

George RUSH (1881-1915)

George Rush's connection to South Lopham is by parents' residency.

George RUSH, son of William RUSH (c. 1852-c. 1933) and Eliza PEARCE (c. 1851-c. 1890), was born on 8 November 1881 in Kenninghall, Norfolk.^{1 2} He was baptised on 12 August 1888 in Kenninghall.¹

On 5 Apr 1891, (the 1891 Census), he was living at Lopham Road in Kenninghall - 9, living with father William (widower, 39, agricultural labourer), siblings Walter (17, agricultural labourer), Emma Jane (14), Robert (12, agricultural labourer), Thomas(4) and Anna (3), housekeeper Emma REEVE (single, 40) and her 3 daughters Alice REEVE (12), Louisa (9) and Victoria (3) - (was Emma REEVE the mother of William's late wife Eliza?).³

George was attested on 25 January 1900 - into the Queen's (Royal West Sussex) Regiment, Ser. No. 6298 and served on home soil until 16.10.1900. From 17 October 1900 to 23 January 1904 George served in South Africa, taking part in the 2nd Boer War. From 24 January 1904 to 24 January 1912 he served on home soil, transferring to the Army Reserve on 24.01.1904, discharged on completion of service period on 21.01.1912.

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) he appeared at 31 Hazeldon Road in Lewisham, London - 29, milk carrier, boarding in the household of Arthur Dighton (32, milk carrier) and his family.⁴

George was attested on 26 October 1914 - 2nd Battalion Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment, Private 1151.

George died on 13 September 1915 in France.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission grave registration entry for George was "RUSH, Pte. George 1151. 2nd Bn. The Queen's. Died of wounds 13th Sept., 1915 Age 33. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rush, of South Lopham, Norfolk. Served in the South African Campaign."

George is buried/commemorated at Vermelles British Cemetery - Plot 1, Row E, No. 22..

He married **Alice Elizabeth REEVE**.

Alice Elizabeth REEVE was born circa 1880. She died circa 1941. She and George RUSH had the following children:

Florence Louisa RUSH (c. 1904-c. 1981)
Oliver Charles RUSH (c. 1906-c. 1934)
Dorothy Rose RUSH (c. 1908-c. 1992)
Dertrude Elizabeth RUSH (c. 1911-c. 1990)
Edward Charles RUSH (c. 1913-c. 1944)
Frederick Norman RUSH (c. 1916-c. 1964)

Sources

1. *PR - Baptism*. Kenninghall, Norfolk. Cit. Date: 12 August 1888.
2. *CR Birth*. 1881 Q4 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 4B Page 245. Cit. Date: Q4 1881.
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4. *1911 Census*. RG14 PN2775 RD29 SD3 ED26 SN162. Cit. Date: 2 April 1911.