
Thomas William LAND (1893-c. 1960)

Thomas William Land's connection to North Lopham is by birth, residence and burial.

Thomas William LAND, son of Walter LAND (c. 1863-) and Miriam UNKNOWN (c. 1873-), was born on 1 January 1893 in North Lopham, Norfolk.¹

At the time of the 1901 Census, Thomas was living at The Village in North Lopham - 8, scholar, living with parents Walter (38, journeyman carpenter) and Miriam (28), and siblings Miriam (5, scholar) and Albert Edward (2).²

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at The Street in North Lopham - 18, journeyman carpenter, living with parents Walter (48, journeyman carpenter) and Miriam (38), and siblings Albert (12, scholar).and Charles (6, scholar).³

Thomas enlisted at Norwich, Norfolk on 1 November 1915. - joined the Royal Engineers, Sapper 85759 and served on home soil till 19.09.1917. From 15 December 1915 to 29 December 1915 Thomas was in Sutton Veny Hospital with influenza. He was transferred on 20 January 1916 to the No. 1 Depot Co. Royal Engineers.

He married **Alice Rosina GUNSTONE** on 18 October 1916 in Thetford, Norfolk.^{4 5}

He was transferred on 18 September 1917 to the 8th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment and was part of the B.E.F. from 20.09.1917. He was on the Absent Voters List in 1918 for North Lopham - 3964, Land Thomas William, Opp. "King's Head", 85759 Sap., 9th Foreway Co. R.E. He was transferred on 19 September 1918 to the 239th Light Railway Foreward Co. Royal Engineers, Sapper WR283595, and posted there the following day. He was demobbed on 14 July 1919 and transferred onto the Class "Z" Army Reserve.

Thomas's service record, although extensive, is somewhat disorganised with some parts unreadable.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared in Kenninghall, Norfolk - 28y 6m painter, employed by Messrs Hoggers and Son Builders and Contractors, living with wife Alice Rosina (26y 6m, home duties) and daughter Dorothy Mary (1y 2m).⁶

Thomas was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Hopton Road in Stanton, Suffolk. - b. 01.01.1893, painter, living with wife Alice R (b. 28.12.1894, unpaid domestic

duties) and one closed record.¹ Thomas died circa 1960 in Sipson, Hillingdon, London - aged 67 years.⁷ He was buried on 8 December 1960 in North Lopham.⁸

Alice Rosina GUNSTONE, daughter of David GUNSTONE (-), was born circa 1894.

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