
Wallace Jesse CLARKE (1887-1964)

Wallace Jesse Clarke's connection to North and South Lopham is by family residence and birth.

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

Wallace Jesse CLARKE, son of Frederick George CLARKE (1864-1912) and Barbara Constance MUSK (1866-1940), was born on 6 February 1887 in South Lopham, Norfolk.¹ He was baptised on 17 April 1887 in South Lopham - parents Frederick George and Barbara Constance.²

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

At the time of the 1901 Census, Wallace was living at 111 Dawlish Road in West Ham, London - 14, G.E.R. messenger, living with uncle and aunt Jabez G R MUSK (36, railway guard) and Edith MUSK (36), cousins John A G S MUSK (9), Douglas L G R MUSK (7) and Beryl E E MUSK (4), and boarder Thomas W DANES (31, butcher).⁴

Wallace married **Hene Eugenia BALDRY** circa 1910.⁵

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at 58 Stafford Street in Norwich, Norfolk - 24, shoeing and general smith, living with wife Pebe Eugenia (21).⁶

Very little is known of Wallace's military service. The Norwich Mercury newspaper article refers to his service as with the Guard's Division. There is a medal index card that notes a Wallace Jesse as being in the Royal Army Service Corps. This may well be the same person. [***The term RASC Guards Division refers to the specialized units of the Royal Army Service***

Corps that provided essential supply, transport, and logistical support to the British Army's (and the later Guards Armoured Division) during the major 20th-century conflicts.] With this in mind it is likely that Wallace was Private M2/115647, Royal Army Service Corps.

Wallace appeared in the 1921 Census at 17 Vicarage Road in Thetford, Norfolk - 34t 4m, smith and fitter employed by Holden and Son builders, living with wife Hebe Eugenia (32y 2m, home duties) and son Lancelot Allan (9y 10m, full time scholar).⁷

Wallace was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 113 Bury Road in Thetford - b. 06.025.1887, gas works foreman gas fitter smith and plumber, living with wife Hebe E (b. 14.04.1889, unpaid domestic duties).⁸

He died at St. James Hospital in King's Lynn, Norfolk on 19 January 1964 - aged 76 years.^{9 10}

He had his estate probated on 9 March 1964 in Norwich, Norfolk - "CLARKE Wallace Jesse of 88 Hiugh Street Heacham Norfolk died 19 January 1964 at St. James Hospital Kings Lynn Norfolk Probate Norwich 9 March to Lancelot Allan Robert Clarke chemist. £1048."⁹

Spouse and known children:

Hene Eugenia BALDRY was born on 14 May 1889 in Attleborough, Norfolk. She died on 29 September 1981 in Heacham, Norfolk. She and Wallace Jesse CLARKE had the following children:

Lancelot Allan Robert CLARKE• (1911-1987)

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