
Bertie Vincent CLARKE (1891-1964)

Bertie Vincent Clarke's connection to North and South Lopham is by family residence.

Bertie's bothers, Wallace Jesse, Friday Leonard and Frank Stanley, all served in the Great War and thankfully survived.

Bertie Vincent CLARKE, son of Frederick George CLARKE (1864-1912) and Barbara Constance MUSK (1866-1940), was born on 5 December 1891 in Garboldisham, Norfolk - mother's maiden name is MUSK..¹ He was baptised on 9 January 1892 in Garboldisham - parents Frederick George and Barbara Constance..²

On 19 March 1895 he started education at Blo Norton School

The 1901 Census (held on 31 Mar 1901) shows Bertie at Park Farm in Shottesham St. Mary, Norfolk - 9, living with parents Frederick G (37, teamster on farm) and Barbara C (35), and siblings Allan S (13, labourer on farm), Friday L (11), Frank S (7), Ivy S (5) and Frederick G (6m)..³

At the time of the 1911 Census, Bertie was living in Escrick, Yorkshire - 21, domestic gardener, boarding in the household of Albert MIDDLETON (25, domestic gardener)..⁴

In the Thetford and Watton Times newspaper report Bertie is given as being in the Northumberland Fusiliers. The only other records of his service is a pension ledger that gives his as Lance-Corporal 19590, Northumberland Fusiliers. It also noted that at some point he had received a gun shot wound to the chest and finally left service on 27 March 1918.

Bertie married **Louie BEACH** circa 1919..⁵

On 19 Jun 1921, (the 1921 Census), he was living at Wingfield Park Hall in

South Wingfield, Derbyshire - 29y 6m, gardener employed by F N SMITH, living with wife Louisw (25y 4m, home duties).⁶

Bertie was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 1 Allan Down Cottages in Rotherfird, Sussex - b. 05.12.1891, gardener on private estate, living with wife Louie (b. 15.02.1897, housewife), and several others.⁷

He died on 19 December 1964 in Hythe, Hampshire - he actually died in hospital, Queen Alexandra Hospital, Southwick Road, Cosham, Hampshire.⁸

He had his estate probated on 4 February 1965 in Winchester, Dorset - "BLARKE Bertie Vincent of 150 Langdown Road Hythe Hampshire died 19 December 1964 at Queen Alexandra Hospital Southwick Road Cosham Hampshire Administration Winchester 4 February [1965] to Reginald Arnold Clarke schoolmaster. £134."⁹

Spouse:

Louie BEACH was born circa 1897 in Horsmonden, Kent.

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