

Sidney Wallace BAILEY (1890-c. 1968)

Sidney Wallace Bailey's connection to North Lopham is by residence.

Sidney Wallace BAILEY, son of Charles BAILEY (c. 1854-) and Frances DOWNING (c. 1865-), was born on 18 May 1890 in Market Weston, Suffolk.¹

The 1891 Census (held on 5 Apr 1891) shows Sidney at The Street in Market Weston - 10m, living with parents Charles (37, general dealer) and Frances (26), siblings Ethel (12, living at home) William (12, scholar), Arthur (7, scholar), Frederick (5, scholar) and Emily (3), and stepbrother Charles DOWNING (3).²

Sidney was educated at Stanton National School starting on 11 November 1895 address given as Dale Road. He left in 1898. At the time of the 1901 Census, Sidney was living in Market Weston - 10, living with parents Charles (40, fowl dealer) and Frances (36), and siblings Frederick (16), Charles (13), Beatrice (9), Reginald (7) and Edith (5).³

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at The Street in North Lopham, Norfolk - 20, bricklayer's labourer, lodging in the household of William BAILEY (30, land drainage labourer) and his wife Ethel (33) and daughter Augusta (2).⁴

Sidney married **Florence Gertrude BOWELL** circa 1911.⁵

No service record has been found for Sidney. A medal index card shows two services: Norfolk Regiment, Private 3482 and Army Service Corps, Private T/388282. He is listed as a North Lopham absent voter in 1918, "388282 Pte., No. 2 M.T. Emb. Co. A.S.C." and is shown in a pension ledger dated 27 December 1919.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared in North Lopham - 31, groom, living with wife Florence (30) and children Winifred (11,

stepdaughter?), Leonard (7) and Reginald (4).⁶

On 30 October 1936 there was a newspaper report in the Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express:

Application for Wage Arrears

Sidney Wallace Bailey applied for payment of wages amounting to £10 1s 9d due to him for work done from Michael Birkbeck, South Lopham. Birkbeck did not appear to dispute the application.

Bailey stated that he first went to work for Birkbeck in 1934 and the money was due for a period between May and September, 1935. His weekly wage had been fixed at £1 11s 6d.

The Bench gave judgement in favour of the application and awarded him 14/6 costs.

Sidney was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Great Common in North Lopham - b. 18 May 1889 [18 May 1890?], general labourer, living with wife Florence Gertrude (b. 18 April 1891, unpaid domestic duties), children Leonard W (b. 02 December 1913, horseman on farm), Ernest W (b. 26 October 1922, farm worker), Vera M (b. 30 October 1923, scholar) and Evelyn J (b. 27 October 1925, scholar), and 2 closed records, presumably children Kathleen and Edward.⁷

He died circa 1968 in Garboldisham, Norfolk - aged 78 years.⁸

On 3 January 1969 there was a newspaper report in the Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express:

MR. S. W. BAILEY

(Garboldisham)

THE funeral took place at St. Andrew's Church, Blo' Norton, of Mr. Sidney Wallace Bailey, who had died very suddenly at his home. The Rev. V. Sharpe, Rector of Garboldisham with Blo' Norton officiated.

Family mourners were: Mr. Leonard Bailey, Mr. Reginald Bailey, Mr. Ernest Bailey and Mr. Roy Bailey, sons; Mr. and Mrs. C. Boggis and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davey, sons-in-law and daughters; Mr. A.

Fincham, son-in-law; Mrs. B. Reeve, sister; Mr. O. Bowell, brother-in-law; and Mr. R. Bailey and Mr. J. Reeve, nephews.

Unable to attend were the widow, Mrs. A. Fincham (daughter), Mrs. B. Fitzgerald (daughter, who is in the U.S.A.) and Mrs E. Bailey and Mrs R Bailey (daughters-in-law).

Funeral arrangements were by Mr. E. C. Thurlow, of Hopton.

There was another article on the same day:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

THE FAMILY of the late Mr. Sidney Wallace Bailey express thanks to relatives and friends for their help, sympathy and floral tributes sent in their sad bereavement.

Spouse and known children:

Florence Gertrude BOWELL, daughter of Frederick William BOWELL (c. 1868-c. 1948) and Alice Gertrude HOLDEN (c. 1871-c. 1907), was born on 18 April 1891. She died circa 1974. She and Sidney Wallace BAILEY had the following children:

Leonard Wallace BAILEY (1913-c. 1994)
Reginald BAILEY (c. 1917-)
Ernest W BAILEY (1922-c. 1990)
Vera May BAILEY (1923-c. 2016)
Evelyn Joan BAILEY (1925-c. 1987)
Kethleen Elsie BAILEY (c. 1928-c. 2000)
Edward Roy BAILEY (c. 1932-c. 2021)

Sources

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