

## Algernon DRIVER (c. 1879-1932)

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**Algernon Driver's connection to South Lopham is by residency and possibly death.**

**Forename sometimes shown as Alga or Algar.**

**Algernon DRIVER**, son of Henry DRIVER (c. 1843- ) and Caroline MARKWELL (c. 1849- ), was born circa 1879 in Lincolnshire, Norfolk.<sup>1</sup> He was baptised on 13 August 1879 in Revesby, Lincolnshire - parents Henry and Caroline.

The 1881 Census (held on 3 Apr 1881) shows Algernon at Reservoir Cottages in Revesby - 2, living with parents Henry (40, gamekeepers labourer) and Caroline (32), and siblings Jane (12), Sophia (10, scholar), William (8, scholar) and Anna E (5, scholar).<sup>2</sup>

In the 1891 Census (5 Apr 1891) he appeared at The Green in Redgrave, Suffolk - 12, farm boy, living with parents Henry (49, agricultural labourer) and Caroline (45), and siblings Henry William (18, agricultural labourer), Ellen (10, scholar), Elizabeth (8, scholar) and Arthur (5, scholar).<sup>3</sup>

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living in Redgrave - 22, agricultural labourer, living with parents Henry (58, horseman) and Caroline (52), and siblings Arthur 14, stockman) and Beatrice (4).<sup>4</sup>

Algernon married **Ellen RUDDOCK** circa 1902.<sup>5</sup>

At the time of the 1911 Census, Algernon was living at Low Road in Wortham, Suffolk - 31, farm labourer, living with wife Ellen Jane (29) and children Arthur Edward (5) and Annie (3).<sup>6</sup>

Alga (Alganon) was called up on 11 July 1916 and was posted on 12 July 1916 to the 5th Middlesex Regiment, Private 32362. His service lasted for 2 years 62 days on home soil. This included 164 days Army Reserve Class

W. He was discharged on 10 September 1918, physically unfit for War Service, "Always very feeble, inflammation of the lungs".

Algernon was on the in 1918 Absent Voters List for in South Lopham, Norfolk at Redgrave Road - 3993; Driver, Alga; Redgrave Rd.;32362, Middlesex Regt.

The 1921 Census (held on 19 Jun 1921) shows Algernon at Redgrave Road in South Lopham - 42, stockman working for L WITTON, farmer, living with wife Ellen Jane (40) and children Arthur Edward (15, farm labourer), Annie (13) and Thomas (10).

In 1925 the Electoral Register showed him living at Low Common in South Lopham - qualification by residence and occupation. Same entry for the year 1930.

Algernon died in 1932 - aged 52 years.<sup>7</sup>

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

Ellen RUDDOCK and Algernon DRIVER had the following children:

Arthur Edward DRIVER (c. 1905- )

Annie DRIVER (c. 1908- )

Thomas DRIVER (c. 1910- )

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