
William Wallace GRANT (1899-1983)

William Wallace Grant's connection to South Lopham is by birth and residence.

(William Wallace's father's name was William so his often being referred to as Wallace probably was to prevent confusion with his father!)

William Wallace GRANT, son of William Arthur GRANT (c. 1869-c. 1936) and Ellen SARE (1866-1945), was born on 27 February 1899 in South Lopham, Norfolk.^{1 2 3} He was baptised on 9 April 1899 in South Lopham , the ceremony was conducted by Rev. T E COLE, curate - parents William Arthur (farmer) and Ellen.¹

The 1901 Census (held on 31 Mar 1901) shows William at Diss Road in South Lopham - 2, named Willie, living with parents William (32, farmer) and Ellen (33), and sisters Ethel (3) and Hebe (9m).⁴

At the time of the 1911 Census, William was living at Redgrave Road in South Lopham - 12, scholar, living with parents William (42, farmer) and Ellen (44), and siblings Ethel (13, scholar), Hebe (10, scholar), Alan (9), Edna (7), Mary (5), Effie (4) and Winifred (2).⁵

No service record has been found for William. He has a references in the absent voters lists for South Lopham. 1918 shows - Grant, Wallace at Chequers Farm - M.G.S. [Machine Gun Service], Spring 1919, address given as Bridge Farm, but with no military details, and Autumn 1919 again gave his address as Bridge Farm but showed the military details to be - 148850 Pte., 8th Bn. M.G.C. [Machine Gun Corps].

No record from the 1921 Census can be found for William - it may be that he was still in the military at that time. His parents and 3 siblings were living in South Lopham at this time.

William married **Elsie Gladys DARTFORD** circa 1924 - reg. in West Ham, Essex district.⁶

He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 89 Uplands Road in Redbridge, Essex - b. 27.02.1899, meter reader (electricity), living with wife Elsie G (b. 17.12 1905, unpaid domestic duties).³

He died on 30 May 1983 in Hellesdon, Norfolk - aged 84 years.^{7 8}

He had his estate probated on 30 May 1983 in Ipswich, Suffolk - "GRANT, William Wallace of 69 Gowing Rd Norwich died 30 May 1983 Administration with Will Ipswich 26 August. Not exceeding £25000. 931102632W."⁸

Spouse:

Elsie Gladys DARTFORD, daughter of William DARTFORD (c. 1866-c. 1914) and Alice BURGESS (c. 1858-), was born on 17 December 1905 in West Ham, Essex. She died on 21 March 1993 in Norwich, Norfolk.

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