
William Robert BAKER (1896-1990)

William Robert Baker's connection to South Lopham is by birth, residence and death.

Brother of John Edward Baker and Thomas James Baker.

William Robert BAKER, son of Benjamin BAKER (c. 1870-c. 1927) and Ellenor LUDBROOK (c. 1872-c. 1962), was born on 18 October 1896 in North Lopham, Norfolk.^{1 2} He was baptised on 26 September 1897 in North Lopham - parents Benjamin (labourer) and Elenor.²

The 1901 Census (held on 31 Mar 1901) shows William in North Lopham - 4, scholar, living with parents Benjamin (31, farm labourer) and Ellenor (29), and brothers John Edward (8, scholar), Thomas James (7, scholar), Arthur Ernest (2) and Benjamin (2m).³

At the time of the 1911 Census, William was living at The Street in North Lopham - 14, living with parents Benjamin (41, farm labourer) and Ellenor (38) and brothers Thomas (17, farm labourer), Benjamin (10), George (8), Horace (6), Roger (4) and Jesse (2).⁴

No service record has been found for William. He is listed on the North Lopham absent voters, "G/10480 Pte., 2nd Bn. Buffs", and has a medal record card with the same information and also another Regt. No., L/11705.

William married **Minnie May GOOCH** on 17 January 1920 in North Lopham.⁵

He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at The Green in North Lopham - b. 18 October 1896, roadman for Norfolk County Council, living with wife Minnie M (b. 10 March 1897, unpaid domestic duties), daughter Nancy E (b. 29 March 1925, daily domestic), and 5 closed records.⁶

He died on 13 November 1990 in North Lopham.⁷

He had his estate probated on 8 January 1991 in Brighton - "BAKER, William Robert of 2 The Green North Lopham Diss Norfolk died 13 November 1889 Probate Brighton 8 January. Not exceeding £115000. 9151300500E."⁷

Spouse and known children:

Minnie May GOOCH, daughter of Thomas GOOCH (c. 1861-c. 1914) and Rose UNKNOWN (c. 1864-), was born on 10 March 1897 in Roydon, Norfolk. She died circa 1985. She and William Robert BAKER had the following children:

Gertrude Phyllis Eva BAKER (1922-c. 2018)

Nancy Eileen BAKER (1925-c. 2017)

Gloria Rose BAKER (1926-)

Terence Hubert William BAKER (c. 1928-c. 2019)

Valerie Margaret BAKER (c. 1930-c. 2018)

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