
Thomas Henry GOOCH (1891-1959)

Thomas's connection to South Lopham is by birth and residency.

Thomas's brothers Frederick William and Sidney George also served in the Great War and thankfully both survived.

Thomas Henry GOOCH, son of John GOOCH (c. 1854-c. 1923) and Eliza LONG (c. 1855-c. 1945), was born on 17 Apr 1891 in North Lopham, Norfolk.¹ The 1901 Census (held on 31 Mar 1901) shows Thomas at The Street in South Lopham, Norfolk - 9, living with parents John (48, fishmonger) and Eliza (46), and brother Sidney (6).²

Thomas appeared in the on 2 Apr 1911 census at 31 Bradenburgh Road in Fulham, London : 20, club waiter, living with brother-in-law and sister William KING (28, railway clerk) and Florence Jane KING (31), and their children George William KING (3) Florence Ethel KING (8m).³

He married **Violet Gertrude COTTON** on 8 Mar 1914 in Kilburn, Middlesex (married following banns; groom 23, waiter; bride 23; both single).⁴

He enlisted on 10 Dec 1915 in Harrogate to the 5th Bedfordshire Regiment, Private 7089. On 14 Aug 1916 he was discharged as being "not being likely to become an efficient soldier on medical grounds" and was listed as a club servant, living at 167 Saltram Crescent, West Kilburn, London. During his short service he was said to be "smart, willing, industrious, honest and sober".

He appeared in the on 19 Jun 1921 census at 167 Saltram Crescent in Paddington, London⁵

At the time of the 1939 Registration he was living at 268 Leagrave Road in Luton, Bedfordshire : b. 17.04.1891, newsagent, living with wife Violet G (b. 15.12.1891, unpaid domestic duties) and daughter Violet G (b. 11.07.1919, newsagents shop assistant).⁶

He died on 22 Dec 1959 in Streatley, near Luton, Bedfordshire⁷

His estate probate was granted on 2 May 1960 in London : GOOCH Thomas Henry of 20 Laburnum Drive Streatley near Luton Bedfordshire died 22 December 1959 Probate London 2 May to Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited. Effects £3612 10s. 2d.⁷

Spouse and known children:

Violet Gertrude COTTON was born c. 1889. She died c. 1975. She and Thomas Henry GOOCH had the following children:

Joan Hester GOOCH (c. 1915-c. 1915). *Joan was born c. 1915. She died c. 1915.*

Daphne Joyce GOOCH (1919-c. 2006). *Daphne was born on 11 Jul 1919. She died c. 2006.*

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