St. Peter's Church in Bethnal Green on 10 Jul 1867; marriage licence granted on 8 Jul 1867. Grace was a Welsh girl and by 1891 she had returned Wales – she continued to run the pub after Jeremiah's death. Jeremiah died on 10 Mar 1876 in North Lopham.]

6 Jun 1879 : Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal, page 4

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

To be Sold by Auction by

JOHN THOMAS MUSKETT,

At the King's Head Inn, North Lopham,, the latter end of June.

Lot1, ALL the Freehold, Full-licensed PUBLIC HOUSE called the “Black Horse Inn,” situate in the centre of the street, having a frontage of about 68 feet with a capital draw-up in front.

Lot 2, a piece of rich ARABLE LAND, called “Coates,” containing 1a. 0r. 36p., in the occupation of Mr. Pearce, adjoining the road leading from North Lopham Church to Garboldisham.

Further Particulars in future Papers, and in the meantime of Mr. Fowell, Solicitor, Garboldisham, Norfolk.

1881 Census

Lopham Drinking Places

Grace BEALES, widow, 45, licensed victualler, born in Wales, living with lodgers William CARMAN (widower, 71, agricultural labourer) and Edward C CROOK (19, blacksmith), and visitor John GIBBONS (25, surveyor), address Black Horse, The Green North Lopham. [RG11 Piece 1973 Folio 57 Page 28 Schedule 146]

[Grace was born in Betws-y-coed, Caenarvonshire on 7 Jun 1836 and was baptised on 27 Jun at the Congregational Chapel in Cappel Garmon, Denbyshire. She was married to Jeremiah Beales, the previous landlord. She died on 17 Aug 1917.]

1891 Census

Harvey WHITE, 63, licensed victualler, living with wife Fanny (50) and children Eva D (13, scholar) and Percy H (10, scholar), Black Horse Inn, The Street, North Lopham. [RG12 Piece 1548 Folio 115 Page 11 Schedule 87]

[Harvey, son of William and Sarah (nee FRY), was born in 1827 in Pitton, Wiltshire, and baptised there on 29 Apr. His first marriage was to Elizabeth HATCHETT in Southampton on 31 May 1849. He later married Fanny Dickason on 30 Mar 1875 in Easton, Norfolk. Thomas died in Norwich in 1919, aged 92, registered 1919, Q2 Norwich Norfolk Vol 4B Page 163.]

1901 Census

Herbert Frederick HUTSON, 39, innkeeper, born in North Lopham, living with wife Ellen (40) and children Florence Ellen (15, living at home), Horace Frederick (11, scholar), Herbert Edward (8, scholar) and Sidney Arthur (6, scholar), address Black Horse Inn, The Village, North Lopham. [RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 10 Page 11 Schedule 80]

[Herbert Frederick HUTSON was born in North Lopham in 1862 and baptised there on 10 May, parents Richard (farmer) and Louisa. He died in 1947 in North Lopham aged 84, and buried there on 28 Aug 1947.]

1907 Electoral Register

L305 - Hutson Herbert F – North Lopham – Dwelling house – Black Horse Inn

Bull Inn (The Green, North Lopham)



Bull Inn, early 1960's

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JONATHAN WINDER (?)	1789
ROBERT BECK (?)	1794
THOMAS JOLLEY	1830
WILLIAM JOLLY - age 70 in 1841 - (Susan Jolly 1844)	1836 - 1846
STEPHEN SHAW - age 42 in 1851 - & seed merchant 1864	1850 - 1864
Mrs ELIZABETH SHAW - age 49 in 1865 (widow)	1865 - 1875
EDWARD BROCK	1877
JOHN GOOCH	1879 - 1880
Tuesday 22nd June 1880 - Fine of 50s and 11s costs for allowing drunkenness on his premises on 27th May. (Licence also endorsed)	
JAMES BOWELL - & shoemaker - age 65 in 1881	1881 - 1883
GEORGE SMITH - (also given 1896)	*1883 - 1892
MARTHA ANN SMITH - age 59 in 1901	*1893 - 1914
Herbert Augustus Cook took over the Bell when his wife's grandmother, Martha Smith, died in 1914. In that year, Mr. Cook purchased a car and provided the first hire car in North Lopham. He then served with the A.S.C. (Army Service Corps), in Palestine and Syria during WWI.	
HERBERT AUGUSTUS CROOK - (Arthur Herbert Crook 1946) - (H. A. Crook died February 1970 - age 84)	1914 - 1963
Upon retirement in 1963, Mr. & Mrs. Cook moved into Cherry Tree Cottage.	

Starting with the information above the following chronological details have been found:

24 Jun 1835 : Bury and Norwich Post, page 3

MARRIED.

On the 5th inst. at North Lopham, by Rev. James Barrow, William, eldest son of Robert Womack, farmer, to Elizabeth, second surviving daughter of Mr. Jolly, Bull Inn, of the former place.

1841 Census

William JOLLY, 70, publican, living with wife Susan (65), son John (35, farmer), William LEEDER (45, linen weaver), William ALDIS (30, sweep), Robert WARD (15), George RUSSELL (65, maltster) and Mary LEEDER (45, female servant), address The Green, North Lopham. [HO107 Piece 775 Book 8 Folio 5 Page 5 Schedule 1036]

[William Jolly was born in Banham, Norfolk in 1766, son of William (1744-1779) and Rebecca (1740-1779, nee PHILLIPS), and was baptised there on 20 Jun 1766. He married Susan Lovack in North Lopham on 14 Nov 1794. William died in North Lopham in 1852, registered 1852 Q2 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 4B Page 181, and was buried there on 3 Jun 1852.]

1851 Census

Stephen SHAW. 42, innkeeper, born in North Lopham, living with wife Elizabeth (35), children Mary Ann (11, scholar), Thomas (8, scholar), Arthur (6, scholar) and George (2), and lodger William LEEDER (widower, 67, agricultural labourer), address The Green, North Lopham. [HO107 Piece 1822 Folio 208 Page 6 Schedule 22]

1861 Census

Stephen SHAW, 52, innkeeper, born in North Lopham, living with wife Elizabeth H (46), children Thomas (19, tailor's apprentice), George (12, scholar), Emma (9, scholar) and Sarah (5), and lodgers William BIRD (widower, 62, agricultural labourer) and John RUDDOCK (widower, 72, carpenter journeyman). [RG09 Piece 1236 Folio 145 Page 1 Schedule 4]

[Stephen was born on 4 Jul 1808 in North Lopham, parents George and Sarah (nee LUDBROOK), and was baptised there on 21 Dec 1808. He married, after banns, Elizabeth COE on 21 Dec 1838 in North Lopham. Stephen died in 1864, registered 1864 Q3 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 4B Page 154, and was buried in North Lopham on 5 Aug 1864, aged 56 years.]

1871 Census

Elizabeth SHAW, widow, 55, innkeeper, born in North Lopham, living with son George (22, carpenter), daughter Emma SHAW (19), visitor daughter-in-law Hannah SHAW (30), grandson F W CHAMBERLAIN (6), and lodger Charles MURTON (66, linen weaver); address Bull Inn, The Street, North Lopham. [RG10 Piece 1840 Folio 73 Page 20 Schedule 119]

[Elizabeth COE, baseborn daughter of Mary, was born on 28 Nov 1813 in North Lopham and publicly baptised there on 11 Feb 1816. She married Stephen SHAW on 21 Dec 1838, see above. She became the landlady of the Bull Inn following the death of her husband. Elizabeth died on 18 Mar 1880, aged 65, and was buried in North Lopham on 23 Mar 1880. Her estate was probated on 11 Dec 1880, "SHAW Elizabeth. 11 December. The Will of Elizabeth Shaw late of North Lopham in the County of Norfolk Widow who died 18 March 1880 at North Lopham was proved at Norwich by Arthur George Shaw of North Lopham Licensed

Victualler the Son and John Witham of Kenninghall in the said County Farmer the Executors. Personal Estate under £400.”]

1881 Census

James BOWELL, 65 licensed victualler and shoemaker, born in North Lopham, living with wife Eliza (52), children Cecil (26, painter), Gelert (21, shoemaker), Savil (19, linen weaver) and Eugene (12, scholar), and lodgers Edward GOOCH (30, horse dealer) and Edward CALVER (39, horse dealer); address Bull Inn, The Street, North Lopham. [RG11 Piece 1973 Folio 48 Page 10 Schedule 61]

[James, son of Luke and Frances, was born in North Lopham in c.1816 and was baptised there on 19 Feb 1816. He married Eliza Terry SCRIVENER at Fressingfield?, Suffolk, on 26 Nov 1847, registered 1847 Q4 Hoxne Suffolk Vol 13 Page 1141. They are thought to have had at least 10 children. James died in 1883, registered 1883 Q1 Giltcross Norfolk Vol 4B Page 188.]

22 Oct 1881 : Norwich Mercury, page 7

EAST HARLING.

At the PETTY SESSIONS on Tuesday – present: the Rev. A. B. Hemworth (Chairman), and the Rev. John Spurgin. -

George William Newson, of North Lopham, linen weaver, was summoned for being drunk and refusing to quit the Bull Inn, at North Lopham, when requested on the 21st September. The case was dismissed.

26 Apr 1890 : Thetford & Watton Times, page 5

NORTH LOPHAM,

POLICE. – On Thursday, the 17th – present: Major Keppel – Frederick Balls was charged by p.-c. Aldis with being disorderly and refusing to quit licensed premises at the Bull Inn, North Lopham. The p.-c. was told prisoner had been troublesome, and proceeded to the Bull Inn, when he proved to be very violent. He assaulted the constable. Remanded.

18 Jul 1890 : Eastern Daily Press, page 5

SOUTH LOPHAM,

CLEVER CAPTURE. – At the Occasional Court-house at West Harling, before E. C. Nugent, Esq., a man named Walter Beales, a linen weaver, of South Lopham, was brought up and charged with stealing three and a-half lbs. of pork and half a pound of butter, the property of Mr. George Smith, landlord of the Bull Inn, North Lopham. The prisoner, it appears, had lodged at the complainant's house, and as things had been previously missed information had been given to the police. Polic-constable Aldis watched the premises all night, and was secreted in the dairy. A little after five in the morning of Friday last prisoner, who was still lodging at the Bull Inn, arose and went down. The constable observed prisoner go direct to the pantry and unlock the door. He took the articles mentioned above, and went on to the road. The constable followed, and apprehended Beales. Prisoner was remanded.

1891 Census

George SMITH, 62, innkeeper, born in Halvergate, Norfolk, living with wife Martha N (56), servant Emma SHAW (14, domestic servant), and lodgers Walter KEEBLE (11) and Thomas LAND (48, linen weaver); address Bull Inn, The Green, North Lopham. [RG 12 Piece 1548 Folio 110 Page 2 Schedule 8]

1895 Electoral Register

L371 – Smith George – North Lopham – Land and tenement – The Bull inn and little common

[George died on 31 Aug 1898 in North Lopham, aged 70, registered 1898 Q3 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 4B Page 172. He was buried in North Lopham on 5 Sep 1898. His estate was probated on 5 Dec 1898, "SMITH George of North Lopham Norfolk licensed-victualler died 31 August 1898 Probate Norwich 5 December to Martha Ann Smith widow. Effects £82 1s."]

1901 Census

Martha Ann SMITH (widow, 59, licensed victualler, born in Gimingham, Norfolk, living with daughter Eliza GODDARD (31, living with mother), grandchildren Edna GODDARD (13, dressmaker's apprentice), Martha GODDARD (11, scholar), George GODDARD (9, scholar) and Stephen GODDARD (8, scholar), and lodgers George PIPE (16 working for licensed victualler), George HARDIMAN (60, agricultural labourer), Arthur MOUNCER (40, photographer), Arthur KERRY (39, agricultural labourer) and Thomas LAND (60, errand man); address The Village, North Lopham. [RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 5 Page 1 Schedule 8]

1911 Census

Martha Ann SMITH, widow, age 70, born in Gimingham, Norfolk, licensed victualler of Bull Inn, living with granddaughter Edna Maria CROOKE (23, born in North Lopham, dressmaker), grandson-in-law Herbert A CROOKE (25, born in North Lopham, blacksmith), great granddaughter Doris CROOKE 93, born in North Lopham), grandson Stephen GODDARD (16, born in North Lopham), and lodger Arthur KERRY (49, born in North Lopham, farm labourer). [RG14 PN11745 RD239 SD2 ED18 SN29]

[Martha Ann SMITH (nee BUNTING), daughter of James (1814-1896) and Mary Ann (1817-1897, nee BOULTER), was born in Gimingham in about 1841 and baptised there on 14 Feb 1841. She married George SMITH on 2 Feb 1868 in Norwich. Martha took over the pub following her husband George's death. She died on 17 Feb 1914 in North Lopham and was buried there on 20 Feb 1914. Her estate was probated on 19 Mar 1914, "SMITH Martha Ann of the Bull Inn North Lopham Norfolk widow died 17 February 1914 Probate London 19 March [1914] to Herbert Benjamin Bush Miller and Alfred Mallott builder. Effects £599 6s. 8d."]

27 Feb 1914 : Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal, page 4

NORTH LOPHAM,

INTERMENT. – *On Friday last, amid many tokens of respect, the funeral took place of the late Mrs. Martha Ann Smith, of the Bull Inn, who for thirty years had carried on the business of her house in such a manner as to gain the esteem and respect of all who knew her, the task being made all the more difficult by the fact of her husband, the late Mr. Geo. Smith, having pre-deceased her by fifteen years. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. Wharton Womack, who carried them out with his usual ability. A goodly numbers of relatives and friends attended the sad ceremony, and several beautiful floral tributes testified to the affection felt for the deceased. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Eastwood, Rector of North and South Lopham.*

1921 Census

Herbert CROOK, married, 35:05, mechanic, living with children Doris (13:03, fulltime scholar), Bertram (5:07, fulltime scholar) and Albert (3:05), and sister-in-law Eva HOLDEN (19:01), address North Lopham. [RG15 Piece 09901 Schedule 21 RD 239 RS 2 ED 18]



Edna Crook

1925 Electoral Roll (Autumn)

North Lopham, Edna Maria CROOK, No. 90, qualification by husband's occupation, Bull Inn.

10 Apr 1931 : Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal, page 8

**NORTH LOPHAM
BULL QUOIT CLUB.**

The annual general meeting of the North Lopham Bull Quoit Club was held on Tuesday when it was unanimously decided to carry on the club. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £3/16/2.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. R. C. Frost; vice-presidents, Mr. Phillipo, Mr. R. C. Maclaren, Mr. S. Worby; captain Mr. G. Land; vice-captain, Mr. H. Carman; hon. Secretary, Mr. F. Bowell; hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Crook; committee, Messrs. Royal Baker, J. Baker, T. Baker, G. Turner, G. Baker. Mr. G. Butcher was elected groundsman. It was decided to play the first match on May 2nd with Banham "Horseshoes," at Lopham.

8 May 1931 : Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal, page 8

**NORTH LOPHAM
LICENSED VICTUALLER SUMMONED.**

At East Harling Police Court on Monday Herbert Augustus Crook, licensed victualler, of North Lopham, was summoned for driving a motor vehicle for a purpose not covered by the licence on March 17th at East Harling – Defendant pleaded not guilty.

P.-c. Howland stated that he stopped defendant when driving a motor car. He knew the vehicle was only licensed for hackney purposes. Defendant, when questioned, said he had been down to Harling Station to enquire about the time of the trains. He told defendant that he could not use the car for private purposes.

P.-c. Firman, collaborating, said defendant said, "Surely I can drive myself about in my own car." Witness told him he could not with a hackney licence.

Defendant said he took a passenger to Eccles Station, and he made a stop for refreshments, and then came to Harling to get some cotton wool from the chemist's. He thought he was doing no harm. He went to the Taxation Office, and was informed that if he had taken a passenger out he could make the return journey in another direction.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. R. Clowes) – Yes, but you cannot go about with the car doing business.

By Supt. Carter – He did not think it was necessary to tell the constable he had taken a passenger to the station.

The chairman said the magistrates were of the opinion that the defendant would not have been in Court that day if he had given the constable a proper explanation at the time, and the case was dismissed.

1939 Nation Registration

Herbert A CROOK, b. 28 Jan 1886, cycle repairer and licensee, living with wife Emma M (b. 10 Feb 1888, unpaid domestic duties), Alan B (b. 28 Nov 1815, farm labourer), Albert A (b. 15 Jan 1918, unemployed motor driver) and Kenneth M (b. 10 Mar 1924, scholar); address The Bull Inn Public House, Cycle Dealers and Premises, The Green, North Lopham. [RG101/6588I/017/17 Letter Code: TSDI]

[Herbert Augustus CROOK, son of Charles E and Laura (nee LUDBROOK) and grandson of Martha Ann SMITH (earlier landlady of the Bull Inn, was born on 28 Jan 1886 in North Lopham. He married Edna Maria GOODDARD in 1908, registered 1908 Q1 Thetford Norfolk Vol 4B Page 627. Herbert served in the Army during the Great War, Pte. N2/229824, R.S.C. He died on 15 Feb 1970, reg: 1970 Q1 Wayland Norfolk Vol 4B Page 2685, and was buried on 18 February 1970 in North Lopham.]

22 Oct 1943 : Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express, page 8

**LOPHAM AND DISTRICT
BRANCH BRITISH LEGION**
QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on FRIDAY, 22nd OCTOBER, at the BULL INN, NORTH LOPHAM.

2 Feb 1968 : Diss Express, page 1

**Two regular readers
Celebrate diamond wedding**
A couple who have lived all their life in North Lopham, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Crook, of Cherry Tree Cottage, celebrate their diamond wedding tomorrow – 40 years of happily married life.

Mr. Crook, who will be 82 on Sunday, was born the son of a North Lopham blacksmith and left Lopham School at 12 to work with his father from six in the morning until six at night for the grand sum of 2s 6d a week.

In 1908 he was married at North Lopham Church, his bride being Miss Edna Maria Goddard, a young lady he had know since their schooldays, and the couple moved to a public house, "The Bull", at North Lopham, owned by the new Mrs. Crook's grandmother.

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Cherry Tree (Kenninghall Road, North Lopham)



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THOMAS GOOCH - age 44 in 1851 - (listed as farmer 1841 & 1851 - age 44 in 1851) - First mention of beer house 1854 - Farmer & beer retailer 1858	*1854 - 1868
New (full) licence awarded to Thomas Gooch Tuesday 5th September 1865.	
Fine of 11s and costs on Tuesday 30th January 1866 for allowing a gelding to stray on the highway.	
ARTHUR GEORGE SHAW - & fishmonger - age 26 in 1871	20.10.1868 - 1883
SAMUEL FROST - age 54 in 1891	1885 - 1891
Monday 25th May 1891 - Fine of £1 8s 9d for being drunk in charge of a horse and cart, on the highway, on 7th May. Further fined 15s 9d, including costs, for using obscene language on the same occasion.	
Mrs MARY THURLOW	1892 - 1894
JAMES WILLIAM SADDLER	1896 - 1897
JOSEPH LAST - See opposite	1900
The case of Joseph Last was heard by the Home Secretary in the House of Commons on the night of Thursday 19th April 1900. Mr. Last was a Reservist and had been called up to serve in South Africa. As a result, his wife Eliza was forced to pay for the licence to be transferred to her name, at a cost of 19s 6d, a sum she could ill afford to pay. The question was if the temporary absence of a soldier, serving his country, necessitated a licence transfer by law; also whether steps could be taken to prevent similar inflictions upon the families of Reserve men in future. Sir Matthew White Ridley understood that Mr. Last had been required by the owners of the property to transfer the licence. This had been done before he had left home and he had not made a plea for remission of fees on the grounds of poverty. The magistrates would perhaps have considered such an application and it did not seem necessary to alter any legislation that required the licence to be held by the real resident holder and occupier of the premises.	
ELIZA LAST - age 36	1900 - 1901

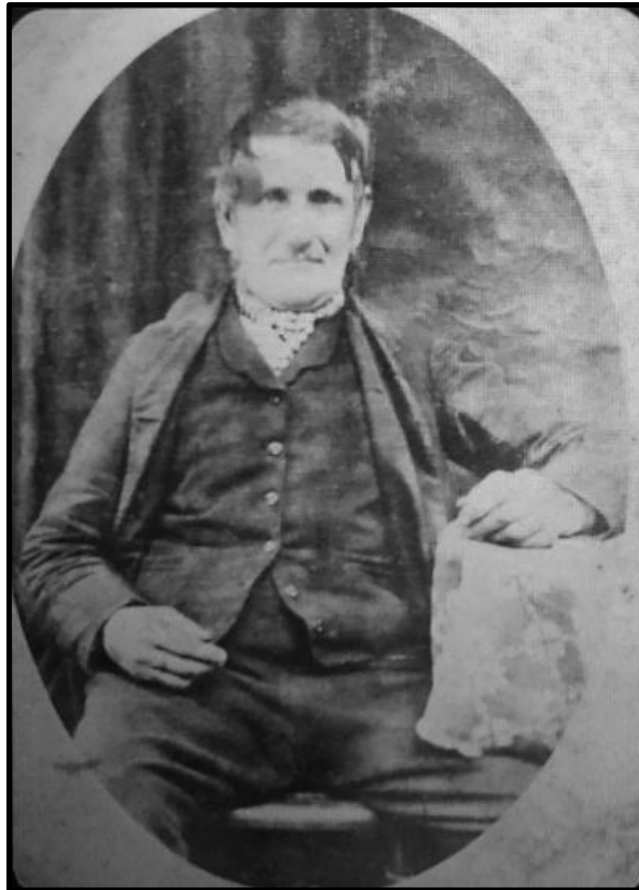
Lopham Drinking Places

JULIA LAST	1902
JOSEPH LAST	27.10.1902
GEORGE DORKINS	1904
There was no objection to structural alterations being carried out following inspection of the plans at the East Harling Brewster Sessions held Monday 13th February 1906.	
Mr. H. BAYFIELD	here 07.1907
FREDERICK HAZELL	1908 - 1925
MAYNARD WORBY	1929 - 1937
JOHN D PERKINS - Died 9th May 1947 - age 77	1944 - May 1947
MAURICE MORGAN	by 11.1949 - 1951
Licensee Maurice Morgan was committed to trial on a charge of drink driving, as reported 14th July 1950. On Whit Monday (29th June) two police officers witnessed a car travelling "very fast", from Diss, in the direction of Roydon. After it disappeared from sight, they heard a loud crash. Witnesses claimed the car had achieved a double somersault before landing in a field near the Brewers Lane junction. Travelling salesman John Cook said he was outside the Police Station when the car passed at 30 m.p.h. Oswald Shilling, a passenger in the car said they had started out at 6:30 pm and called at the Cock Inn, then on to the Railway Tavern. In all Morgan had only 3 half pints of bottled light ale. Inspector Sayer said the car had indeed passed the Police Station at 30 m.p.h., but was doing 40 m.p.h. by the time it went over the cross-roads further along. At the police station, the doctor had pronounced Morgan to be drunk, but at about 11:00pm he was released on bail. (Outcome of trial yet to be found.)	
JAMES EDWARD KNIGHTS - died 22.08.1970	by 1951
Monday 13th December 1954 - Fine of £2 and 10s 6d costs for using a radio set for about a year without a licence.	
Mrs I. E. KNIGHTS	19.10.1970

Starting with the information above the following chronological details have been found:

1861 Census

Thomas GOOCH, 55, farmer of 30 acres and innkeeper, born in North Lopham, living with wife Sarah (56), children George (23, farmer's son), Margaret (19), John (17, farmer's son) and Honor (13, scholar), and lodger George EASTWELOL (23, agricultural labourer); address Kenninghall Road, North Lopham. [RG09 Piece 1236 Folio 156 Page 23 Schedule 133]



Thomas Gooch

3 Feb 1866 : The Norfolk Post (page 5)

**EAST HARLING.
PETTY SESSIONS.**

The Petty Sessions were held on Tuesday, before the Right Hon. The Earl of Albemarle, the Rev. A. B. Hensworth, and J. W. Davy, Esq.

Thomas Gooch of North Lopham, Innkeeper, was charged with allowing a gelding to stray on the highway there on the 12th October last, and was adjudged to pay 11s. penalty and costs.

[Thomas, son of Thomas 1769-1816) and Margaret (1771-1845, nee WOMACK), was born 15 Sep 1806 in North Lopham and was baptised there on 16 Nov 1808. He married Susan LAND (1806-1891) on 12 Nov 1828 in North Lopham, and had 10 children. Thomas died in 1891 in Saxmundham, Suffolk, where he was living with his daughter Ann (1832-1919) and son-in-law John BRIGHTON (1829-1881, grocer). (It was Ann's second marriage.) He was buried on 17 July 1816 in North Lopham.]

1871 Census

Arthur G SHAW, 26, innkeeper, born in North Lopham, living with wife Honor (23), son Thomas (2), servant Elizabeth TURNER (15), and lodger James BROCK (66, labourer); address Cherry Tree, The Street, North Lopham. [RG10 Piece 1840 Folio 74 Page 21 Schedule 123]

1881 Census

Arthur G SHAW, 37, licensed victualler, born in North Lopham, living with wife Honor (32), and children Emma (13, scholar), Thomas (12, scholar), Alfred A (10, scholar), Maggie (9, scholar), Maurice (7, scholar), Flora (5, scholar), Horace (4), Lillie (2) and Harry (4 mth); address Cherry Tree, The Green, North Lopham. [RG11 Piece 1973 Folio 49 Page 11 Schedule 65]

[Arthur George SHAW was the son-in-law of the previous landlord Thomas GOOCH.]

[Arthur , son of Stephen (1808-1894) and Elizabeth (1813-1880, nee COE), was born in North Lopham in 1844. He married Honor GOOCH (1848-1927) on 26 Dec 1865 in North Lopham. They had about 12 children. In 1887 he moved to Snape, Suffolk, where became the licensee of the Golden Key. He died on 5 Feb 1916 in Snape, Suffolk, registered 1916 Q1 Plomesgate Vol 4A Page 1291. His estate was probated on 19 Feb 1916, "SHAW Arthur George of Snape Suffolk died 5 February 1916 Probate London 19 February to Honor Shaw widow. Effects £394 14s. 6d."]

1891 Census

Samuel FROST, 54, innkeeper, born in Barningham, Suffolk, living with wife Elizabeth (56), children Frederick (15, general labourer) and Isabella (13, scholar), and step-children Rachel FARR (23) and James FARR (20, general labourer), address Cherry Tree Inn, Kenninghall Road, North Lopham. [RG12 Piece 1548 Folio 110 Page 1 Schedule 5]

[Samuel, son of James (1805-1874) and Sarah (nee SMITH, 1805-1881) was born in 1839 in Barningham, Suffolk and baptised there on 17 February 1839. He married Susannah BLOOMFIELD (1842-1878) in 1863, reg: 1863 Q1 Thetford Norfolk Vol 4B Page 615, and they had 7 known children. After Susannah's death he married Elizabeth Howard BAILEY (1833-1894) on 28 January 1879 in Riddlesworth, Norfolk; banns were read on 14, 21 and 28 January 1879. After leaving the Cherry Tree he remained in North Lopham and was a harness maker.]

1901 Census

Eliza LAST, 56, married, beer retailer, born in Winchfield, Hampshire, living with daughter and son-in-law Eliza Henrietta BALLS (20) and Arthur William BALLS (26, wheelwright); address Cherry Tree Inn, Kenninghall Road, North Lopham. [RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 5 Page 1 Schedule 6]

1911 Census

Fred HAZELL, 33, publican, born in Bunwell, living with wife Rose (30), children Edna (9, scholar), Frederick (8, scholar) and un-named girl (under 1 month); address Cherry Tree Inn, North Lopham. [RG14 PN11745 RD239 SD2 ED18 SN32]

1921 Census

Lopham Drinking Places

Fred HAZELL, 43, farmer, born in Bunwell, living with wife Rose (40, household duties) and children Edna Lydia (19, helping mother), Frederick John (18), Ella Murial (10), Edward George (10, scholar) and Bernard Lawrence (4). [RG15 Piece 09901 RD 239 RS 2 ED 18]

1925 Electoral Roll (Autumn)

North Lopham, Frederick J HAZELL, No. 159, qualification by residence and occupation, Cherry Tree Inn.

[Tentatively: Frederick James HAZELL was born in Bunwell in c.1878 (maybe 11 May 1877), son of John (1849-?) and Lydia (nee OSBORN, 1849-1938). He married Rose HOLMES (1881-?) in 1901.]

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12 Mar 1937 : Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express, page 5

Diss Cherry Tree Bowls Club
The Annual General Meeting
will be held at the
Cherry Tree, Thursday, Mar 18
at 8 p.m.
All interested are invited to attend
A. A. CALTON, Hon. Sec.

1939 National Registration

Maynard S MORBY, b. 4 Aug 1900, farm work assisting father. Living with wife Eva (b. 15 May 1902, unpaid domestic duties), and 7 other people. [RG101/65881/002/14 Letter Code: TSDI]

[The only record for the Cherry Tree Inn does not mention anyone there having the occupation of innkeeper.]

5 Jan 1951 : Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express, page 5

Second Trial on Drink Charge North Lopham Licensee Acquitted

A North Lopham licensed victualler whose car turned two somersaults and landed in a ditch at Diss last Whit Monday, May 29th, was acquitted at Norfolk Quarter Sessions on Wednesday on a charge of driving while under the influence of drink to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the car.

The hearing, which took place in a separate court under the chairmanship of Judge J. N. Daynes, lasted all day.

Defendant was Maurice Morgan (36), licensee of the Cherry Tree, North Lopham, who had previously appeared at the Michaelmas Sessions, when the jury was unable to agree and a new trial was ordered.

King's Head (The Street, North Lopham)



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JOHN BUCKENHAM	1789
GEORGE WHARTON	to 1792
Recorded in Manorial Deed of 23rd October 1792 as including weaving shop, stable, firing house, land and premises. Being the admission of Charles Wood and surrender of George Wharton. Others mentioned in the document :- John Buckenham, Margaret Grice, William Grice, Gardiner Harwood, Charles Murton, Samuel Porter, Robert Welham and Thomas Wharton.	
CHARLES WOOD	October 1792
THOMAS GOOCH - age 52 in 1851 - & linen manufacturer	1830 - 1851
SAMUEL BEALES - & farmer & butcher - (Samuel Bales 1856) - age 34 in 1861	1854 - 1881
Lot No. 32 in the sale of the Diss Lower Brewery Thursday 30th March 1876. Purchased by Youngs, Crawshay & Co.	
HERBERT HENRY BEALES - According to White	1883
Mrs ELIZABETH BEALES - According to Kelly	1883
WILLIAM JOHN WOMACK - age 51 in 1891 - & wheelwright	1888 - 1904
Fine of £2 1s and costs on Monday 27th October 1890 for selling beer at 10:45 p.m. on Saturday 11th October.	
WILLIAM WHARTON WOMACK	1908
ROBERT JAMES BLOWERS	1912 - 1929
R. LEONARD BLOWERS - Died December 1939 - age 42	1933 - 1939
HERBERT WILLIAM PEARCE	1940 - 1952
Fine of £1 in 1942 for allowing consumption out of legal hours.	
September 1952 - Found guilty of aiding and abetting four persons to consume intoxicating liquor at unlawful hours on 17th August. Fine of £1 5s for each case.	

Lopham Drinking Places

?	09.10.1953
TERRY & WINN McMANUS	1959 - 01.1975
No change recommended at the First Joint Committee Meeting of Bullards and Steward & Patteson 29th May 1962. Sales reported as 136 barrels.	
VAL & JOHN CUNLIFFE	1976 - 1977
GERRY & BRENDA COOPER	by 04.1986 - 1987
JULIE & STEPHEN CROSSLEY	12.1988 - 1990
BARRY & MARY CRAWFORD - Barry died June 1993	11.1992 to 06.1993
BRIAN & NAOMI JEFFERIES	10.1994 - 1996
JANE & IAN THORNTON	1998 - 1999
ADY & LINDA WARNER	by 2005
OWEN & SARAH	to January 2008
GEORGE & ANGIE ESTCOURT	2008 - 2023
MARTIN & LOUISE GRIFFITHS	30.06.2023

Starting with the information above the following chronological details have been found:



1841 Census

Thomas GOOCH, 40, linen weaver, living with wife Eliza (40) and daughters Hannah (15) and Susanna (13); address The Green, North Lopham. [HO107 Piece 775 Book 8 Folio 7 Page 9 Schedule 1057]

15 Jan 1845 : The Bury and Norfolk Post, Page 1

TITHE COMMISSION NOTICE.

I, the Undersigned, being duly-authorised Agent of a Tithe-owner within the parish of
NORTH LOPHAM,

In the county of Norfolk, whose interest is not less than one-fourth part of the whole value of the Tithes of the said Parish, do, by this notice, in writing, under my hand call a Parochial Meeting of Land-owners and Tithe-owners, within the limits of the said Parish, for the purpose of making an Agreement for the general Commutation of Tithes, within the limits of the said Parish, pursuant to the provision of an Act passed in the 6th and 7th years of the reign of his late Majesty William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the Commutation of Tithes in England and Wales." And I do hereby also give notice that such Meeting will be held at the house of Thomas Gooch, in the said Parish, called the King's Head, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of January next, at the hour of Eleven in the Forenoon.

Given under my hand this 30th day of December, 1844.

ROBERT WRIGHT,
Agent to the Rev. JAMES BARROW, Tithe-owner.

1851 Census

Thomas GOOCH, 52, innkeeper and linen manufacturer, born in North Lopham, living with wife Eliza (52, innkeeper's wife), niece Susan COOKS (23), servant Louisa SATTER (15, house servant) and lodger John LEEDER (widower, 57, linen weaver, address The Green, North Lopham. [HO107 Piece 1822 Folio 207 Page 4 Schedule 14]

[It has been assumed that Eliza, Thomas's wife, was actually named Elizabeth (1799-1853, nee WATSON).]

[Thomas GOOCH was born on 28 April 1798 in North Lopham, son of Edmund (1764-1818) and Sarah (late COATES, 1770-1829), and privately baptised there on 29 April 1798. He died on 26 February 1852 in North Lopham (reg: 1852 Q1 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 4B Page 183) age 53 years, and was buried there on 2 March.]

1861 Census

Samuel BEALES, 34, butcher and innkeeper, born in North Lopham, living with wife Louisa (32), sons Arthur (10, scholar), Herbert (7, scholar) and Fredrick (2), servant Susan COCK (17, house maid), and lodgers James BROOKS (50, agricultural labourer) and Morris NEALES (40, linen weaver journeyman). [RG09 Piece 1236 Folio 146 Page 4 Schedule 22]

1871 Census

Samuel BEALES, 44, farmer, butcher and innkeeper, born in North Lopham, living with wife Louisa (42), sons Arthur (20, butcher), Herbert (17, butcher), Fredrick (11) and Harry (9), nephews William (20, grocer's assistant) and Samuel (18, painter), servant Mary Ann HUGGINS (19, general servant), and lodger William CARMAN (62, agricultural labourer), address The King's Head, The Street, North Lopham. [RG10 Piece 1840 Folio 71 Page 17 schedule 101]

1875 Electoral Register

3492 – Beales Samuel – North Lopham – Farm – Great Common

1881 Census

Samuel BEALES, widower, 51, butcher and farmer, born in North Lopham, living with sons Herbert (27, butcher) and Edwin (7, scholar), servants Ellen KEEBLE (18, general servant) and Jane HUGGINS (16, general servant), address King's Head Public House, The Green, North Lopham. [RG11 Piece 1973 Folio 47 Page 7 Schedule 45]

[Samuel BEALES, son of Jeremiah and Mary, was born in 1828 in North Lopham, and baptised there on 10 Sep 1826. After a licence dated 17 May 1850, Samuel married Louisa WOMACK on 22 May 1850 in North Lopham, registered 1850 Q2 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 13 Page 281. Samuel died in 1903 in North Lopham and was buried there on 4 Jul 1903, aged 78 years, registered 1903 Q2 Thetford Norfolk Vol 4B Page 219.]

4 May 1889 : The Norfolk News, Page 8

NORTH LOPHAM.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION. – The nomination forms for the election of five members to serve on the School Board were received on Thursday morning. There are five seats, and the election is triennial. The following persons have been nominated: - Mr. Samuel Beales, Me. Stephen Beales, Mr. Charles Brown, Mr. Stephen Holden, Murton, Thurlow, Walker, White, and Womack. Objections must be sent in by the 7th, and the poll will take place on the 15th inst.

1891 Census

William John WOMACK, 51, licensed victualler, born in North Lopham, living with wife Eliza (47), sons William W (20, wheelwright) and Percy T (6, scholar), grandmother Rebecca HUNT (widow, 94), and lodgers William BALLS (64, linen weaver), Arthur BALLS (16, linen winder) and Edward LUDBROOK (32, linen weaver), address King's Head Inn, The Green, North Lopham. [RG12 Piece 1548 Folio 111 Page 4 Schedule 22]

1901 Census

William John WOMACK, 61, licensed victualler and wheelwright, born in North Lopham, living with wife Eliza (57), daughter Florence May (30, draper's assistant), son Percy Thomas (16, apprentice at home), boarder Edward LUDBROOK (47, linen weaver), servant Emma SHAW (13, general domestic servant), and visitors Thomas BAWDEN (50, schoolmaster), Johanna BAWDEN (44), Elsie BAWDEN (17) and Horace BAWDEN (11), address The Village, North Lopham. [RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 6 Page 4 Schedule 22]

[William John, son of John and Sophia (nee WHARTON), was born in 1839, registered 1839 Q2 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 13 Page 151, and baptised there on 2 Jun 1839. He married Eliza HUNT on 19 Dec 1867 at North Lopham, registered 1867 Q4 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 4B Page 651. William died in 1914, aged 75, registered 1914 Q4 Thetford Norfolk Vol 4B Page 409.]

1 Jul 1904 : Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal, Page 4

NORTH LOPHAM.

THOS. WM. GAZE & SON are favoured with instructions from the Executors of the late Mr. Samuel Beales to Sell by Auction, at the King's Head, North Lopham,

On Tuesday, July 19th, 1904,

at 6 o'clock in the evening,

Lot 1. – A valuable SMALL OCCUPATION known as "Dickerson's Farm," with Dwelling house, Farm Premises, and enclosures of Arable and Pasture Land containing

8a. 2r. 9p.,

as now in the occupation of Mr. Alfred Holden.

Lot 2. – An enclosure of valuable ACCOMMODATION ARABLE LAND known as "Reuben's 5 Acres," situate adjoining King's Head Lane, and containing 4a. 2r. 36p., occupied by Mr. Alfred Holden.

.....Lot 3. – An enclosure of FREEHOLD ARABLE LAND, adjoining Lot 1, containing 2a. 3r. 39p., occupied by Mr. Alfred Holden.

Vendor's Solicitors,
MESSRS. FREDc. FOWELL & SON,
Hopton, Thetford,
and at Walsham-le-Willows, Bury St. Edmunds.

1911 Census

Robert James BLOWERS, 49, publican, born in Beccles, Suffolk, living with wife Matilda (49) and son Robert Leonard (14, student), address King's Head Inn, North Lopham. [RG14 PN11745 RD239 SD2 ED18 SN15]

1918 Electoral Register

a255 – Blowers, Robert Leonard – North Lopham – King's Head Inn

1921 Census

Robert J BLOWER, age 59:09, born in Beccles, Suffolk, licensed victualler, working on own account, living with wife Matilda (age 60:00, born in Ipswich, Suffolk, home duties) and son Robert L (age 20:06, born in Colchester, Essex, grocer but currently out of work, previously employed by Mr. Ambrose STEVENS, steam threshing machine proprietor, North Lopham), 9 rooms in building. [RG15 Piece 09901 Sch 45 RD 239 RS 2 ED 18]

[Robert James BLOWERS was born in Beccles, Suffolk 2 September 1861 in Beccles, Suffolk (reg: 1861 Q3 Wangford Suffolk Vol 4A Page 646). He married Matilda ROUSE (1857-1930) on 21 November 1895 in Southwold, Suffolk.]

1925 Electoral Roll (Autumn)

North Lopham, Robert Leonard BLOWERS, No. 44, qualification by residence, King's Head Inn.

[Robert Leonard is the son of the last landlord Robert James BLOWERS.]

1939 National Registration

Robert L BLOWERS, b. 20 Dec 1896, licensed victualler; address The Kings Head Public House, North Lopham (widower, living alone). [RG101/65881/014/10 Letter Code: TSDI]

[Robert was born on 20 December 1896 (reg: 1897 Q1 Colchester Essex Vol 4A Page 663), son of Robert James (1861-1844, publican) and Matilda (nee ROUSE, 1895-1939), and baptised in Colchester on 14 February 1897. He married Grace Catherine (Kate) SOLLY after banns on 28 June 1931 in North Lopham. Robert died on 1 December 1939 in North Lopham and was buried there on 6 December.]

SOUTH LOPHAM

The Chequers Inn (Redgrave Road, South Lopham)

Norfolk Public Houses (NPH) website

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WILLIAM WOBY	1789
JOHN PEVERETT - age 60 in 1841 - (Mrs Elizabeth Peverett died Wednesday 29th July 1840 - age 64)	by 1830 - 1841
JAMES BOUTELL - age 52 in 1851 - (James Bowtell 1861)	1845 - 1861
CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN - & tailor	1863 - 1866
HENRY GODDARD - & builder - & contractor - age 44 in 1881 - Died 12th February 1909	30.01.1866 - 1909
Mrs. GODDARD	to 03,1909
ALFRED BENNETT	by 07.1909 - 1912
CHARLES JOHN WHARTON - died 27th December 1957 - age 74	1912 - 1957
..... GODDARD	1963

Starting with the information above the following chronological details have been found:

22 Dec 1830 : The Bury and Norwich Post (page 3)

Norwich, Dec. 22.

MARRIED.

On the 7th inst. at South Lopham, Mr. Ephraim Lovick, of the Six Bells public-house, to Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr. John Peverett, of the Chequers Inn.

18 Jul 1832 : The Bury and Norwich Post (page 3)

Norwich, July 17.

MARRIED.

On the 9th instant, at Bressingham, Mr. J. Harnwell, landlord of the Lion beer-house there, to Mary Ann, eldest daughter of Mrs. Peverell, of the Chequers Inn, South Lopham.

5 Aug 1840 : The Bury and Norwich Post (page 3)

NORWICH, AUGUST 4.

DIED.

On Wednesday last, after a long affliction, aged 64, Mrs. Elizabeth Peverett, wife of Mr. John Peverett, of the Chequers Inn, South Lopham.

1841 Census

John PEVERETT, 60, innkeeper, living with John P (20, miller) and Eliza WOMACK, (15, female servant); address Bottesdale Road, South Lopham. [HO107 Piece 775 Book 9 Folio 16 Page 26 Schedule 1326]

[Records for John are somewhat confusing. There is also a Joseph PEVERETT with very similar characteristics which creates confusion. However, it is thought that John died in about 1847 in South Lopham.]

1851 Census

James BOUTTELL, 52, innkeeper, born in South Lopham, living with wife Elizabeth (49, innkeeper), son Thomas (17, hand loom weaver), daughter Rebecca (11), and lodger William BRICKHAM (44, carrier); address Battedale Road, South Lopham. [HO107 Piece 1822 Folio 234 Page 8 Schedule 26]

1861 Census

James BOWTELL [BOUTTELL], 62, victualler, born in South Lopham, living with wife Elizabeth (59) and grandson Harry (2); address Old Workhouse Common, South Lopham. [RG09 Piece 1236 Folio 172 Page 17 Schedule 111]

[James, son of Thomas (1740-1827) and Rebekah (nee SCOTT, 1740-?) was born in South Lopham on 10 Jun 1798 and baptised there on 15 July that year. He married Elizabeth LANDYMER on 22 May 1832 and they had at least 4 children. He died on 22 May 1881 in Bottesdale, Suffolk. (There are a few different spellings of James's surname which made research very difficult.)

3 Feb 1866 : The Norfolk Post (page 5)

**EAST HARLING.
PETTY SESSIONS.**

*The Petty Sessions are held on Tuesday, before the Right Hon. The Earl of Albemarle, the
Rev. A. B. Hensworth, and J. W. Davy, Esq.*

*The license of the Chequers Inn at South Lopham was transferred from Charles
Chamberlain to Henry Goddard.*

1871 Census

Henry GODDARD, 44 [34?], builder and publican employing 4 men and 1 boy, born in Scole, living with wife Sarah (31), children Mary Jane (12, scholar), Emily (10, scholar), Samuel (8, scholar), Jessie H (5, scholar), Annie (3) and Florence M (1), and servant Elizabeth COOK (18, domestic servant); address Checkers Inn, South Lopham. [RG19 Piece 1840 Folio 87 Page 9 Schedule 55]

1881 Census

Henry GODDARD, 44, builder and publican employing 6 men and 2 boys, born in Scole, living with wife Sarah (41), children Samuel (19, carpenter apprentice), Jessie (15, scholar), Anna M (13, scholar), Flora M (11, scholar), Edna A (9, scholar), Edith G (8, scholar) and Rose S (2); address Chequers Inn, Redgrave Road, South Lopham. [RG11 Piece 1973 Folio 71 Page 17 Schedule 270]

1891 Census

Henry GODDARD, 54, builder and innkeeper, born in Scole, living with wife Sarah (51), children Jesse (25, wheelwright) and Rosa S (12); address Chequers Inn, Redgrave Road, South Lopham. [RG12 Piece 1548 Folio 130 Page 14 Schedule 105]

1901 Census

Henry GODDARD, 64, builder and innkeeper, born in Scole, living with wife Sarah (61) and grandson Daniel H W PAWSEY (4, scholar); address Chequers Inn, South Lopham. [RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 23 Page 9 Schedule 58]

[Henry, son of James (1797-1881) and Elizabeth, was born in Scole, Norfolk in 1835. He married Sarah ALLEN (1840-1915) on 14 Jun 1858 in Wortham, Suffolk. They had eight children. He was the landlord of The Chequers Inn for over 40 years. He died on 12 February 1909, registered 1909 Q1 Thetford Norfolk Vol 4B Page 245. A memorial for Henry and his wife Sarah in St. Andrew's Churchyard reads "In / Loving Memory of / SARAH GODDARD / Died Sep. 24th 1915 / Aged 75 years / O death where is thy sting? / O grave where is thy victory? / In loving memory of / HENRY GODDARD / died Feb. 12th 1909 / Aged 72 years / Blessed are the dead which / Die in the Lord."]

1911 Census

Alfred BENNETT, 48, publican, born in Worlingham, Suffolk, living with wife Harriett (49) and sons Arthur (17, grocer's carter), Herbert (14, turner's labourer) and William (10, scholar); address Chequers Inn, Redgrave Road, South Lopham. [RG14 PN11746 RD239 SD2 ED19 SN63]



**Alfred and first wife
Mary Ann (PLUMB)**

[Alfred, son of George (1822-1907) and Elizabeth (1821-1893, nee BULLEN), was born in Worlingham, Suffolk on 1861, registered 1861 Q2 Wangford Suffolk Vol 4A Page 715. He married Harriett Matilda BECKETT on 5 Aug 1908 in Worlingham, have previously been married to Mary Ann PLUMB. It is thought he died in 1932.]

1921 Census

Charles WHARTON, 37, innkeeper and smallholder, born in Stradbroke, Suffolk, living with wife Sarah Jane (36, house duties), sons Charles J (15, land work for father) and Frederick (10, scholar), lodger George H HOLDEN (34, engine driver), and visitors Richard TIDSWELL (39, police constable), Hebe TIDSWELL (41, house duties) and Annie L TIDSWELL (4); address Chequers Inn, South Lopham. [RG15 Piece 09901 Schedule 47 RD 239 RS 2 ED 19]

1939 National Registration

Charles J WHARTON, b. 28 Jul 1883, licensed victualler and farmer, living with wife Sarah J (b. 15 Jul 1885, domestic duties), Evelyn (b. 28 Nov 1922, domestic farm work) and Jim (b. 5 Jun 1924, horseman and farm work) ; address Chequers Inn, South Lopham. [RG101/6588J/005/5 Letter Code: TSDJ]

[Charles John WHARTON, son of Thomas Godbold (1857-1932) and Annie Elizabeth (1858-1888, nee VEASY), was born on 28 Jul 1883, registered 1883 Q3 Hoxne Suffolk Vol 4A Page 663. After banns he married Sarah Jane FULCHER on 9 Aug 1904 in Diss. He died on 26 Dec 1957 in South Lopham. He was buried in South Lopham. His memorial reads, "IN / LOVING MEMORY OF / A DEAR WIFE & MOTHER / SARAH JANE WHARTON, / WHO PASSED AWAY 11TH APRIL 1950 / AGED 64 YEARS / PEACE PERFECT PEACE / ALSO OF / A DEAR HUSBAND AND FATHER / CVHARLES JOHN WHARTON / WHO DIED 26TH Dec. 1957 / AGED 73 YEARS. / LOVE'S LASTING REMEMBRANCE." His estate was probated on 10 Apr 1958, "WHARTON Charles John of The Chequers Inn South Lopham Norfolk died 26 December 1957 Administration Norwich to Charles James Wharton haulage contractor. Effects £511 7s. 1d."]

The Rose and Crown (Wood Road, South Lopham)

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Mrs. CARLTON - (Rose & Crown)	1841
ELLIS BURRELL (55)	*1851
JOHN HAILES - (also as Hales) - age 40 in 1861 - 53 in 1871	*1854 - 1875
JAMES BEDWELL	as given 10.1876
WILLIAM BEDWELL	1877
JAMES BEDWELL - & farmer 35 acres - age 36 in 1881	1879 - 1883
Mrs MARY ANN BARKER - age 41 in 1891	1883 - 1892
Monday 18th October 1886 - Fine and costs of £1 9s for having house open at 11:10 pm on 2nd October.	
CHARLES HAWES - age 34 in 1901	1896 - 1916
DANIEL EDGAR SWANN	1922 - 1929
ERNEST RIVETT - & wife Dulcie Edith Rivett	1933 - 1957
It was reported Friday 17th May 1935 that Mr. Rivett had appeared at East Harling Court charged with supplying intoxicating liquor, on 24th April, to two persons at illegal hours (2:35 pm). Fine of £1. The two persons, Thrower and Street were each fined 10s.	
Accused 18th July 1938 of allowing intoxicating liquor to be consumed on the premises at illegal hours (10:50 pm) on 6th June. Case dismissed with a warning to be more careful.	
VICTOR & ROSE PEACOCK - Went to Diss Railway	c1964 - 1968

Starting with the information above the following chronological details have been found:

1841 Census

Nothing yet found

[The Norfolk Public Houses website shows a Mrs. Carleton as the publican in 1841. There are 6 Calton entries for South Lopham in the Census, 4 women, but none shown as anything to do with the pub trade.]

1851 Census

Ellis BURRELL, 55, beer house keeper, born in South Lopham, living with son Ellis (12); address Diss Road, South Lopham. [HO107 Piece 1822 Folio 240 Page 21 Schedule 81]

[The son of Stephen and Mary (nee ELLIS), Ellis was born in South Lopham on 5 December 1896 and baptised there on 9 January 1897. He married Ann SALMON on 2 October 1832 in Hildersham, Cambridgeshire. Ellis died in 1863 (reg: 1863 Q2 Bradford Yorkshire Vol 9B Page 49).]

1861 Census

John HAILES, 40, victualler, born in Wickham, Suffolk, living with wife Sophia (40); address Wood Road, South Lopham. [RG09 Piece 1236 Folio 169 Page 11 Schedule 72]

1871 Census

John HAILES, 53, publican, born in Wortham, Suffolk, living with wife Sophia (52) and Susan KERRY (14, domestic servant); address Crown Inn, South Lopham. [RG10 Piece 1840 Folio 92 Page 19 Schedule 105]

[John, son of Joshua (1769-1839) and Ann (1778-????, nee KEMP), was born in 1818 in Wickham Skeith, Suffolk. In 1839 John married Sophia STEGGLES (1818-12 May 1890), registered 1839 Q1 Hartismere Suffolk Vol 13 Page 661. He died on 19 Mar 1881 in Ipswich, Suffolk, registered 1881 Q1 Ipswich Suffolk Vol 4A Page 454, and was buried in Ipswich. MI, "IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF / JOHN HAILES, / WHO DIED ON THE 19TH MARCH 1881, AGED 62 YEARS." His estate was probated on 27 Jul 1881, "HAILES John. 27 July. The Will of John Hailes late of Ipswich in the County of Suffolk Yeoman who died 19 March 1881 at Ipswich was proved at Ipswich by Samuel Mortimer Orriss of Cobbold-street Ipswich House Agent and Samuel Orriss of Palmerstone-road Ipswich Brewer's Clerk the Nephew the Executors. Personal Estate £335 14s. 6d."]

1881 Census

James BEDWELL, 36, farmer of 33 acres employing 2 men, born in Brandiston, living with wife Laura (28) and children Garnet (6, scholar), Toola (2) and Abbott (7 mos); address Crown Inn, South Lopham. [RG11 Piece 1973 Folio 67 Page 10 Schedule 233]

[James Boon BEDWELL, son of Samuel (1819-1874) and Jemima Anne (1819-1848, nee BOON), was born in Brandiston, Suffolk in 1845. He married Semilia Matilda SCRUTTON (1845-1871) in 1869 in Brandiston, they had 2 children, and after her death he remarried to Laura ABBOT (1853-1892) on 1 Dec 1872 in Ipswich, Suffolk, registered 1872 Q4 Ipswich Suffolk Vol 4A Page 1405, they had 7 children. James died on 10 Dec 1911 and was buried on 16 Dec 1911 in Greenwich, London.]

1891 Census

Mary A BARKER (widow, 41, innkeeper, born in Ireland, living with children George (11, scholar), James (10, scholar) and Frances (9, scholar), and boarder John BETTS (50, agricultural labourer); address Crown Inn, Diss Road, South Lopham. [RG12 Piece 1548 Folio 128 Page 10 Schedule 77]

1901 Census

Charles HAWES, 34, innkeeper, born in South Lopham, living with wife Mary Ann (39), children Charles Godfrey (4), George Edward (3) and Reginald Jno (1), and sister-in-law Kate WALKER (25); address Crown Inn, South Lopham. [RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 25 Page 13 Schedule 85]

1911 Census

Charles HAWES, 44, publican, born in South Lopham, living with wife Mary Ann (49), children Godfrey C (14, farm labourer), George E (13, scholar) and Reginald (11, scholar); address Crown Inn, Pooley St., South Lopham. [RG14 PN11746 RD239 SD2 ED19 SN103]

[Charles HAWES, son of George (1815-1889) and Honour (1833-1907, nee DENNY), was born in South Lopham in 1866 and baptised there on 4 Mar 1866. He married Mary Ann WALKER (from Rattlesden, Suffolk) in Bressingham on 3 Nov 1892, registered 1892 Q4 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 4A Page 647. On 20 Dec 1896, at the baptism of his son Charles Godfrey, Charles is listed as being an innkeeper, and also listed in the Kelly's Directory of 1916 being at the Crown Public House. Charles died in 1920, registered 1920 Q3 Thetford Norwich Vol 4B Page 314.]

1921 Census

Daniel Edward SWANN, 54y 11m, innkeeper, born in Metfield, Suffolk, living with wife Elizabeth Frances (56y 7m, household duties) and children Charles B E (24y 11m, miller employed by H. Burroughes of Bressingham), Elvin C S (22y 10 m, unemployed butcher) and Percy A E G (17y 10m, unemployed grocer's assistant); address Crown Inn, South Lopham. [RG15 Piece 09901 Schedule 85 RD 239 RS 2 ED 19]

[Daniel, son of Daniel (1833-1923) and Harriett (1833-1911, nee HOWSEGO), was born in 1869 in Metfield, Suffolk, registered 1869 Q3 Hoxne Suffolk Vol 4A Page 530, and was baptised there on 5 Sep 1869. He married Elizabeth Frances COPEMAN (1866-1948) in 1895, registered 1895 Q3 Wangford Suffolk Vol 4A Page 1545. Daniel died in 1950, registered 1950 Q4 Norwich Outer Norfolk Vol 4B Page 666.]

1939 National Registration

Ernest RIVETT, b. 12 Jan 1893, licensee and cowman, skilled in all farm work, an A.R.P. Warden, living with wife Dulcie E (b. 25 Feb 1896, unpaid domestic duties), son Leonard W (b. 6 Feb 1921, corn miller and lorry driver), daughter Rose O (b. 22 Oct 1925, scholar, later married as RIVETT), for officially closed records (other children?), and Dorothy M SMITH (b. 12 Sep 1920, domestic servant); address Crown Inn, South Lopham. [RG101/6588J/002/44 Letter Code: TSDJ]

[Ernest Rivett served in the Army in the Great War.]

[Ernest RIVETT, son of Leonard (1859-1910) and Rosa (1865-1959, nee LEWIS), was born in Fersfield on 12 Jan 1894, and baptised in there on 16 Sep 1894. He married Dulcie Edith WELLS (1896-1961) in 1920, registered 1920 Q3 Wayland Norfolk Vol 4B Page 660. Ernest died on 13 Dec 1970, registered 1970 Q4 Depwade Norfolk Vol 4B Page 1310, and was buried in Bressingham. MI, "IN / LOVING MEMORY OF / DULCIE EDITH / THE BELOVED WIFE OF / ERNEST RIVETT / DIED 15TH JULY 1961 / AGED 65 YEARS / UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN / ALSO ERNEST RIVETT / DIED 13TH DECEMBER 1970 / AGED 76 YEARS / RE UNITED". His

estate was probated on 8 Feb 1971, "RIVETT Ernest of The Cottage School Rd Bressingham Diss Norfolk died 13 December 1970 Probate Ipswich 6 February. £1444."]

4 Feb 1955 : Diss Express, page 5

WEDDINGS.

**MR. A. AVES (Hinderclay) and
MISS D. RIVETT (South Lopham)**

The wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, South Lopham, last Saturday of Mr. A. Aves, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Aves, of Holiday Farm, Hinderclay, and Miss Dulcie Rivett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rivett, The Crown Inn, South Lopham.

White Horse (Main Road, South Lopham)



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THOMAS COCK	here 05.1776
JESS SCARF (?)	1789
EDWARD HARRIS	1794
WILLIAM ROGERS	1811 - 1813
S. HARRIS	1830
THOMAS DOWNING	1836 - 1839
JOHN EATON - age 25 in 1841	1841 - 1846
CHARLES BAKER - age 31 in 1851 - (Married Sarah Mace of Heigham, Wednesday 9th January 1850)	1850 - *1851
JOSEPH MACE - & farming 24 acres - age 32 in 1861	1854 - *1864
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM - age 55 in 1871	1865 - 187*
ARTHUR WILLIAM BUCK - age 31 in 1881	1879 - 1888
STEPHEN JOHN HOWARD - age 44 in 1891 - (Stephen George Howard 1890)	1890 - 1894
WILLIAM PITCHERS - age 38 in 1901	05.11.1894 - 1933
WILLIAM DUNCUM	1935 to c1949
HILDA & CHARLES JAMES	09.1951 - 1971+
JOHN & SHELIA DOW	13.06.1983 - 1990+
SHELIA DOW	here 04.1992
SHEILA & NIGEL	by 12.1992
WENDY & GERALD TURNER	06.1994
JODIE COLSON - manager for owner - James Neale.	by 08.2023

Starting with the information above the following chronological details have been found:

1841 Census

John EATON, 25, innkeeper, born in Norfolk, living with wife Hebe (21), daughter Ann (9 mos), Eliza ATKINS (16), Sarah HART (14), Robert TYLER (15) and Matilda FARROW (15); address The Street, South Lopham. [HO107 Piece 775 Book 9 Folio 15 Page 24 Schedule 1315]

{John, son of John (1790-1879) and Elizabeth (1794-1874, nee CALTON), was born in South Lopham in 1813, and baptised there on 11 Jul 1813. On 2 Oct 1838 he married Hebe BUCKENHAM (1821-1897) in Bressingham, both resident there at the time. They went on to have 12 children. No death has yet been found for John that can be proved.}

1851 Census

Charles BAKER, 31, innkeeper, born in Suffolk, living with wife Sarah (28, son Charles (6 mos), visitor Jane POPE (22), and house servant Hagar WALLACE (18); address The Village, South Lopham. [HO107 Piece 1822 Folio 246 Page 36 Schedule 146]

[?????]

31 Dec 1851 : The Bury and Suffolk Post (page 6)

DIED.

On the 23rd inst., aged 33, Mr. Charles Baker, of the White Horse Inn, South Lopham.

1861 Census

Joseph MACE, 32, victualler and farmer of 24 acres employing 1 man and 1 boy, born in Gressenhall, living with wife Ann Elizabeth (31), children Walter (6. Scholar) and Ann Elizabeth (4, scholar), servant Christiana MILLS (22), and boarders David DADE (54, agricultural labourer) and John BALLS (25, linen weaver journeyman); address The Village, South Lopham. [RG09 Piece 1236 Folio 166 Page 6 Schedule 36]

[Joseph, son of Joseph (1796-1852) and Marian (1799-1879), was born in Gressenhall in 1829, and was baptised there on 5 Dec 1829. He married Ann Elizabeth FOX (1830-1866) in the Parish Church in Lakenham on 21 Apr 1850. Joseph died on 10 Oct 1875; estate probated on 9 Mar 1878; "MACE Joseph. 23 March. The Will of Joseph Mace of Old-Palace-road in the Hamlet of Heigham in the City of Norwich Gentleman who died 10 October 1875 at Old-Palace-road was proved at the Principal Registry by Thomas Hanworth Rackham of Norwich Gentleman one of the Executors. Personal Estate under £20."]

1871 Census

William BUCKENHAM, 55, publican, born in North Lopham, living with wife Mary Ann (61), son Edward Alfred (21, lawyers clerk), George MURTON (15, ostler), and Sophia LONG (14, domestic servant); address White Horse, South Lopham. [RG10 Piece 1840 Folio 85 Page 6 Schedule 36]

[William BUCKENHAM, son of John (1789-1844) and Susan Lovack (1789-1851, nee SHAW) was born on 10 Apr 1818 in North Lopham, and was baptised there on 16 Jul 1816. He and Maryann STEEL were married on 24 Oct 1848 in Garboldisham, Norfolk. He died on 5 Jun 1878 and was buried there on 10 Jun. His estate was probated on 20 Aug 1878, "BUCKENHAM William. 20 August. The Will of William Buckenham late of South Lopham in the County of Norfolk Innkeeper who died 5 June 1878 at South Lopham was proved at

Norwich by Edward Alfred Buckenham of Victoria-road Diss in the County Accountant the Son one of the Executors. Personal Estate un £300.”.]

11 Jun1878 : Bury and Suffolk Standard (page 6)

DEATHS.

BUCKENHAM – 5th inst., at South Lopham, aged 83 years, Mr. William Buckenham, of the White Horse inn, highly respected by all who knew him.

1881 Census

Arthur BUCK, 31, innkeeper, born in Barningham, Suffolk, living with wife Elizabeth (32), daughter Edith L (1 mo), brother Henry (26, draper), and domestic servant Susanna GARROD (16); address White Horse Inn, South Lopham. [RG11 Piece 1973 Folio 65 Page 5 Schedule 207]

(Arthur William BUCK, son of Henry (1819-) and Mary (1814-1917), was born in Barningham, Suffolk in 1850. He married Elizabeth QUANTRELL (1849-1920) on 29 Sep 1878 in South :Lopham. By 1891 he had left the pub trade and was a general labourer, still living in South Lopham. He died on 12 May 1909 and was buried in Hopton Methodist Churchyard. MI reads: “IN / LOVING MEMORY / OF / MARY BUCK, / WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE / JULY 18TH 1907, / AGED 91 YEARS. / GOD GIVETH HIS BELOVED SLEEP. / ALSO OF / ARTHUR WILLIAM BUCK / BELOVED HUSBAND OF / ELIZABETH BUCK, / AND SON OF THE ABOVE / WHO DIED MAY 12TH 1909, / AGED 59 YEARS. / ALSO OF ELIZABETH BUCK, / WHO DIED SEPT 2ND 1920, / AGED 72 YEARS.”]

1891 Census

Stephen G HOWARD, 44, publican, born in Brinkley, Cambridgeshire, living with wife Ellen (48) and children Blanche (18), Alice (13, scholar), John T (11, scholar), Lilian (8, scholar), Harry R (6, scholar) and Florence E (4, scholar); address White Horse Inn, The Street, South Lopham. [RG12 Piece 1548 Folio 125 Page 4 Schedule 35]

1893 Electoral Register

No. 438, HOWARD Stephen, South Lopham, Land and tenement, White Horse inn



Howard family, date unknown

[The photograph above is thought to have been taken at a "Vine Cottage" – unknown where this is, but perhaps where Vine House now is in South Lopham..]

[Stephen George HOWARD, son of Thomas (1806-1867) and Elizabeth (1808-1854, nee BALDWIN) was born on 13 Dec 1849 in Brinkley, Cambridgeshire, registered 1849 Q4 Newmarket Cambridgeshire Vol 14 Page 96, and baptised there on 26 May 1850. He married Ellen RICHES in Knettishall, Suffolk on 30 May 1872, registered 1872 Q2 Thetford Norfolk Vol 4B Page 677. They had at least 8 children. By 1901 he had left the pub trade and was a farmer somewhere on Diss Road, South Lopham. Stephen died on 12 Jun 1909 in South Lopham and was buried there.]

28 Jan1896 : Eastern Daily Press (page 6)

EAST HARLING.

PETTY SESSIONS, - Present, Sir E. C. Nugent, Bart. (Chairman), H. T. Partridge, esq., Major Keppel, and A. N. C. Hemsworth, Esq. – Two hours' extension was granted to Mr. C. Childerhouse of the Griffin Hotel, Attleborough, for the railway employees' supper at Attleborough. An hour's extension was granted to Mr. William Pitchers of the White Horse Inn, South Lopham, on the 29th, for a band supper.

1901 Census

William PITCHERS, 38, licensed victualler, born in New Buckenham, living with wife Ellen (39), children Maud (11, scholar), May (9, scholar) and Reginald (6, scholar), and sister-in-law Laura BATEMAN (21, mother's help); address The Street, South Lopham. [RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 25 Page 14 Schedule 95]

1911 Census

William PITCHERS, 48, innkeeper, born in New Buckenham, living with wife Ellen (49, assisting in business), daughter Ellen Maud (21, assisting in business), and son Reginald George (16, blacksmith's apprentice); address White Horse Inn, The Street, South Lopham. [RG14 PN11746 RD239 SD2 ED19 SN43]

1921 Census

William PITCHERS, 58, innkeeper, living with wife Ellen (59, home duties), son William (34, draper's buyer) and his wife Lucy (29, home duties), daughter Ellen BARKER (29, home duties) and her husband John BARKER (32, lorry driver), granddaughter Ellen BARKER (3), and niece Mabel HUGGINS (19, companion help); address White House Inn, South Green, South Lopham. [RG15 Piece 09901 Schedule 28 RD 239 RS 2 ED 19]

[William was born in New Buckenham (also given as Banham in some records), registered 1862 Q3 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 4B Page 244, and was baptised there on 8 Mar 1863. He was living in Banham in 1871 and 1881 according to the Census returns. He married Ellen BATEMAN in 1886, registered 1886 Q1 Islington Vol 1B Page 311. The 1891 Census shows him living in St. Pancras London, a hall porter, living with his family and some BATEMAN in-laws. He died on 13 Feb 1937 in South Lopham aged 74, registered 1937 Q1 Thetford Norfolk Vol 4B Page 458. He was buried in South Lopham with a memorial giving ""In loving memory of / my dear husband / WILLIAM PITCHERS / who died 13th Feb 1937 / aged 76 years. In God's keeping."]

1925 Electoral Register

South Lopham, No. 187, resident and occupation voter, PITCHERS, William (Jury), White Horse Inn

1931 Electoral Register

South Lopham, No. 32, resident and occupation voter, BRANCH Charles Alfred, White Horse inn

1939 Nation Registration

William DUNCUM (b. 28 Aug 1887, innkeeper), living with wife Ada E (b. 3 Mar 1895, unpaid domestic duties), children David L (b. 26 Jul 1926, scholar) and Pamela L (b. 24 May 1939, under school age), Freda M Taylor (b. 18 Sep 1916, unpaid domestic duties), Reginald WEEKS (b. 2 Jun 1891, Elementary School Teacher), Charles WILLIAMS (b. 2 Oct 1891, Elementary School Teacher) and Frederick J VERRIER (b. 18 Sep 1888, Elementary School Headmaster); address White Horse Inn, South Lopham. [RG101/6588J/007/40 Letter Code: TSDJ]

[William was born on 4 Aug 1887, He married Ada E ELSEY in 1924, registered 1824 Q1 Bromley Kent Vol 2A Page 904. Although unproved, it is thought that he died in 1966, age 77?, registered 1966 Q1 Acle Norfolk Vol 4B Page 590.]

MISCELLANEOUS

Some information that cannot be rationalised

13 Sep 1851 : Norwich Mercury (page 4)

On Friday se'nnight, about ten o'clock at night, a fire was discovered on the premises occupied by Mr. Wm. Gooch, at North Lopham, known as the Yew Tree beer-house, by which a neat-house and piggery were destroyed.

No other record has been found, so far, of a Yew Tree beer house. Is this a slightly erroneous article which should have related to a Thomas Gooch and the Cherry Tree Inn?

