
Alan George GARNHAM (1889-1918)

Alan George Garnham's connection to South Lopham is by birth and residency.

Alan George GARNHAM, son of William G GARNHAM (c. 1860-c. 1952) and Louisa WHITE (c. 1862-c. 1958), was born on 1 February 1889 in South Lopham, Norfolk.¹ He was baptised on 6 March 1889 in South Lopham, the ceremony was conducted by Rev. R W PITT, curate - parents were William James (carpenter) and Louisa.²

At the time of the 1891 Census, Alan was living at Redgrave Road in South Lopham - 2, living with parents William G (31, carpenter and joiner) and Louisa (28), and sisters Ethel M (5) and Christine N (3).³

Alan appeared in the 1901 Census at near Old Steeple in Garboldisham, Norfolk - 12, living with parents William G (41, house carpenter glazier picture frame maker) and Louisa (38), and siblings Ethel M (15), Christine N (13).and Oscar W (9)⁴

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) he appeared at Wales Lane in Garboldisham - 22, cabinet maker, living with parents William James (51, carpenter and joiner) and Louisa (48), and siblings Christine N (23, school teacher) and Oscar William (18, carpenter).⁵

Alan married **Eliza Gertrude HALL** on 29 April 1913 in Fersfield, Norfolk. The marriage was witnessed by Herbert Arthur HALL and Oscar William GARNHAM. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. C L KENNAWAY.^{6 7}

On 2 May 1913 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal:

FERSFIELD.

WEDDING. - This village was the scene of a pretty and interesting wedding on Tuesday, April 29th. The contracting parties were Mr. Alan G. Garnham elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Garnham, of Garboldisham, and Gertrude, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall, Fersfield. The church was kindly decorated by Miss Woodcock, and many friends assembled to witness the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father, and the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, Rector of Garboldisham, performed the nuptial ceremony, being assisted by the

Rev. C. E. Woode, rector of the parish. The former also gave a short and suitable address. The hymn "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and the psalm were sung during the service, Miss Woodcock kindly presiding at the organ. The happy pair left the church under a shower of confetti. The bride wore a pretty dress of silver grey, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of white flowers. The bridesmaid were Miss J. H. Hall (sister of the bride), and Miss G. N. Garnham (sister of the bridegroom). They were attired in dresses of blue serge, trimmed with cream net and black satin, and wore black hats trimmed with black plumes and wreath of pale pink roses, also gold brooches, gifts of the bridegroom, and carried bouquets of narcissi and pink tulips. Mr. Oscar Garnham (brother of the bridegroom), officiated as best man. A reception was afterwards held in the old school-room (permission being kindly given by the trustees), where about thirty guests assembled. The bridegroom, who is a member of the Ringers' Association, and the Garboldisham Church Choir and Company of Ringers, and the bride, who is also a member of the same choir, were overwhelmed with good wishes, and were the recipients of about fifty useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Garnham left in the evening for their home in North Lopham. In honour of the event the Garboldisham Company of Ringers met in the evening at St. John Baptist's Church and rang a wedding peel of 2640 changes of Plain Bob Minor, in 1 hour and 30 minutes, the company standing as follows: - F. Chaplin treble, W. Bloomfield 2nd, S. Moule 3rd, T. Seapey 4th, J. Bason 5th, J. Bennett tenor; conducted by Mr. J. Bason.

Alan died on 11 October 1918 in France. He is buried/commemorated at Landrecies Communal Cemetery. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission grave registration entry for Alan was "GARNHAM, Pte. A. G., 307740. 2nd/8th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 11th Oct., 1918. E. 3.".

No full army service record has been found for Alan.

Eliza Gertrude HALL, daughter of Herbert Arthur HALL (-), was born on 6 June 1882 in Fersfield.

She married Jesse David BURROWS circa 1920 - reg; Depwade Norfolk.

She died circa 1974. She and Alan George GARNHAM had the following children:

Gertrude Mary GARNHAM (1914-c. 1986)

Sources

1. *CR Birth*. 1889 Q1 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 4B Page 251. Cit. Date: Q1 1889.
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4. *1901 Census*. RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 42 Page 10 Schedule 67. Cit. Date: 31 March 1901.
5. *1911 Census*. RG14 PN11742 RD239 SD2 ED15 SN47. Cit. Date: 2 April 1911.
6. *PR - Marriage*. Fersfield, Norfolk. Cit. Date: 29 April 1913.
7. *CR Marriage*. 1913 Q2 Depwade Norfolk Vol 4B Page 407. Cit. Date: Q2 1913.