
George Alfred HUGGINS (1880-c. 1963)

George Alfred Huggins' connection to South Lopham is by birth and residency.

George's bothers, Malteyard and Edgar, both served in the Great War and thankfully survived.

George Alfred HUGGINS, son of Charles HUGGINS (c. 1857-1920) and Hephzibah CROWE (1857-1932), was born on 4 May 1880 in South Lopham, Norfolk - mother's maiden name CROWE.¹ He was baptised on 18 July 1880 in North Lopham, Norfolk, the ceremony was conducted by Rev. John THOMAS, curate - parents Charles (farmer) and Hephzibah.²

The 1881 Census (held on 3 Apr 1881) shows George at Norton Road in South Lopham - 1, living with parents Charles (23, farmer of 107 acres employing 3 men) and Elizabeth (), sister Mary A M (1d), nurse Catrherine LEBORNE (47), and servant Mary Ann LUDBROOK (12).³

At the time of the 1891 Census, George was living at Malting Farm, Blo Norton Road in South Lopham - 10, scholar, living with parents Charles (33, farmer) and Hephzibah (33), and siblings Mary (10, scholar), Thomas (8, scholar), Ethel (6, scholar), Annie (4), Emma (2) and Ella (10m).^{4 5}

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living at Norton Road in South Lopham - 20, groom, living with parents George (43, farmer) and Hephzibah (43), and siblings Thomas (18, farmer's son), Ella (10), Nellie (8) and Malteward (5).⁶

George and **Ellen Maria RUSH** had marriage banns published on 21 January 1906 in South Lopham - both single from South Lopham; other dates banns read were 28.01.1906 and 04.02.1906.⁷ He married her on 4 February 1906 in South Lopham.⁸

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) he appeared at The Street in South

Lopham - 30, domestic groom, living with wife Ellen (30), children Clarence (4), Ruby (3) and Stanley (4m), and boarder Levina RUSH (57, charwoman).⁹

George enlisted on 11 July 1916. He served on home soil from 11 July 1916 to 2 April 1917, and with the BSF [British Salonica Force], on the railways, from 3 April 1917 to 24 January 1918. He was in France from 25 January 1918 to 13 April 1918 and with the BEF from 14 April 1918 to 1 June 1919. He served at home from 2 June 1919 to his demob on 3 July 1919, transferring to the Class "Z" Army Reserve. During his service he contracted malaria. His discharge papers, dated 6 June 1919, showed as 310 R C (Railway Construction) Coy., Royal Engineers, Pioneer, Ser. No. WR/43068.

The 1921 Census (held on 19 Jun 1921) shows George in Norwich, Norfolk - 41y 1m, gardener, disabled ex-serviceman, residing in the Norwich Memorial Hospital.¹⁰

George was recorded on the 1939 Register living at The Street in South Lopham - b. 04.05.1880, farm worker, living with wife Ellen M (b. 06.10.1880, unpaid domestic duties) and children Clarence G (b. 29.08.1906, farmer) and Arthur R (b. 04.03.1916, farm worker).¹¹

He died circa 1963 - not proven as correct.

{inline4-note}. **Spouse and known children:**

Ellen Maria RUSH was born on 6 October 1880 in South Lopham. She died on 5 June 1943 in South Lopham. She and George Alfred HUGGINS had the following children:

Clarence George HUGGINS (1906-c. 1959)
Ruby Alice HUGGINS (1907-c. 1974)
Stanley Charles HUGGINS (1910-c. 1934)
Arthur Robert HUGGINS (1914-c. 1984)

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