
Robert William ANDERSON (1880-)

Robert's connection to North Lopham is somewhat tenuous - it is believed that the family lived in North Lopham at some point, probably at the time Robert's sister Lucy Maria was born on 9 February 1882.

Robert William ANDERSON, son of Robert ANDERSON (c. 1861-) and Frances SAGE (c. 1857-), was born on 27 August 1880 in Kenninghall, Norfolk.^{1 2}

Robert appeared in the 1881 Census at 34 North Road in Deptford, London - 7m, living with parents Robert (19, railway carriage cleaner) and Frances (24).³

Robert was baptised on 24 July 1881 in Quidenham, Norfolk , the ceremony was conducted by Rev. Edward S KEPPEL, Rector - parents Robert (labourer) and Frances.²

In the 1891 Census (5 Apr 1891) he appeared at The Ling in Wortham, Suffolk - 10, scholar, living with parents Robert (29, miller's carter) and Frances (34), and siblings Lucy M (9, scholar), Frances A (7, scholar), Bernice (5, scholar), Herbert J (3) and Albert C (1).⁴

Robert joined the army on 26 February 1897, pronounced fit the following day, joined the Norfolk Regiment, gunner 2427. He was re-attested in Ipswich into the Royal Artillery on 14 May 1897, ser. no. 20075, joining the following day, serving on home soil (2 years 213 days). From 13 December 1899 to 18 July 1901 he was with his company in South Africa (1 year 218 days). For 13 years 34 days (18 July 1901 to 21 August 1914) he served on home soil. He was promoted to Corporal on 9 November 1903, extending his service to 12 years on 17 March 1904. On 26 October 1908 he was promoted to Sergeant, and re-engaged at Bordon on 24 April 1909 extending his service to 21 years. He joined the British Expeditionary Force in France on 22 August 1914 serving there for 2 years 107 days returning

to the U.K. on 6 December 1916 aboard the H.S. St. George (was he wounded?). He then served at home until returning to France on 6 November 1917 until 7 April 1918. On 7 November 1917 he was promoted to temporary Sergeant-Major to fill a vacancy, a week later to Troop Sergeant-Major. Returning to the U.K. till his discharge on 7 August 1919 having reached the termination of his engagement.

Robert married **Charlotte SMITH** on 25 December 1902 in Ipswich, Suffolk - reg: Ipswich Suffolk..⁵

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living in Headley, Hampshire - 30, soldier, sergeaqnt in Royal Field Artillery, living with wife Charlotte (32).⁶

At the time of the 1921 Census, Robert was living at 172 Bramford Road in Ipswich - 40y 10m, clun steward, living with wife Charlotte (42y 6m, stewardess) and visitors Francis Ann SMITH (38y 1m) and Fortine GOOCH (46y 6m).⁷

Robert was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 63 Berners Street, Ipswich, Ipswich C.B., Suffolk in Ipswich - b. 27.08.1880, corporation employee, living with wife Charlotte (b. 26.12.1878, unpaid domestic duties) and Kate SANSOME (widow, b. 13.04.1872, unpaid domestic duties).⁸

No dates of death or burial have been found for Robert.

Spouse:

Charlotte SMITH was born on 26 December 1878 in Kelsale, Suffolk.

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