
Victor BLOOMFIELD (1885-1956)

Victor Bloomfield's connection to South Lopham is by residency and death.

Note: There is some confusion as to the exact name by which Victor was known. There are references to Victor, Victor Frederick and Victor Charles, and records for all of these have considerable similarities such as date of birth, parents, occupations and residences. It is assumed for this record that all this information refers to a single person. If you have further information that could clarify this then please make contact.

Victor BLOOMFIELD, son of Arthur BLOOMFIELD (c. 1852-c. 1923) and Annie GRANT (1853-1940), was born on 24 July 1885 in Redgrave, Suffolk.¹
² He was baptised on 11 October 1885 in Redgrave - parents Arthur (gardener) and Ann.³

The 1891 Census (held on 5 Apr 1891) shows Victor at Rectory Farm, Redgrave Road in South Lopham, Norfolk - 6, scholar, living with parents Arthur (39, farm steward) and Annie (38), and sisters Florence (13, scholar), Margaret (9, scholar) and Mabel (3).⁴

At the time of the 1901 Census, Victor was living at Popes Hole in South Lopham - 16, agricultural labourer, living with parents Arthur (44, agricultural labourer) and Annie (43), and siblings Margaret (18), Frederick (6, scholar) and Edith (4).⁵

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at Popes Hole in South Lopham - 24, farm labourer, living with parents Arthur (54, farm labourer) and Annie (55), sister Edith (13, scholar), and nephew Eddy (3).⁶

The first reference found to Victor's military service is an entry in the South Lopham Absent Voters List for 1918. He is given as "51501 Pte., 2/10th Middlesex", living at Witney Green. A newspaper report on his

1956 Memorial Service states, "He served with the Royal Norfolks in Egypt and Palestine during the 1914-18 war."

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared at Popes Hole in South Lopham - 36, farm labourer employed by W T Brasnett a farmer in Fersfield, living with parents Arthur (66y 10m, farm labourer) and Annie (65y 3m, home duties), brother Fred (26y 2m, farm labourer), and nephew Edward (13y 10m, full time scholar).⁷

Victor was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Popes Hole in South Lopham - b. 24.07.1885, farm labourer, living with Annie E (b. 30.03.1860, housekeeper, mother?) and Edward (b. 05.08.1909, farm labourer).²

He died on 3 March 1956 in South Lopham - aged 71 years.⁸ He was buried on 7 March 1956 in Fersfield, Norfolk⁹

On 16 March 1956 there was a newspaper report in the Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express:

**MR. V. C. BLOOMFIELD
(SOUTH LOPHAM)**

The funeral service was held in the Parish Church on Wednesday for Mr. Victor Charles Bloomfield, of Popes Hole, South Lopham.

Aged 71 years, Mr. Bloomfield was born at Redgrave and came to live at South Lopham as a boy, and spent most of his working life at Fersfield Hall Farm. He served with the Royal Norfolks in Egypt and Palestine during the 1914-18 war.

The Rector, the Rev. K. Rasmussen, conducted the service, with Miss K. Pearce at the organ for the hymns "Jesu Lover of my Soul" and "Abide with me."

Family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. G. Flatman, Mr. H. Leeper, Mr. B. Leeper, Mr. and Mrs. Jay (Brome), and Mr. and Mrs. E. Bloomfield. Mrs. H. Leeper (sister) was unable to be present.

Others at the Church were Mr. S. Leggett (Redgrave), Mrs. P. Leeper, Mr. J. D. Alston, Mr. F. Rivett, Mr. J. Pulfer, Flt-Lt. C. Hardy-James and Mrs. Hardy-James, Mr. W. Gooch and Mrs. A. M. Hoskins

(representing Bressingham Silver Thread Club), Mrs. R. Hoskins (Magpie), Mrs. Garnham, Mrs. Pitches, Mrs. Bond, Mr. S. Scott, Mr. A. Inkpen, Mr. and Mrs. I. Bartram and Mrs. Carrison.

Among the floral tributes were those from his workmates at Hall Farm, members and friends "Magpie" darts team, South Lopham "Crown" Thrift Club, and the Bressingham Silver Thread Club.

On 8 March 1957 there was a newspaper report in the Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express:

IN MEMORIAM.

BLOOMFIELD - In loving memory of my dear Brother, Victor, who passed suddenly 10th March 1955.

***Gone, never forgotten.
From his Sister Margaret.***

Sources

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