

Friday BOWELL (1867-c. 1948)

Friday Bowell's connection to North Lopham is by birth, residence and death.

He was father of Friday and Frederick, both servicemen.

Friday BOWELL, son of Levi BOWELL (c. 1827-c. 1898) and Hannah VANHAM (c. 1829-c. 1884), was born on 11 September 1867 in North Lopham, Norfolk.¹ He was baptised on 24 May 1868 in North Lopham - parents Levi (labourer) and Hannah.²

The 1871 Census (held on 2 Apr 1871) shows Friday at The Village in South Lopham, Norfolk - 4, scholar, living with parents Levi (44, agricultural labourer) and Hannah (45), and siblings Oliver (14, agricultural labourer) and Betsy [Elizabeth] (11, scholar).³

At the time of the 1881 Census, Friday was living at The Street in North Lopham - 13, agricultural labourer, living with parents Levi (54, agricultural labourer) and Hannah (54), and siblings Oliver (24, agricultural labourer) and Bessie [Elizabeth] (20, dressmaker).⁴

Friday was attested into the Army on 29 January 1885 and on 3 February joined the Royal Artillery, service no. 46935. He served at home until 19 October 1886 when he went to India, serving there for 5 years and 85 days, returning to home soil on 12 January 1892. On 16 January 1892 he extended his service to 12 years. He became a gunner in the Field Artillery on 1 February 1893 upon reorganisation. There is a note that on 18 September 1893 he was awaiting trial and at a Court Marshall in London on 26 September he was imprisoned. No clear indication has been found as to what the offence or punishment was but it may have been drunkenness and imprisonment for 14 days. Friday further extended his service on 21 January 1892 to 21 years but on 31 May 1897 he was discharged when he had completed his 12 years, and 123 days, service.

Friday married **Minnie SHAW** on 12 December 1897 in North Lopham - groom single 30, labourer; bride single 26.. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Arthur PETERS, curate.^{5 6}

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living at The Village in North Lopham - 33, ordinary agricultural labourer, living with wife Minnie (29) and children Friday (2), Frederick (1) and Alice Selina (1m).⁷

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) he appeared at The Green in North Lopham - 43, farm labourer, living with wife Minnie (39) and children Friday (12, scholar), Frederick (11, scholar), Alice Selina (10) and Edward (7).⁸

The 1921 Census (held on 19 Jun 1921) shows Friday at Chequers Farm in South Lopham - 53y 9m, stone raiser at stone pit employed by G AUSTIN farmer, living with wife Minnie (49y 7m), and sons Friday (22y 10m, unemployed, 1st class army reserve, Royal Field Artillery), Frederick (21y 7m, Royal Navy Blue Jacket H.M.S Vampire) and Edward (17y 4m, farm labourer).⁹

Friday was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Near Cherry Tree, The Green in North Lopham - b. 11.09.1867, old age pensioner, retired farm labourer, living with wife Minnie (b. 04.11.1871, unpaid domestic duties) and son Friday (b. 26.08.1898, farm labourer).¹⁰

He died circa 1948 in North Lopham - aged 80 years.¹¹ He was buried on 22 January 1948 in North Lopham, the ceremony was conducted by Rev. J T POOLE¹²

Spouse and known children:

Minnie SHAW, daughter of Thomas SHAW (-), was born on 4 November 1871. She died circa 1946. She and Friday BOWELL had the following children:

Friday BOWELL (1898-c. 1972)

Frederick BOWELL (1899-c. 1974)

Alice Selina BOWELL (c. 1901-c. 1939)

Edward BOWELL (c. 1904-c. 1936)

The Lopham Project (Family Historian Report)

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