
George Henry HOLDEN (1886-c. 1955)

George Henry Holden's connection to South Lopham is by birth and residence.

George Henry HOLDEN, son of Henry HOLDEN (c. 1855-c. 1908) and Laura LUSHER (c. 1863-c. 1937), was born on 9 November 1886 in South Lopham, Norfolk - parents Henry (labourer) and Laura; baptised along with 3 siblings..¹ He was baptised on 20 July 1890 in South Lopham.

The 1891 Census (held on 5 Apr 1891) shows George at Old Jail House, Redgrave Road in South Lopham - 4, living with parents Henry (26, agricultural labourer) and Laura (37), and siblings Frederick G (8, scholar), Annie F (5, scholar), Towland (3) and Harry (10m).²

At the time of the 1901 Census, George was living at Low Common in South Lopham - 14, corn threshing labourer, living with parents Henry (46, corn threshing engine driver) and Laura (37), and siblings Rowland (12), Harry (10, scholar), Dorothy Kate (5, scholar) and Alice May (2).³

George was attested into the military on 25 July 1904 and posted on 26 July 1904 to the Norfolk Regiment, Private 5334.

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was recorded in Belgaum, India - 24, a Private in the 2nd Battalion Norfolk Regiment.⁴

By 1918 he had transferred to the 428th Agricultural Company and was found on the South Lopham list of absent voters, residence given as the Chequers Inn.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared at Chequers Inn in South Lopham - 34y7m, engine driver employed by Mrs J BOGGIS, lodging in the household of Charles WHARTON (37y10m, innkeeper and small holder).⁵

George married **Ellen Jane RUDDOCK** circa 1933.⁶

He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Crossways in Redgrave, Suffolk. - b. 09.11.1886, threshing engine driver, living with wife Ellen J (b. 12.01.1881, unpaid domestic duties) and Thomas DRIVER (b. 17.09.1911, farm horseman).⁷

George died circa 1955 - aged 68 years.⁸

Spouse:

Ellen Jane RUDDOCK, daughter of Charles RUDDOCK (c. 1851-c. 1940) and Eliza GARNHAM (c. 1857-c. 1925), was born on 12 January 1881 in Wortham, Suffolk. She married Algernon DRIVER on 22 February 1902 in Redgrave. She died circa 1960.

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