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## Ellis COE (c. 1870-1925)

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**Ellis Coe's connection to North and South Lopham is by birth and residency.**

**Ellis COE**, son of Josiah COE (c. 1842-c. 1906) and Susan MUSK (c. 1842-c. 1919), was born circa 1870 in South Lopham, Norfolk.<sup>1</sup>

At the time of the 1871 Census, Ellis was living at The Village in South Lopham - 6m, living with parents Josiah (29, shoemaker) and Susan (29).<sup>2</sup>

Ellis was baptised on 21 May 1871 in South Lopham.<sup>3</sup>

On 3 Apr 1881, (the 1881 Census), he was living at The Village in South Lopham - 10, scholar, living with parents Josiah (39, shoemaker master) and Susan (39).<sup>4</sup>

Ellis was attested on 11 March 1891, passed the medical in Norwich the following day, and was appointed to the Coldstream Guards, Private 8408. The attestation papers stated that he had previously been in the 3rd Norfolk Militia. Ellis was discharged on 6 April 1891, no reason for this has been found.

In the 1901 Census (31 Mar 1901) he appeared at The Village in North Lopham, Norfolk - 30, shoemaker, living with parents Josiah (59, shoemaker) and Susan (59)<sup>5</sup>

Ellis married **Minnie Sarah HENSHAW** circa 1904.<sup>6</sup>

Ellis appeared in the 1911 Census at The Street in North Lopham - 40, bootmaker, living with wife Minnie (41) Ellis appeared in the 1911 Census at The Street in North Lopham - 40, bootmaker, living with wife Minnie (41)<sup>7</sup>

Ellis and Minnie Sarah HENSHAW were divorced on 4 May 1914 in The High Court of Justice - petition filed by Minnie COE: 17.06.1913; cause set down: 07.07.1913; decree nisi: 16.10.1913; final decree: 04.05.1914; reason: 'adultery coupled with cruelty towards the petitioner'.

He embodied in the Norfolk Regiment on 18 November 1914. He was transferred on 28 April 1916 to 2/3rd Norfolk National Reserve to the Royal Defence Corps, Private 23946. On 3 February 1917 he he was posted to 18th Battalion Royal Defence Corps. He was transferred on 15 August 1918 to from the Royal Defence Corps to the 23rd Battn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Private 31722. He was transferred on 15 November 1918

to from the Royal Welsh Fusiliers to the 318 Coy. Royal Defence Corps, Private 93594.

He married **Caroline Elizabeth NICHOLLS** circa 1918.<sup>8</sup>

During his service Ellis was in trouble several times, mainly for insubordination or absent without leave. On 1 March 1919 Ellis was issued a Certificate of Identity, last known dated military event in his service.

On 19 Jun 1921, (the 1921 Census), he was living at 4 Bridge Street in King's Lynn, Norfolk - 50y 8m, bootmaker, living with wife Caroline (48y 4m, home duties), stepchildren Kathleen MYERS (14y 4m), George MYERS (13y 6m, full time scholar), Edward MYERS (10y 3m, full time scholar) and Winifred (7y 7m, full time scholar), and visitor Walter RICHES (13y 3m)<sup>9</sup>

Ellis died on 2 June 1925 in King's Lynn - aged 54 years.<sup>10</sup> He had his estate probated on 8 July 1925 in Norwich, Norfolk - "COE Ellis of 4 Bridge-street Kings Lynn Norfolk died 2 June 1925 Administration Norwich 8 July [1925] Caroline Elizabeth Coe widow. Effects £88 8s 8d".

Minnie Sarah HENSHAW was born circa 1870 in Hornsey, Middlesex. She died circa 1940 in Bakewell, Derbyshire.

Caroline Elizabeth NICHOLLS was born on 13 February 1872 in Hilden Heath, Middlesex. She died circa 1954 in King's Lynn. She married Charles MYERS.

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