

Robert COX (c. 1845-1920)

1. Robert COX, son of James COX (c. 1790-c. 1871) and Elizabeth FISK (c. 1803-), was born c. 1845 in South Lopham, Norfolk. He was baptised on 23 Nov 1845 in South Lopham, Norfolk , the ceremony was conducted by Rev. C H ANSELL, curate - parents James (labourer) and Elizabeth

At the time of the 1851 Census, Robert was living at Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 6, scholar, living with parents James (30, agricultural labourer) and Elizabeth (48), and siblings Eliza (24), John (16, agricultural labourer), Walter (14, agricultural labourer), Edward (12, scholar), Thomas (10, scholar) and William (8, scholar) - surname spelt COCK¹

On 7 Apr 1861, (the 1861 Census), he was living in Smallworth, Norfolk - 16, carter (servant), living in the household of George GREEN (42, farmer of 75 acres employing 3 men and 3 boys) and family²

In the 1871 Census (2 Apr 1871) he appeared at Workhouse Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 26, agricultural labourer, living alone in a cottage beside parents' abode³

Robert and **Elizabeth Phoebe SPEAR** had marriage banns published on 28 Dec 1873 in South Lopham, Norfolk - other dates banns read were 04.01.1874 and 11.01.1874; bride a spinster of Rickinghall Superior.⁴ He married her on 11 Jan 1874 in South Lopham, Norfolk.^{5 6}

Robert appeared in the 1881 Census at Redgrave Road in South Lopham, Norfolk - 36, agricultural labourer, living with wife Elizabeth (30), children Robert E (4), Eliza (3) and Hebe (1), and mother Elizabeth (80, widow)⁷

At the time of the 1891 Census, Robert was living at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 46, farmer, living with wife Elizabeth (40) and children Eliza (12, scholar), Hebe (9, scholar), Edward R (8, scholar), James (8, schoilar), Jane (2) and Henry (1)⁸

Robert appeared in the census on 31 Mar 1901 at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 56, farmer, living with wife Elizabeth Phoebe (50) and children Robert (18, farmer's son), Jane (13), Henry (11, scholar), Thomas (9, scholar) and Sybil (6, scholar)⁹

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 67, farmer, living with wife Elizabeth Phoebe (60) and children Edward Robert (26, farmer's son working on farm), Henry Hary (21, farm labourer), Thomas Edward (19, cowman) and Sybil Maud (16, dairy maid)¹⁰

Robert died on 14 Jun 1920 in South Lopham, Norfolk - aged 75 years.^{11 12} He had his estate probated on 15 Sep 1920 in Norwich, Norfolk - "COX Robert of South Lopham Norfolk died 14 June 1920 Probate Norwich 15 September tp Elizabeth Phoebe Cox widow and Sybil Maud Cox spinster. Effects £866 9s. 6d."¹¹

On 2 Jul 1937 there was a newspaper report in the Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express:

SALES BY AUCTION.
H. G. APTHORPE.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

At Low Common, 4½ miles from Diss.

H. G. APTHORPE has received instructions from the Executors of Robert Cox, deceased, to Sell by Auction, at the Crown Hotel, Diss,

On Friday, July 16th, 1937,

at 4 p.m. in Three Lots:

Lot 1 - The Attractive Small

FREEHOLD FARM

"The Oak Farm," with 22a. Or. 25p., productive Arable and Old Pasture. With Vacant Possession at Michaelmas Next.

Lot 2 -

THREE COTTAGES

and about 1½ Acre Land.

Vacant Possession of the Field.

Lot 3 - Capital

DOUBLE COTTAGE.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale from the Vendor's Solicitors, Messrs. Lyus, Burne and Lyus, Diss Norfolk: or from the Auctioneer, Diss, Norfolk.

[1937 is several years after Robert's death. No other Robert can be attributed to Oak Farm. Henry Harry, Robert's son, may have been farming there. Query relevance.]

Elizabeth Phoebe SPEAR, daughter of Samuel SPEAR (c. 1826-c. 1901) and Mary Elizabeth West SHARMAN (c. 1826-), was born c. 1851 in Beccles, Suffolk - reg: Wangford Suffolk.¹³

At the time of the 1861 Census, Elizabeth was living at The Street in Rickinghall Superior, Suffolk - 9, living with parents Samuel (35, agricultural labourer) and Mary (35), and brothers Samuel (8), John (5), William (3) and Henry (1)¹⁴

On 2 Apr 1871, (the 1871 Census), she was living in Rickinghall Superior, Suffolk - 19, groom and general servant, living with parents Samuel (45, groom and general servant) and Mary (45, groom and general servant), and siblings John (15, agricultural labourer), William (13, agricultural labourer), Henry (11, agricultural labourer), Robert (8, scholar), Jane (4, scholar) and Mary (1)¹⁵

On 7 Sep 1872 there was a newspaper report in the The Mervury:

HARTISMERE PETTY SESSIONS. - SEPT. 2,

Before the Revs T L French and C Frere.

This being the annual licensing meeting, the licences for all the innkeepers in thye Hundred

were renewed.

Charles Perry, of Rickinghall, rag dealer, charged with assaulting Elizabeth Spear, of Rickinghall, was fined 10s. and costs of £1 4s. 5d. - He was further charged with assaulting Elizabeth Bailey, od Rickinghall, but the case was dismissed, as Bailey did not appear.

In the 1881 Census (3 Apr 1881) she appeared at Redgrave Road in South Lopham, Norfolk - 30, living with husband Robert (36, agricultural labourer), children Robert E (4), Eliza (3) and Hebe (1), and mother-in-law Elizabeth (80, widow)⁷

Elizabeth appeared in the 1891 Census at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 40, living with husband Robert (46, farmer) and children Eliza (12, scholar), Hebe (9, scholar), Edward R (8, scholar), James (8, schoilar), Jane (2) and Henry (1)⁸

At the time of the 1901 Census, Elizabeth was living at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 50, living with husband Robert (56, farmer) and children Robert (18, farmer's son), Jane (13), Henry (11, scholar), Thomas (9, scholar) and Sybil (6, scholar)⁹

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), she was living at Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 60, living with husband Robert (67, farmer) and children Edward Robert (26, farmer's son working on farm), Henry Harry (21, farm labourer), Thomas Edward (19, cowman) and Sybil Maud (16, dairy maid)¹⁰

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) she appeared at Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 69y 8m, farmer, living with son H H [Henry Harry] (31y 2m, farm labourer working for mother) and daughter Sybil (26y 0m, home duties)¹¹

Elizabeth died c. 1923 - reg: Mutford Suffolk¹²

She and Robert COX had the following children:

- +2 Robert Edward COX (c. 1877-1890)
- +3 Eliza COX (1878-c. 1974)
- +4 Hebe COX (c. 1880-c. 1881)
- +5 Hebe COX (1881-1966)
- +6 Edward Robert COX (1883-c. 1967)
- +7 James COX (1885-c. 1967)
- +8 Jane Elizabeth COX (1887-1962)
- +9 Henry Harry COX (1889-1977)
- +10 Frederick William COX (1891-c. 1891)
- +11 Thomas Edward COX (1891-)
- +12 Sybil Maud COX (1895-1966)

Second Generation

2. **Robert Edward COX**, son of Robert COX and Elizabeth Phoebe SPEAR, was born c. 1877.¹³ He was baptised on 26 Sep 1880 in South Lopham, Norfolk - parents Robert (labourer) and Elizabeth.¹⁴

At the time of the 1881 Census, Robert was living at Redgrave Road in South Lopham, Norfolk - 4, living with parents Robert (36, agricultural labourer) and Elizabeth (30), sisters Eliza (3) and Hebe (1),

and grandmother Elizabeth (80, widow)⁷

Robert died on 16 Nov 1890

He is commemorated in South Lopham Churchyard - "In / affectionate and loving / memory of / ROBERT EDWARD / eldest son of / ROBERT & ELIZABETH COX / who was accidentally shot in the 14th year of his age / Also near this stone lay his infant / brother and sisters / A man that has friends must shew / himself friendly: and there is a / friend that sticketh closer / than a brother"

Mon 21 Nov 1890 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express:

SOUTH LOPHAM.

SHOCKING GUN ACCIDENT. - *A most alarming gun accident occurred on Sunday morning last, whereby a boy named Edward Cox, aged 13 years, and son of Edward Cox, farmer, was shot dead. It appears a lad named Elner and the deceased went out with a gun. Elner was carrying the gun in his arm, and he had passed over a low hedge and was returning when the gun discharged, and blew the top of the unfortunate boy Cox's head off. Elner who was much frightened at once ran home and told his father, and subsequently Cox's father. Mr. Keeble, who was passing at the time went for Dr. Fenn, of Diss. Information was shortly afterwards given to police-constable Aldis, who at once arrested Elner for having caused the death of Cox. Elner was brought before Cecil T. Montgomerie, Esq. and Major Keppel, at the Occasional Court House, Kenninghall, on Monday morning, and he was remanded. - An inquest was held on Monday by H. E. Garrod, Esq. (Coroner for the Liberty of the Duke of Norfolk), at the Crown Inn, Lopham, and the following evidence was taken: -*

Henry Self, labourer, South Lopham, said the deceased called his stepson up on Sunday at about 8 a.m., and they went out together. His son took out a gun license, and he occasionally shot a rabbit where he had leave. When the boy returned he said, "I have shot Cox as dead as he could be." The lad appeared distressed, and was altogether alarmed about it. The boys had always been good friends. Witness went to the father of the boy Cox and let him know. He then went to the body, which lay on the allotment in the fence near a gap. His son said it was an accident.

John Hall, sawyer, South Lopham, said at about nine o'clock, he heard of a boy being shot, and he went to an allotment behind his house with Cox and Self. He saw the body in the hedge. The right hand side of the boy's was shot off. He heard the report of the gun. Witness removed the body to the border, and afterwards assisted to convey it to where the jury had seen it.

Noah Elner, miller, South Lopham, elected to be sworn, and said he lived with his step-father, Henry Self, and was 18 years old. At about twenty minutes to eight on Sunday last the deceased came to his father's cottage and asked him if he would go into his father's field to see if there was a rabbit. He went out with his double-barrelled gun (produced). Deceased's little brother was with him, and they all went to a gate leading to deceased father's field. They turned back and went on to some allotments, witness carrying his gun. He had been in the field, and was turning round to come back again through the fence when the gun went off. They both were very close together. The triggers were down and the left-hand barrel had a cap, but a piece of a lucifer match was put on to make it go off. The deceased fell dead, and witness, much frightened, ran home. The movement must have jarred the match. He possessed a gun license, and he had had it since last August. The deceased's age, he believed was about 13 years. Witness went home and told his father what had occurred.

Mr. Chas. Draper Fenn, surgeon, Diss, said on Sunday last he was called in to see the deceased, and he examined the body and found a gunshot wound on the right side of the head with the brains and right eye shot away. He did not notice any powder marks, and death must have been instantaneous.

The jury were of the opinion that the gun should be destroyed, and they considered it to be a dangerous article for anyone to have. The Coroner, who agreed with the jury, said he had no power to order its destruction. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally Shot," and the coroner called attention to the fact that the lads being out shooting rabbits on Sunday was against the law.

The lad Elner who was apprehended was discharged on Wednesday by Mr. C. T. Montgomerie at Garboldisham, owing to the Jury having returned a verdict of accidental death. - Mr. Edward Cox, the father of the boy, fainted on Sunday on catching sight of his son, and has been seriously ill, but is now a little better. It was feared that he would lose his reason.

3. **Eliza COX**, daughter of Robert COX and Elizabeth Phoebe SPEAR, was born on 12 Sep 1878 in South Lopham, Norfolk.²⁰ She was baptised on 26 Sep 1880 in South Lopham, Norfolk - parents Robert (labourer) and Elizabeth.¹⁹

At the time of the 1881 Census, Eliza was living at Redgrave Road in South Lopham, Norfolk - 3, living with parents Robert (36, agricultural labourer) and Elizabeth (30), siblings Robert E (4) and Hebe (1), and grandmother Elizabeth (80, widow).⁷

On 5 Apr 1891, (the 1891 Census), she was living at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 12, scholar, living with parents Robert (46, farmer) and Elizabeth (40), and siblings Hebe (9, scholar), Edward R (8, scholar), James (8, schoilar), Jane (2) and Henry (1).⁸

Eliza married **Ernest Edgar FOOTER** c. 1905 - reg: Thetford Norfolk..²¹

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) she appeared at School House in Blo Norton, Norfolk - 31, living with husband Ernest (30, gardener) and children Mary (1) and Robert (3m).²²

Eliza appeared in the 1921 Census in Blo Norton, Norfolk - 42y 8m, home duties, living with children Mary (12y 0m, scholar) and Robert (10y 6m, scholar).²³

Eliza was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Alma Long Road in Lawford, Essex - b. 12.09.1878, widowed, unpaid domestic duties, living with daughter Mary (b. 23.06.1909, unpaid domestic duties) and 2 closed records.²⁴

She died c. 1974 in Colchester, Essex - born 12.09.1878.²⁰ She was buried c. 1974 in Blo Norton, Norfolk.

Ernest Edgar FOOTER, son of Robert F FOOTER (c. 1851-c. 1923) and Mary Coates CROWE (c. 1845-c. 1930), was born c. 1881.

He served in the 27th Co. 7th Batt. Imperial Yeomanry btw 1900 and 1901 in South Africa.

He enlisted at Norwich, Norfolk on 14 Oct 1914 joining the Norfolk Yeomanry, Pte. 79178, serving on

home soil till 14.09.1916. He was transferred on 15 Sep 1916 to the Machine Gun Corps. On 17 Oct 1918 he left Devonport for Salonica, arriving on 01.10.1919. He joined his company in the field on 14.10.1916

He died of influenza and pneumonia on 24 Nov 1918 in Salonica, Greece.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission grave registration entry for Ernest was

FOOTER, Pte. Ernest Edgar, 79178. 84th Coy. Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). Died of pneumonia 24th Nov., 1918. Age 37. Son of Robert and Mary Footer; husband of Eliza Footer, of Blo' Norton, Attleborough, Norfolk.

On 13 Dec 1918 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal:

DEATHS.

FOOTER. - November 24th, at 3, Echelon Hospital, Salonica, from influenza and pneumonia, Pte. Ernest Edgar Footer, M.G.C., dearly beloved husband of Eliza Footer, Blo Norton, and fourth son of Mrs. Robert Footer, New York, U.S.A.

He and Eliza COX had the following children:

- +13 Mary Elizabeth FOOTER (1909-c. 2003)
- +14 Robert Ernest FOOTER (1910-c. 1990)
- +15 Hebe May FOOTER (c. 1913-c. 1914)

4. **Hebe COX**, daughter of Robert COX and Elizabeth Phoebe SPEAR, was born c. 1880 in South Lopham, Norfolk. She was baptised on 26 Sep 1880 in South Lopham, Norfolk.

In the 1881 Census (3 Apr 1881) she appeared at Redgrave Road in South Lopham, Norfolk - 1, living with parents Robert (36, agricultural labourer) and Elizabeth (30), siblings Robert E (4) and Eliza (3), and grandmother Elizabeth (80, widow).⁷

Hebe died c. 1881 - 1 year old. She was buried on 21 Aug 1881 in South Lopham, Norfolk.

5. **Hebe COX**, daughter of Robert COX and Elizabeth Phoebe SPEAR, was born on 18 Jul 1881 in South Lopham, Norfolk.²⁵ She was baptised on 7 Apr 1889 in South Lopham, Norfolk, the ceremony was conducted by Rev. R W PITT, curate - parents Robert (farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe.²⁶

At the time of the 1891 Census, Hebe was living at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 9, scholar, living with parents Robert (46, farmer) and Elizabeth (40), and siblings Eliza (12, scholar), Edward R (8, scholar), James (8, scholar), Jane (2) and Henry (1).⁸

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), she was living at White Hart Street in East Harling, Norfolk - 19, domestic housemaid, living in the household of William E SOFFE (60, surgeon, registered medical practitioner).²⁷

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) she appeared at 136 Belgrave Road in Oldham, Lancashire - 28, domestic cook and housemaid, living in the household of George Robert POLLAR (38, wholesale

newsagent and stationer).²⁸

Hebe appeared in the 1921 Census at 20 Cambridge Road in Lytham, Lancashire - 38y 11m, general domestic servant, living in the household of Emily POLLARD (49y 2m, widow, home duties).²⁹

Hebe was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Houghton House, Ashfield Road in Thurston, Suffolk - b. 18.07.1881, housekeeper, living in the household of R O H WALPOLE (b. 22.08.1865, corn merchant).³⁰

She died on 2 Dec 1966 in Sudbury, Suffolk - aged 85 years.^{31 32} She had her estate probated on 23 Feb 1967 in Ipswich, Suffolk - "COX Hebe of Farm Cottage Holbrook Hall Waldingfield Suffolk died 2 December 1966 Walnutree Hospital Sudbury Suffolk Probate Ipswich 23 February [1967] to Eric Ernest Cox gardener and Hilda Maud Cox matted woman. £659".³¹

6. **Edward Robert COX**, son of Robert COX and Elizabeth Phoebe SPEAR, was born on 10 Mar 1883 in South Lopham, Norfolk.^{33 34} He was baptised on 21 Feb 1889 in South Lopham, Norfolk, the ceremony was conducted by Rev. J F BATEMAN, Rector - parents Robert (farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe³⁴

At the time of the 1891 Census, Edward was living at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 8, scholar, living with parents Robert (46, farmer) and Elizabeth (40), and siblings Eliza (12, scholar), Hebe (9, scholar), James (5, scholar), Jane (2) and Henry (1).⁸

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 18, farmer's son, living with parents Robert (56, farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe (50), and siblings Jane (13), Henry (11, scholar), Thomas (9, scholar) and Sybil (6, scholar).⁹

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) he appeared at Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 26, farmer's son working on farm, living with parents Robert (67, farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe (60), and siblings Henry Harry (21, farm labourer), Thomas Edward (19, cowman) and Sybil Maud (16, dairy maid).¹⁰

Edward married **Mary Louisa HURRELL** c. 1912.³⁵ Edward appeared in the 1921 Census at The Street in Hopton, Suffolk - 37, farmer assisting mother-in-law, living with wife Mary L (40, home duties), children Eric (8) and Robert L (3), and mother-in-law Louisa Hurrell (83).³⁶

Edward was recorded on the 1939 Register living at High Street in Hopton, Suffolk. - b. 10.03.1883, gardener, living with wife Mary L (b. 24.06.1878, unpaid domestic duties) and Robert E (b. 21.03.1918, builder's labourer).³⁷

Edward died c. 1967.

Mary Louisa HURRELL was born on 24 Jun 1878. She died c. 1949. She and Edward Robert COX had the following children:

- +16 Eric COX (c. 1913-)
- +17 Robert E COX (c. 1918-)

7. **James COX**, son of Robert COX and Elizabeth Phoebe SPEAR, was born on 28 Apr 1885 in South Lopham, Norfolk.^{38 26} He was baptised on 7 Apr 1889 in South Lopham, Norfolk, the ceremony was conducted by Rev. R W PITT, curate - parents Robert (farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe.²⁶

At the time of the 1891 Census, James was living at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 5, scholar, living with parents Robert (46, farmer) and Elizabeth (40), and siblings Eliza (12, scholar), Hebe (9, scholar), Edward R (8, scholar), Jane (2) and Henry (1).⁸

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living at Lilley Lanes in Hartshead, Lancashire - 15, farm servant, living with uncle Henry SPEAR (41, farmer) and family.³⁹

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) he appeared at Fairbottom Farm in Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire - 25, working on aunt's farm, living with Mary Ann ANDREW (47, dairy farmer) and family.⁴⁰

James appeared in the 1911 Census in Ashton-under-Lyme, Cheshire - married by certificate in the Stamford Street Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in Ashton-under-Lyme, Cheshire.⁴¹

At the time of the 1921 Census, James was living at Fern Len, Lower Alt Hill in Alt, Lancashire - 36, coal merchant, living with wife Nellie (34, home duties) and daughters Sybil (9), Edith (7) and Hebe (6).⁴²

James was recorded on the 1939 Register living at 68 Knott Lanes in Oldham, Lancashire - b. 30.04.1885, plaster's labourer, living with wife Nellie (b. 26.04.1887, unpaid domestic duties), daughters Sybil (b. 27.01.1915, cardroom cotton factory), Edith (b. 14.07.1913, cardroom cotton factory) and Hebe (b. 28.02.1915, cardroom cotton factory), and son Frank (b. 26.01.1924, engineer's apprentice).⁴³

He died c. 1967 - reg: Oldham Lancashire.⁴⁴

Nellie ANDREW, daughter of Samuel ANDREW (-), was born c. 1887. She died c. 1973

She and James COX had the following children:

- +18 Sybil COX (1912-c. 1994)
- +19 Edith COX (1913-c. 1995)
- +20 Hebe COX (1915-c. 1997)
- +21 Frank COX (1924-c. 2005)

8. **Jane Elizabeth COX**, daughter of Robert COX and Elizabeth Phoebe SPEAR, was born on 21 May 1887 in South Lopham, Norfolk.⁴⁵ She was baptised on 7 Apr 1889 in South Lopham, Norfolk

At the time of the 1891 Census, Jane was living at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 2, living with parents Robert (46, farmer) and Elizabeth (40), and siblings Eliza (12, scholar), Hebe (9, scholar), Edward R (8, scholar), James (5, scholar) and Henry (1).⁸

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), she was living at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 13, living with parents Robert (56, farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe (50), and siblings Robert (18, farmer's son), Henry (11, scholar), Thomas (9, scholar) and Sybil (6, scholar).⁹

Jane married **William F T DEBENHAM** c. 1908.

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) she appeared in Rickinghall Superior, Suffolk - 23, living with husband William F (26, yardman on farm), and children Isabella J (2) and Grace (1).⁴⁶

Jane appeared in the 1921 Census at Bugg's House in Botesdale, Suffolk - 34y1m, home duties, living with husband William (36y6m, cowman working for H L Newstead) and children Isabella (12y7m), Grace (11y2m), William (9y8m), Annie (7y9m), Sylvia (5y11m), Herbert (4y3m) and Douglas (4m).⁴⁷

Jane was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Crossway Cottage in Yaxley, Suffolk. - b. 21.05.1887, unpaid domestic duties, living with husband William F (b. 14.12.1884, cowman), children William E (b. 29.10.1911, tractor driver on farm), Sylvia M (b. 28.07.1915, unpaid domestic duties) and Herbert E (b. 10.03.1917, general farm labourer), and 1 closed record.⁴⁸

Jane died on 29 Apr 1962.

William F T DEBENHAM was born on 14 Dec 1884. He died c. 1943

He and Jane Elizabeth COX had the following children:

- +22 Isabella DEBENHAM (c. 1908-)
- +23 Grace DEBENHAM (c. 1910-)
- +24 William E DEBENHAM (1911-)
- +25 Annie DEBENHAM (c. 1913-)
- +26 Sylvia M DEBENHAM (1915-)
- +27 Herbert E DEBENHAM (1917-)
- +28 Douglas DEBENHAM (c. 1921-)

9. **Henry Harry COX**, son of Robert COX and Elizabeth Phoebe SPEAR, was born on 11 May 1889 in South Lopham, Norfolk.

At the time of the 1891 Census, Henry was living at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 1, living with parents Robert (46, farmer) and Elizabeth (40), and siblings Eliza (12, scholar), Hebe (9, scholar), Edward R (8, scholar), James (5, scholar) and Jane (2).⁸

Henry was baptised on 20 Sep 1896 in South Lopham, Norfolk

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 11, scholar, living with parents Robert (56, farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe (50), and siblings Robert (18, farmer's son), Jane (13), Thomas (9, scholar) and Sybil (6, scholar).⁹

In the 1911 Census (2 Apr 1911) he appeared at Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 21, farm labourer, living with parents Robert (67, farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe (60), and siblings Edward Robert (26, farmer's son working on farm), Thomas Edward (19, cowman) and Sybil Maud (16, dairy maid).¹⁰

Henry was on the in 1918 Absent Voters List for South Lopham, Norfolk at Oak Farm - 3992, Cox,

Henry Harry, Oak Farm, 28169, 8th Bedfords

Henry appeared in the 1921 Census at Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 31y 2m, farm labourer working for mother, living with mother Elizabeth P (69y 8m, farmer) and sister Sybil (26y 0m, home duties).¹⁶

In 1925 the Electoral Register showed him living at Oak Farm in South Lopham, Norfolk - probably with Edward Robert and Elizabeth Phoebe COX, his parents.

Henry was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Oak Tree Farm in South Lopham, Norfolk< - {inlien-note}>⁴⁹

b. 11.05.1889, working farmer, living with housekeeper Ethel A PEACOCK (widow, b. 07.06.1890). Henry died on 1 May 1977 in Diss, Norfolk. He was buried c. 1977 in South Lopham, Norfolk. He is commemorated in South Lopham, Norfolk- "In loving memory of / HENRY HARRY COX / born 11-5-1889 / lain to rest 1-5-1977 / Rest in peace". He had his estate probated on 17 May 1977 in Ipswich, Suffolk - "COX. Henry Harry of Dennyholme Thomas Manning Rd Diss Norfolk died 1 May 1977 Probate Ipswich 17 May. £11507. 771101564M [in retirement housing]".⁵⁰

10. **Frederick William COX**, son of Robert COX and Elizabeth Phoebe SPEAR, was born on 5 Aug 1891 in South Lopham, Norfolk. He was baptised on 18 Oct 1891 in South Lopham, Norfolk , the ceremony was conducted by Rev. J F BATEMAN, Rector - parents Robert (farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe.

He died c. 1891 in South Lopham, Norfolk. He was buried on 5 Nov 1891 in South Lopham, Norfolk - aged 4 months.⁵¹

11. **Thomas Edward COX**, son of Robert COX and Elizabeth Phoebe SPEAR, was born on 5 Aug 1891 in South Lopham, Norfolk.⁵² He was baptised on 18 Oct 1891 in South Lopham, Norfolk , the ceremony was conducted by Rev. J F BATEMAN, Rector - parents Robert (farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe.⁵³

At the time of the 1901 Census, Thomas was living at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 9, scholar, living with parents Robert (56, farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe (50), and siblings Robert (18, farmer's son), Jane (13), Henry (11, scholar) and Sybil (6, scholar).⁹

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), he was living at Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 19, cowman, living with parents Robert (67, farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe (60), and siblings Edward Robert (26, farmer's son working on farm), Henry Harry (21, farm labourer) and Sybil Maud (16, dairy maid).¹⁰

In 1913. query: there is a death registered in the Thetford District [1913 Q3 Thetford Norfolk Vol 4B Page 426], correct name and age. South Lopham was at the time in the Thetford Registration District. As no details found after the 1911 Census, maybe this is correct.

12. **Sybil Maud COX**, daughter of Robert COX and Elizabeth Phoebe SPEAR, was born on 16 Mar 1895 in South Lopham, Norfolk.⁵⁴ She was baptised on 20 Sep 1896 in South Lopham, Norfolk , the ceremony was conducted by Rev. A Caldecote. - parents Robert and Elizabeth Phoebe.⁵⁵

At the time of the 1901 Census, Sybil was living at Oak Farm, Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk

- 6, scholar, living with parents Robert (56, farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe (50), and siblings Robert (18, farmer's son), Jane (13), Henry (11, scholar) and Thomas (9, scholar).⁹

On 2 Apr 1911, (the 1911 Census), she was living at Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 16, dairy maid, living with parents Robert (67, farmer) and Elizabeth Phoebe (60), and brothers Edward Robert (26, farmer's son working on farm), Henry Harry (21, farm labourer) and Thomas Edward (19, cowman).¹⁰

In the 1921 Census (19 Jun 1921) she appeared at Low Common in South Lopham, Norfolk - 26y, home duties, living with mother Elizabeth P (69y 8m, farmer) and brother H H [Henry Harry] (31y 2m, farm labourer working for mother).¹⁶

Sybil and **George RIVETT** had marriage banns published on 10 Sep 1921 in South Lopham, Norfolk - other dates banns read were 17.09.1921 and 24.09.1921.⁵⁶ She married him on 24 Sep 1922 in South Lopham, Norfolk.⁵⁷

She was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Manor Farm in Burston, Norfolk - b. 14.03.1895, domestic duties, living with husband George (b. 20.09.1887, farmer), children Ashley G (b. 16.01.1925, assisting father on farm) and Raymond R (b. 25.04.1933, scholar), and 2 closed records.⁵⁸

She died on 16 Mar 1966 in Roydon, Norfolk.⁵⁹ ⁶⁰ She was buried on 21 Mar 1966 in Roydon, Norfolk, the ceremony was conducted by Rev. Leonard C SCOTT - aged 71 years.⁵⁹

She had her estate probated on 12 Sep 1966 in Norwich, Norfolk - "RIVETT Sybil Maude of Sunnyside Roydon Diss Norfolk died 16 March 1966 Probate Norwich 12 September to George Rivett retired farmer and Ashley George Rivett smallholder and ironmongers assistant. £1165.". ⁶¹

George RIVETT was born c. 1887. He died c. 1965

He and Sybil Maud COX had the following children:

- +29 Ashely George RIVETT (c. 1925-c. 2015)
- +30 Raymond Robert RIVETT (c. 1933-c. 2002)

Third Generation

13. **Mary Elizabeth FOOTER**, daughter of Ernest Edgar FOOTER and Eliza COX, was born on 23 Jun 1909. She died c. 2003.
14. **Robert Ernest FOOTER**, son of Ernest Edgar FOOTER and Eliza COX, was born on 30 Dec 1910. He died c. 1990.
15. **Hebe May FOOTER**, daughter of Ernest Edgar FOOTER and Eliza COX, was born c. 1913. She died c. 1914.
16. **Eric COX**, son of Edward Robert COX and Mary Louisa HURRELL, was born c. 1913 in Hopton, Suffolk.
17. **Robert E COX**, son of Edward Robert COX and Mary Louisa HURRELL, was born c. 1918 in Hopton, Suffolk.

18. **Sybil COX**, daughter of James COX and Nellie ANDREW, was born on 27 Jan 1912. She died c. 1994.
19. **Edith COX**, daughter of James COX and Nellie ANDREW, was born on 14 Jul 1913. She died c. 1995.
20. **Hebe COX**, daughter of James COX and Nellie ANDREW, was born on 28 Feb 1915. She died c. 1997.
21. **Frank COX**, son of James COX and Nellie ANDREW, was born on 26 Jan 1924. He died c. 2005.
22. **Isabella DEBENHAM**, daughter of William F T DEBENHAM and Jane Elizabeth COX, was born c. 1908.
23. **Grace DEBENHAM**, daughter of William F T DEBENHAM and Jane Elizabeth COX, was born c. 1910.
24. **William E DEBENHAM**, son of William F T DEBENHAM and Jane Elizabeth COX, was born on 29 Oct 1911.
25. **Annie DEBENHAM**, daughter of William F T DEBENHAM and Jane Elizabeth COX, was born c. 1913.
26. **Sylvia M DEBENHAM**, daughter of William F T DEBENHAM and Jane Elizabeth COX, was born on 28 Jul 1915.
27. **Herbert E DEBENHAM**, son of William F T DEBENHAM and Jane Elizabeth COX, was born on 10 Mar 1917.
28. **Douglas DEBENHAM**, son of William F T DEBENHAM and Jane Elizabeth COX, was born c. 1921.
29. **Ashely George RIVETT**, son of George RIVETT and Sybil Maud COX, was born c. 1925. He died c. 2015.
30. **Raymond Robert RIVETT**, son of George RIVETT and Sybil Maud COX, was born c. 1933. He died c. 2002.

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