
Herbert Augustus CROOK (1886-1970)

Herbert Augustus Crook's connection to North Lopham is by birth, residency, death and burial.

Herbert's brother Fergus Floyd also fought in The Great War and survived.

Herbert Augustus CROOK,¹ son of Charles Edward CROOK (c. 1862-c. 1929) and Laura LUDBROOK (c. 1861-c. 1943), was born on 28 January 1886 in North Lopham, Norfolk.^{2 3}

In the 1891 Census (5 Apr 1891) he appeared at The Green in North Lopham - 5, scholar, living with parents Charles E (28, blacksmith master) and Laura (29), and siblings Gordon E (11, scholar), Ellen L (7, scholar), Albert A (6, scholar) and Fergus F (3).⁴

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living at The Village in North Lopham - 15, blacksmith assistant (iron), living with parents Charles (39, blacksmith iron) and Laura (41), and siblings Gordon (21, blacksmith assistant), Ellen Louisa (17) and Fergus (13).⁵

Herbert married **Edna Maria GODDARD** circa 1908 - married after banns; groom 22, single, blacksmith; bride 20, single; both from North Lopham.. The marriage was witnessed by Walter Thomas HOLDEN and Martha Sarah GODDARD. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. C J EASTWOOD.⁶

At the time of the 1911 Census, Herbert was living at The Bull Inn in North Lopham - 25, blacksmith, living with grandmother-in-law Martha Ann SMITH (70, licensed victualler), wife Edna Maria (23, dressmaker), daughter Doris (3), Stephen GODDARD (16, and lodger Arthur KERRY (49, farm labourer).⁷

Very little has been found about Herbert's time in the military. He was listed as an absent voter, abode Church Farm, South Lopham: M2/229824

Pte. 983rd M.T. Co. 20th Co. A.S.C. He was also listed on the R.A.S.C. medal entitlement roll.

The 1921 Census (held on 19 Jun 1921) shows Herbert in North Lopham - 35y 5m, motor mechanic, living with children Doris (13y 3m, fulltime scholar), Bertram (5y 7m, fulltime scholar) and Albert (3y 5m), and sister-in-law Eva HOLDEN (19y 1m, Post Office letter carrier).⁸

Herbert was recorded on the 1939 Register living at The Bull Inn Public House and Cycle Dealer premises in North Lopham - b. 28.01.1886, cycle dealer and licensee, living with wife Edna M (b. 10.02.1888, unpaid domestic duties) and children Alan B (b. 25.11.1915, farm labourer), Albert A (b. 15.01.1918, unemployed motor driver) and Kenneth M (b. 10.03.1924, scholar).¹

He died on 15 February 1970 in North Lopham - born 28.01.1886.³ He was buried on 18 February 1970 in North Lopham⁹

Spouse and known children:

Edna Maria GODDARD was born circa 1888. She died circa 1983. She and Herbert Augustus CROOK had the following children:

- Doris CROOK (c. 1908-c. 1987)
- Alan Bertram CROOK (c. 1915-c. 1974)
- Albert A CROOK (c. 1918-2012)
- Edward G CROOK (c. 1919-)
- Kenneth M CROOK (c. 1924-)

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