

Jesse PRENTICE (1889-c. 1952)

Jesse Prentice's connection to South Lopham is by birth and residence.

Jesse's brother, Percy George, also served in the Great War but sadly died.

Jesse PRENTICE, son of Charles Garnham PRENTICE (c. 1850-) and Mary Ann BRADSTREET (c. 1853-), was born on 6 March 1889 in South Lopham, Norfolk - date of birth may be 31.12.1889, from baptism record..¹ He was baptised on 1 June 1890 in South Lopham - parents Charles and Mary Ann.²

The 1891 Census (held on 5 Apr 1891) shows Jesse at High Common in South Lopham - 1, living with parents Charles (43, agricultural labourer) and Mary A (39), and siblings Frederick (16, agricultural labourer), James (11, scholar), Matilda (9, scholar), Florence (7, scholar), Charles (6, scholar) and Ethel (3).³

At the time of the 1901 Census, Jesse was living at The Street in South Lopham - 10, scholar, living with parents Charles (51, stockman on farm) and Mary A (48), and siblings Charles (15, yard boy on farm), Ethel (13) and Percy (6, scholar).⁴

No service record has been found for Jesse, but on 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living in Belgaum, India - Private 7412, in the 2nd. Battalion Norfolk Regiment, so his enlistment was some time between 1901 and 1911. The 2nd Battalion was stationed in Bombay upon the outbreak of WWI, later serving in Mesopotamia. The regiment was certainly present in Belgaum in 1912. From a pension record he may have left military service on 14.08.1919, returning to South Lopham.

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) he appeared at Rectory Road in South Lopham - 32, farm labourer employed by Mr. Hyles, living with mother

(widow, 69, home duties) and brother Frederick W (46, farm labourer employed by Mr. Bowhill).⁵

He was taken into custody on 12.12.1921 accused that on the 09.12.1921, at South Lopham, he stole 6 loaves of bread from Mary Ann Grant, and on the 10.12.1921, again at South Lopham, he broke into the home of Edward Gooch and stole butter and cheese. He was tried before W. Carr Esq. on 04.01.1922, found guilty and sentenced to 14 days hard labour. He had a previous conviction for wilful damage in 1906.

Circa 1933 the Electoral Register showed him living at 28 Princes Square in Stepney, London - qualification for both Jesse Prentice and Mary Hemmings by residence and occupation.

Jesse married **Mary Jane HEMMINGS** circa 1933.⁶

He was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 39 Swedenborg Square in Shadwell, London - b. 05.03.1889, ice porter at fish market) living with wife Mary (b. 22.05.1901, unpaid domestic duties), Ivy HEMMINGS (b. 14.06.1922, government vest presser), Ethel (b. 01.07.1935, scholar), and 2 closed records.⁷

He died circa 1952.⁸

Spouse and known children:

Mary Jane HEMMINGS was born circa 1904. She died circa 1966. She and Jesse PRENTICE had the following children:

Percy G PRENTICE (c. 1931-c. 2024)

Ethel Florence PRENTICE (c. 1935-c. 1984)

The Lopham Project (Family Historian Report)

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