

## Alfred MURTON (1879-1944)

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**Alfred Murton's connection to South Lopham is by residence.**

**(Alfred appears to have moved around often, working as a teamsman in several locations. It is most likely that Alfred and family had settled in South Lopham sometime between 1911 and 1920.)**

**Alfred MURTON**, son of William MURTON (c. 1854-c. 1935) and Sophia BEAN (c. 1858- ), was born on 8 September 1879 in Bressingham, Norfolk.<sup>1</sup>

The 1881 Census (held on 3 Apr 1881) shows Alfred at The Common in Bressingham - 1, living with parents William (27, agricultural labourer) and Sophia (23).<sup>2</sup>

Alfred was baptised on 12 March 1882 in Bressingham , the ceremony was conducted by Rev. E FAWKES, curate - parents William (labourer) and Sophia.<sup>3</sup>

At the time of the 1891 Census, Alfred was living at The Common in Bressingham - 11, living with parents William (40, agricultural labourer) and Sophia (32), and sister Alice (7).<sup>4</sup>

Alfred married **Gertrude Hall DOVE** on 27 November 1900 in Fersfield, Norfolk - groom: single, 21, teamsman; bride: single, 17; both from Fersfield.. The marriage was witnessed by James Hall and Lily Hall.<sup>5</sup>

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living at Low Road in Wortham, Suffolk - 21, horseman on farm, living with wife Gertrude (18).<sup>6</sup>

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) he appeared at Crossing Road in Palgrave, Suffolk - 31, horseman on farm, living with wife Gertrude (27) and children Ivy (9), Eric (7), Jack (5), Ruby (2) and Stella (1).<sup>7</sup>

No service record has been found for Alfred. He is referred to in medal, absent voters and War Office Lists as serving with the 7th Suffolk Regiment, Lance Corporal 18488. In a War Office Daily List (WODL) no. 5465, dated 14 January 1918, Alfred was reported missing in action. On 20 February 1918 he was confirmed in the WODL, no. 5497, a prisoner of war in German hands. He had been taken prisoner, unwounded, in 30 November 1917 and held in Friedrichsfeld camp, later listed in the camp roll on 24 April 1918. He was released and arrived in England on 10 December 1918. Alfred had been listed in the South Lopham Absent Voters list as: 4016; Murton, Alfred; Low Common; 18488 L.-Cpl., 7th Sfs.

In 1920 the Electoral Register showed him living at Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - qualification by residency and occupation.

The 1921 Census (held on 19 Jun 1921) shows Alfred at Low Common in South Lopham - 41y 6m, horseman on farm working for farmer Mr. Holden, living with wife Gertrude (37y 6m, home duties) and children Eric (18y 1m, farm labourer), Jack (15y 8m, farm yardman), Ruby (12y 10m), Stella (10y 3m), Leslie (6y 6m) and Joan (2m).<sup>8</sup>

In 1929 the Electoral Register showed him living at Valley Farm in Bressingham - qualification by residency and occupation.

Alfred was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Redgrave Road in South Lopham - widowed, living alone, horseman on farm.<sup>9</sup>

He died on 29 June 1944.<sup>10</sup>

On 29 June 1945 there was a newspaper report in the Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express:

### **In Memoriam**

**MURTON. In loving memory of a dear dad and grandad, Alfred Murton, who passed away 29th June, 1944.**

*One day has passed since that sad day,*

*The one we loved has passed away;  
We loved him so, no one can tell  
How much we loved him, and so well.*

**From his loving Daughters and Grandchildren, South Lopham.**

**Spouse and known children:**

Gertrude Hall DOVE, daughter of James Hall DOVE (c. 1851-c. 1927) and Susannah DOVE (c. 1853-c. 1934), was born circa 1880 in Bressingham. She died on 1 March 1930 in Bressingham. She and Alfred MURTON had the following children:

Ivy MURTON (c. 1902-c. 1969)  
Eric James MURTON (c. 1903-c. 1969)  
Jack MURTON (c. 1906-c. 1974)  
Ruby Lily MURTON (1908-c. 1980)  
Stella MURTON (1911-1966)  
Leslie MURTON (c. 1915- )  
Joan MURTON (1921-2021)

## The Lopham Project (Family Historian Report)

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