
Herbert John FLATMAN (1899-1977)

Herbert John Flatman's connection to South Lopham is by birth and residency.

Herbert's brother, Arthur Sidney, also served in the Great War but sadly died.

Herbert John FLATMAN, son of John Samuel FLATMAN (c. 1870-c. 1947) and Elizabeth Ann CORBLE (c. 1872-c. 1946), was born on 23 October 1899 in South Lopham, Norfolk.^{1 2}

In the 1901 Census (31 Mar 1901) he appeared at Barker Farm Corner in South Lopham - 1, living with parents John S (30, farmer) and Elizabeth Anne (28), and siblings Elizabeth A (6, scholar) and Arthur S (4).³

Herbert was baptised on 21 July 1907 in South Lopham with some of his siblings. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. C E EASTWOOD, Rector.

At the time of the 1911 Census, Herbert was living at Near Grange in South Lopham - 11 scholar, living with parents John (41, farmer) and Elizabeth Anne (39), and siblings Arthur Sidney (14, farm labourer), Edith Lucy (9, scholar), James (6, scholar), Gladys Mary (3) and George Frederick (10m).⁴

Herbert enlisted on 23 December 1917. He was called up on 25 May 1918 - posted to the 3rd Company of the 2nd Battalion Scots Regiment of Foot Guards, Guardsman 18247, and joined at Caterham the next day. (During his time he was deemed a 1st class shot and on leaving was said to be, "..... sober, clean, honest, and trustworthy and has done his work well with the Battalion."). He was transferred on 26 February 1919 to Class "Z" Army Reserve on demobilization. His home address given as Barker's Farm, South Lopham.

He appeared in the census on 19 June 1921 at Grange Lane in South Lopham - 21y 10m, farm labourer employed by Mr. Wharton at Chequers Inn, living with parents John S (47y 2m, farmer) and Annie E (49y 3m, home duties), siblings Edith L (19y4m, domestic servant), James (17y 0m, farm labourer), Gladys M (14y 2m, full time scholar), George F (11y 2m, full time scholar) and Hilda F (7y 8m, full time scholar), and nephew Stanley (4y 4m).⁵

He married **Hilda Sarah DAVEY** circa 1932 - reg: Thetford Norfolk.⁶

He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Willow Farm in Garboldisham, Norfolk - b. 23.09.1899, farmer, living with wife Hilda S (b. 23.02.1902, unpaid domestic duties. (Two closed records, children?)⁷

He died on 10 March 1977 in Blo Norton, Norfolk - aged 77 years.^{2 8}

He had his estate probated on 26 April 1977 in Ipswich, Suffolk - "FLATMAN, Herbert John of Willow Farm Blo Norton Diss Norfolk died 10 March 1977 Administration 26 April [1977]. £17439. 771004034Q."⁸

Spouse:

Hilda Sarah DAVEY was born on 23 February 1902. She died circa 1984.

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