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## **Friday Leonard CLARKE (1890-c. 1962)**

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**Friday Leonard Clarke's connection to North Lopham is by residence.**

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

**Friday Leonard CLARKE**, son of Frederick George CLARKE (1864-1912) and Barbara Constance MUSK (1866-1940), was born on 4 April 1890 in Garboldisham, Norfolk - parents Frederick George and Barbara Constance..<sup>1</sup> He was baptised on 27 July 1890 in Garboldisham<sup>1</sup>

The 1891 Census (held on 5 Apr 1891) shows Friday at The Common in Garboldisham - 1, living with parents Frederick (27, agricultural labourer) and Barbara Constance (25), and brothers Wallace Jesse (4) and Spencer Allan (3).<sup>2</sup>

On 12 March 1894 Friday started education at Blo Norton School.

At the time of the 1901 Census, Friday was living at Park Farm in Shottesham St. Mary, Norfolk - 11, living with parents Frederick G (37, teamster on farm) and Barbara C (35), and siblings Allan S (13, labourer on farm), Bertie V (11), Frank S (7), Ivy S (5) and Frederick G (6m).<sup>3</sup>

Friday was attested into the army and pronounced fit on 30 April 1906. He was appointed to the Norfolk Regiment, and posted to the 4th Battalion on 3 May 1906, Private 5766. No further details of Friday's service were found until the War Office Service Medal And Award Rolls Index shows him as Corporal 7263, of the 1st Norfolk Regiment. (The 1911 Census gives one point of reference to where he served.)

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living in Belgaum, India - 22, single, Private in the 2nd Batt. Norfolk Regiment.<sup>4</sup>

Friday married **Florence Ellen HOLDEN** circa 1915.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared in North Lopham, Norfolk - 31, traction engine driver for Messrs Aldrich Bros Ltd, Brush and Mat Manufacturers, living with Father-in-law James HOLDEN (75, retired frarmer), wife Florence Ellen (31, household duties) and son Leonard George (1).<sup>5</sup>

Friday was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Shelfanger Road - b. 04.01.1890, boiler attendant at factory, living with wife Florence E (b. 27.10.1889, unpaid domestic duties) and Spencer J (b. 07.03.1926, scholar).<sup>6</sup>

He died circa 1962 - aged 72 years.

### **Spouse and known children:**

Florence Ellen HOLDEN, daughter of James HOLDEN ( - ), was born on 27 October 1880 in North Lopham. She died on 7 September 1981 in Diss, Norfolk. She and Friday Leonard CLARKE had the following children:

Roy E CLARKE (c. 1914- )

Kathleen Mary CLARKE (1915-1998)

Leonard George CLARKE (1919-c. 2002)

Spencer J CLARKE (1926- )

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