
Charles Wesley GILBERT (1889-c. 1962)

Charles Wesley Gilbert's connection to North Lopham is by marriage, residence and death.

Charles Wesley GILBERT, son of George GILBERT (1863-c. 1930) and Mary Eliza UNKNOWN (c. 1853-), was born on 3 September 1889 in Woodbridge, Suffolk.¹ He was baptised on 1 October 1889 in Woodbridge - parents George (warder) and Mary Eliza.²

The 1891 Census (held on 5 Apr 1891) shows Charles at Ipswich Road in Woodbridge - 1, living with parents George (27, thatcher) and Mary E (28), brother Percy G (3m), and uncle William (16, farm servant).³

At the time of the 1901 Census, Charles was living at Hall Farm in Coney Weston, Suffolk - 11. living with parents George (37, estate bricklayer) and Mary E (38) and siblings Percy G (10), Howard A P (7), Helen K (5) and Gordon W (10m).⁴

Charles married **Sarah Matilda HOLDEN** on 10 November 1910 in North Lopham, Norfolk - groom: 21, single, labourer, from Blo Norton; bride: 20 single, from North Lopham; married after banns.. The marriage was witnessed by Charles HOLDEN, William MANN and Amy HOLDEN. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. C J Eastwood.⁵

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at Fen Road in Blo Norton, Norfolk - 21, agricultural labourer, living with wife Matilda (20), married 1 year.⁶

Very little has been found relating to Charles' military service. No start date for his service has been found but evidence of his military service was first found in the 1918 Absent Voters list for North Lopham - 79289 Gnr., 121 Siege Batty. R.G.A. In the Tank Corps Service Medal and Award Rolls he is listed as 121 Siege Battery R.G.A., gunner 179289, receiving the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. By the time of the 1920 Electoral Register for North Lopham he was still listed as an absent voter -

so still in the military? - but by 1921 was listed as a resident.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared in North Lopham - 31y 9m, farming, living with wife Matilda (31y 3m, home duties) and son Victor (9y 4m, fulltime scholar).⁷

Charles was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Hewtree Farm, Great Common in North Lopham - b. 03.09.1889, farmer, living with wife Matilda (b. 05.04.1890, unpaid domestic duties) and son Victor (b. 23.03.1912, assisting on farm).⁸

He died circa 1962 in North Lopham.⁹ He was buried on 1 September 1962 in North Lopham - aged 72 years.¹⁰

Spouse and children:

Sarah Matilda HOLDEN, daughter of Charles HOLDEN (-), was born on 5 April 1890. She and Charles Wesley GILBERT had the following children:

Victor GILBERT (1912-)

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