



The Hopgood Brothers

The tinker and the tailor
(tinker as in a naughty boy)

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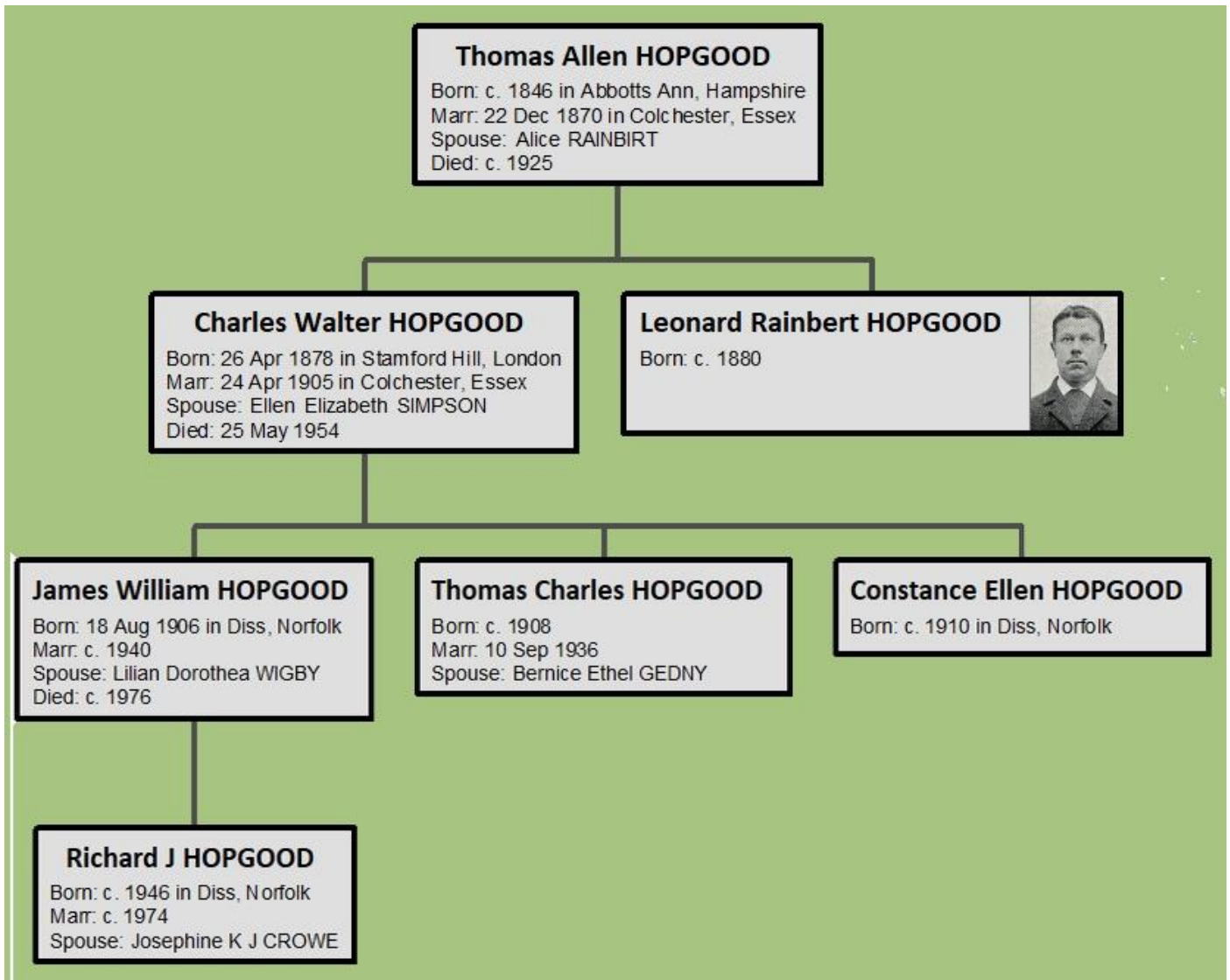
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This short piece of research began when a conversation started about Diss trades and shops that were no longer with us. The first sad demise found was that of the Cupiss Letterpress, a very recent loss; this research is about the Hopgood family and their gents' outfitters, lost in 2007 after 107 years serving Diss.

The front picture is of St. Nicholas Street in Diss where the Waveney Temperance Hotel was, now the Happy Palace Restaurant.

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The relevant family tree



Thomas Allen Hopgood was born in Abbotts Ann in Hampshire in 1846 and baptised there on 19th April of the same year. He married an Alice Rainbirt on 22nd December, 1870; his father was George, a blacksmith, and Alice's father was Samuel.

Alice was born in 1849 in Bradfield, Essex.

In 1871, according to the Census, the couple were living at Brook Hill Road in Woolwich, London. Thomas was 25 years old and given as a corporal in the Army Service Corps, Alice 21 years old.

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(Much of the eastern boundary of the parish of Woolwich was made up of a hidden brook which ran down-hill beside fields, where Brookhill Road was laid out in the nineteenth century, and continued through Thanet sand beds into the marshes of the Warren.)

The Census of 1881 shows Thomas living in Shot Tar Wharf, Lambeth, London, aged 35 and a wharf manager. With him were his wife Alice (31), young sons Charles W (3) and Leonard (1), and mother-in-law Mary HURRELL (55, bricklayer's wife).

(Shot Tar Wharf is believed wrongly named and should be 'Shot Tower Wharf', where he was the wharf manager, the tower used for making lead shot and balls up till the 1960s.)

By 1891 Thomas was living in Colchester, Essex, a restaurant keeper. The Census shows him with his wife Alice (41), sons Charles W (12, scholar) and Leonard R (11, scholar), and boarders Leonard O'BAILEY (22, a cabinet maker) and Hebert WOODWARD (18, a gardener), living in Magdalen Street, St. Botolph, Colchester, Essex.

(St. Butolph was a parish which was part of the borough and market town of Colchester, now granted city status in the 2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.)

Son Leonard, more details below, enlisted in the army on 16th June 1898 and his service record gives the address of his parents as The Waveney Hotel, Diss, Norfolk. Thomas and Alice were still living there, address now given as Waveney Hotel, St. Nicholas Street, Diss, at the time of the 1901 Census; Thomas aged 55, temperance hotel keeper, and wife Alice aged 50. They had 2 live-in domestic servants, Clara BARR (16) and Agnes SPARKES (15).

The Waveney Hotel was on St. Nicholas Street in Diss, so Thomas was probably still running the hotel as he was resident in St. Nicholas Street according to the 1906 Electoral Roll.

Thomas aged 65, a temperance hotel keeper, was living with wife Alice (61) and waitresses Florence BLOOMFIELD (19) and Fanny FOREMAN (15), shown in the 1911 Census, and still there as seen in the 1915 Electoral Roll.

At some point between 1911 and 1925 Thomas and Alice moved to Berkshire, probably in 1914 when they retired from the Coffee Tavern.

Thomas, living 31 Chester Street, Caversham, died on 4th March 1925, registered in Reading Berkshire and was buried in Hemdean Road Cemetery in Caversham, Berkshire (now just called Caversham Cemetery). Probate was granted on 16th April – "HOPGOOD Thomas Allen of 31 Chester-street Caversham Oxfordshire died 4th March 1925 Probate London 16th April to Alice Hopgood widow. Effects £510 16s."

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31 Chester Street, Caversham (c.2022)

Alice died 4 years later in 1929 with the death registered in Reading, Berkshire in the first quarter of the year. On 7th March, 1929, she was buried also in Hemdean Road Cemetery in Caversham. Probate was granted on 20th July 1929 to her son and a local minister:
“HOPGOOD Alice of 31 Chester-street Cavenham Reading widow died 4 March 1929
Probate London 20 July to Charles Walter Hopgood tailor and Henry Edward Cole minister.
Effects £90.”

Thomas and Alice had two children, Charles Walter and Leonard Rainbirt. (Never had two sons appeared to be so different!)

Charles Walter was born on 26th April 1878 in Stamford Hill in London. He was baptised on 14th July 1878 in St Ann, Tottenham, Haringey. His father Thomas had the occupation of ‘manager’.

The Census of 1881 shows Charles Walter (in some places just called Walter) living in Shot Tar Wharf ('Shot Tower Wharf'), Lambeth, London, with his father Thomas aged 35 and a wharf manager, mother Alice (31), brother Leonard (1) and grandmother Mary HURRELL (55, a bricklayer's wife).

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By 1891 Charles was living in Colchester, Essex with his father Thomas aged 45 and a restaurant keeper, his mother Alice (41), brother Leonard R (11, scholar), and boarders Leonard O'BAILEY (22, a cabinet maker) and Hebert WOODWARD (18, a gardener). Their address was Magdalen Street, St. Botolph, Colchester, Essex.

No record can be found for Charles in the 1901 Census.

A newspaper article, see below, indicates that he may have been tailoring in Diss, working from premises behind the Waveney Temperance Hotel. It shows him in 1902 with his own premises in Crown Street (now St. Nicholas Street).

Presumably whilst living in Colchester he met Ellen Elizabeth Simpson. Banns were read in Diss on 5th, 12th and 19th March 1905 and they were married on 24th April 1905 at Christ Church with St. Mary-At-The-Walls in Colchester; the groom's father given as a refreshment house keeper.

Ellen Elizabeth was born in Colchester on 20th January 1878. She was living in Colchester with her aunt and uncle, James and Elizabeth Cuthbert in all three Census returns prior to her marriage, the last giving her occupation as a dressmaker.

Charles and Ellen were living in St. Nicholas Street, Diss in 1906 according to the Electoral Roll, an occupation voter living in a tenement.

Again from the newspaper article, Charles left the premises in St. Nicholas Street in 1910, moving to Mere Street. (An obituary in the Diss Express gives the date of relocation as 1905.)

The Census of 1911 shows Charles and family living in Victoria Road, Diss. He was aged 32, a tailor and outfitter dealer, living with his wife Ellen Elizabeth (33) and children James William (4), Thomas Charles (3) and Constance Ellen (1), and general domestic servant Rose Anna HAWES (16).

Charles was living at 93 Victoria Road, Diss in 1915 according to the Electoral Roll, an occupation voter. He was shown at Market Place, Diss in 1926 as he had moved his business there in 1924.

In 1939 Charles and Ellen were living at 15 Market Place along with their son James William. Charles was a men's clothier.

Charles died on 25th May 1954 at his home in Louies Lane in Diss and was cremated in Ipswich, Suffolk. The Diss Express ran an obituary on 28th May 1954, detailing his own interests and local involvements. Probate was granted to Ellen Elizabeth Hopgood, his

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widow on 16th June 1954 – “HOPGOOD Charles Walter of Louies-lane Diss Norfolk died 23 May 1954 Probate Norwich 16 June to Ellen Elizabeth Hopgood widow. Effects £4157 14s. 5d.”

Five years later Ellen died whilst living at Scole Lodge Nursing Home. Her estate was probated on 7th September 1959 - “HOPGOOD Ellen Elizabeth of Scole Lodge Nursing Home Scole Norfolk widow died 24 June 1959 Probate Norwich 7 September [1959] to James William Hopgood [son] outfitter Constance Ellen Milward [daughter] wife of James William Milward) and Richard Ashton Burne solicitor. Effects £5428 17s. 3d.”

Charles and Ellen had had 3 children; James William (b. 1906), Thomas Charles (b. 1908) and Constance Ellen (b. 1910).

James William was born on 18th August 1906 in Diss and baptised there on 11th October.

The 1911 Census shows James, aged 4, living with his parents Charles Walter (32, tailor and outfitter dealer) and Ellen Elizabeth Ellen (33), siblings Thomas Charles (3) and Constance Ellen (1), and general domestic servant Rose Anna HAWES (16). The family was living on Victoria Road, Diss.

James William was living with his parents at 15 Market Place , Diss according to the 1939 Registration. His occupation was given as A.R.P. Instructor, no mention of tailoring.

He married Lilian Dorothy Wigby in 1940.

(Dorothy was born on 18th August 1909 in Attleborough and baptised the same day. In 1911 she was one year old living with parents Arthur aged 24, a farmer, and Lilian aged 27, and brother Charlie aged 4. By 1939 she had moved with the rest of her family to The Manor House, Thrandeston, Suffolk, occupation - unpaid domestic duties.)

James William died in 1976, the death registered in the first quarter, Hartismere Suffolk.

James, brother Thomas Charles was born in Diss on 28th February 1908 and baptised there on 6th May. On 10th September 1936 he married Bernice Ethel Gedny, after banns read on 9th, 16th and 23rd August at Redenhall, Norfolk.

James' sister, Constance Ellen was born in Diss on 18th February 1910 and baptised there on 13th April. In 1938 she married James W Milward. She died on 17th March 1994; her estate probated on 6th April.

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Richard Hopgood

Richard Hopgood, James William's son, was born in 1946 in Diss. He married Josephine Crowe in 1974. Originally Richard had no aspirations of joining the family business and thought he would join the forces but agreed to join the firm for a six month trial period. He became a third share partner in 1967 and by 1973 had a major share, his father becoming the 'junior' partner. He stayed with the company for 44 years, much longer than many, including himself, thought he would, until its demise in 2007 when the premises were sold, and he retired.

Leonard Hopgood



Convict photograph (circa 1912 aged 32)

Records seen so far show no involvement of Leonard in the family business.

He was born in 1880 in Newington, Surrey and was baptised there on 16th May 1880.

In 1881, the Census showed Leonard living with his parents and brother Charles Walter at the Shot Tower Wharf, in Lambeth. By 1901 the whole family had moved to Colchester in Essex.

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The first found event that saw Leonard in trouble was on 6th March 1898. He appeared at the Hartismere Petty Sessions and was charged with “feloniously and maliciously throwing a stone at an engine, on the G.E.R., with intent to injure the driver”. This event and subsequent proceedings were recorded in articles in local newspapers.

On 4th April 1898 a warrant was issued, and he surrendered in Court on 11th June 1898 where he was charged and tried at Bury St. Edmunds Assizes on two indictments: “Feloniously and maliciously throwing a stone at a railway engine, and injuring the driver thereof, at Palgrave, on the 6th March, 1898. Second Indictment: - By an unlawful act endangering the safety of the driver of the engine”. He was found not guilty on the first charge but guilty on the second. The Court ordered that he was to, “To be set at large, having entered into his own recognizance in the sum of £50, with one surety for £50, to come up for judgement when called.”

Leonard joined the army on 16th June 1898 and his Short Service Attestation gives his enrolment in the Army Service Corps, Driver, Ser. No. 13950. The record gives his address as Christ Church, Whitechapel, Middlesex, and names father Thomas Allen, mother Alice and brother [Charles] Walter, all three living at The Waveney Hotel, Diss.

From 16th June 1898 to 5th October 1899 he served on home soil and on the 16th May 1899 was promoted to Lance Corporal. He saw active service during the Boer War in South Africa from 6th October 1899 to 13th August 1900. Promotion to Corporal came on 1st May 1900 and by 14th August 1900 was back on home soil. However, on 30th November 1900 he was absent without leave returning on 9th December. On 22nd he was tried in Aldershot by Court Marshall on charges of being absent without leave and reduced from corporal to the ranks, going back to driver. Between 25th March 1901 and 22nd November 1902 he was back in South Africa then returning home. On 4th January 1903 Leonard was transferred to Army Reserve.

The Anglo-Boer War Records list Leonard as a driver in the 89 Company of the Army Service Corps.

On 8th June 1903 he was in custody of Civil Power for felony and forfeited his military pay.

He was taken into Civil Custody on 10th June 1903,. A warrant was issued on 13th June and he was tried on the 30th at Wiltshire Quarter Sessions held at Warminster Town Hall charged with “Feloniously stealing 15/- in money, one gold diamond ring, two gold Mizpah rings [lovers rings], one plated gold gentleman's ring, two silver watches, one gold watch, two gold watch chains, one silver watch chain and one gold bangle, value £5 and more, the property of Kate Harriet Piper, then being in the dwelling house of the said Kate Harriet Piper, at Ramsbury, on the 8th June, 1903.” He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to “imprisonment with hard labour for six calendar months”. He had an accomplice in this

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crime. A Florence Flatman was charged at the same time with the same offence – she was found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for three calendar months.

This was reported in The Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette on 2nd July 1903, page 6;

AN IMPUDENT THEFT.

Leonard Hopgood, 23, and Florence Flatman, 22, were indicted for stealing 15s. in money and articles of jewellery to the value of £5, the property of Kate Harriett Piper, at Ramsbury, on June 18th. The male prisoner pleaded guilty, and was sent to prison for six calendar months with hard labour and the female prisoner to three months.

Searching for Florence Flatman led to only one reference, this is to the criminal activity with Leonard. Was this her correct name? No marriage found, no substantive reference to her in other family trees,

He was still a serving member of the armed forces at the time of the last offence. On 22nd July 1903 he was discharged having been convicted of a felony by Civil Power and all service towards a pension was forfeited.

He appeared at Chelmsford Petty Sessions on 17th July charged with stealing jewellery and was sentenced to 1 month to run concurrent with last sentence.

Leonard had several names by which he was known; some being Leonard Hopgood, Leonard Hopwood, Leonard Rainbert (Rainbirt) Hopgood, Tom Smith and Thomas Wallace. Was this to attempt to become removed from previous misdemeanours?

In trouble again, Leonard was arrested on 3rd June 1904, a warrant issued on 10th June and was tried at on 15th August at Reading Borough Petty Sessions accused of “feloniously stealing in the dwelling-house of William Warren two watches, five rings, two chains, one locket, one pencil case, two necklaces, and one brooch, the property of Malvina Warren”. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 calendar months hard labour.

On 27th November 1905, at Liverpool Assizes he was charged with three counts of stealing, found guilty and sentenced to three periods of 18 months hard labour to run concurrently.

In front of the Grimsby Stipendiary Magistrate, on 27th May 1907, he pleaded guilty to “feloniously stealing on the 20th May, 1907, two watches, one albert, one medal, one ring, one razor and one case, one shirt, one bicycle, seven keys, and the sum of fifteen shillings and sixpence in money, the property and monies of James Sexton and another”, and was sentenced to 18 calendar months imprisonment with hard labour.

The Quarter Sessions were reported in The Essex Newsman on 1st May 1909.

Leonard Hopgood, alias Thomas Wallace, baker, was indicted for stealing from the Peverel Hotel, North-hill, Colchester, on Dec. 10, a gent.'s gold snake ring, and other articles, of Mrs. Elizabeth Rose, landlady of the hotel.—Prisoner pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to three years' penal servitude, to date from that day, and to run concurrently with the sentence of three years which he is at present undergoing.

Aged 28, a painter, Leonard was up at Colchester before Committing Magistrate L.J. Watts, Esq. Colchester 16th March 1909 charged with feloniously stealing 5 rings, the goods of Elizabeth Rose, at Colchester, on the 16th of December 1908. He was tried on 23rd April 1909 before the Deputy Recorder when he pleaded guilty and to prior convictions, his last conviction on 16th July, 1907, at Grimsby. He was sentenced to 3 years penal servitude to run concurrently with his present sentence of 3 years penal servitude.

Leonard appears in the 1911 Census in H.M. Prison Parkhurst, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

The Habitual Criminals Register of 1916 listed Leonard and much of his criminal history. This register was shared around police forces all over the country and included physical attributes allowing identification. These included body marks (tattoos), "bird's head, "H.O.O.L. 1705," two hearts, scroll, "LUCY" and "LEN" r., flowers, clasped hands, "LUCY," "TRUE LOVE," "A.W.," &c., l. forearm; four dots r. and three l. wrist; ring fourth l. finger".

The information below should be subjected to some scrutiny. If Leonard's marriage is as stated below then hopefully all information is correct. It would be good to get some family input for this to be verified.

Leonard married Clara Apsey in 1918, registered in Weymouth, Dorset district.

No service record can be found for Leonard for The Great War except for an entry on the UK, World War 1 Service Medal and Award Rolls. It shows a British War Medal and Victory Medal record for Leonard Rainbirt Hopgood, Ser.No. 18942, Sergeant, 3rd Dorsetshire Regiment, attached to the King's African Rifles. There was a discharge date 3rd June 1920.

It appears Leonard and Clara had a daughter Dorothy, born on 7th June 1922 and in Autumn 1939 married a man named Ernest J King.

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There are several records of a Hopgood family which closely match Leonard's family. If it is them then they spent some time in Kenya, with Leonard as a civil servant and sanitary inspector.

The National Registration of 1939 shows Leonard and his wife, Clara, living in 84 Ranelagh Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire with their daughter who was soon to be married. His occupation was church caretaker.



84 Ranelagh Road, Portsmouth (c. 2022)

The 2nd quarter of 1967 gives a death registration of Leonard R Hopgood aged 87 (gives a birth year of 1880).

For the time after Leonard's spell in Parkhurst Prison, there are no further found references to any criminal activity. It is very unclear what happened to him after then and whether what is listed above is correct. Hopefully this may be helped if family knowledge can be sought.

To be continued and updated

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In the newspapers

Norwich Mercury - 15 July 1905

MILK CASE

Samuel Hewett, dairyman, Diss, was charged with selling milk containing less than three per cent. of fat. Inspector Robinson deposed to the purchase of the milk, and produced the certificate of the County Analyst. This showed that the quantity of the fat was 2.79 per cent. Mr. Harold Warnes, who defended, contended that the three per cent. must not be accepted as a minimum, and quoted the case of Wolfenden v. McCulloch, heard in the Court of Appeal last April, in support of his contention. Defendant swore that the milk was sold to the Inspector in exactly the same condition as it was taken from the cow. The Bench dismissed the case.

There was a similar charge against Harry Youngman, dairyman, Roydon, the certificate showing a percentage of 2.54 of fat. Defendant called witness to prove the milk had not been interfered with, and the case was dismissed.

Thomas Allen Hopgood, coffee tavern keeper, Diss, was charged with a similar offence. In this case the certificate showed there was a percentage of 2.31 of butter fat. Defendant pleaded that he bought the milk of dairymen to use in the house, and sold some to the inspector for refreshment. He had no written warranty. Fined 1s.

Essex Newsman 01 May 1909, Page 3

**COLCHESTER QUARTER SESSION.
Before Mr. W. B. Campbell, Deputy Recorder.**

The Deputy-Recorder in his charge made suitable references to the serious illness of the Recorder, His Honour Judge Philbrick, K.C., and to the death of the late Mr. S. C. Goody, Clerk of the Peace.

Mr. Warburton, as senior member of the Bar present, and Mr. H. W. Jones, as senior solicitor, also joined in the Deputy-Recorder's remarks.

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Diss Express, 28 May 1954, page 4

MR. C. W. HOPGOOD

(DISS)

One of the best known and most highly respected men in Diss, Mr. Charles Walter Hopgood, died at his home, Louie Lane, on Sunday morning [23.05.1954], at the age of 76 years.

Mr. Hopgood, who was born in London, moved with his parents to Colchester, where he became a reporter on a local newspaper. Owing to deafness he had to give up this work and entered the wholesale clothing trade as a cutter. His family came to Diss in 1896 to the Coffee Tavern, retiring in 1914. In 1902 Mr. Hopgood commenced business as a tailor and outfitter in St. Nicholas Street, removing to Mere Street in 1905, and to the Market Place in 1924. He retired in February 1946 and the business is now carried on by his son.

In his younger days Mr. Hopgood was a keen cricketer and footballer, played for Diss F.C. and Diss Cricket Club and was often in demand to play in the many teams which used to play games at many of the country houses in the locality. He was an ardent golfer and was for many years a member of Diss Golf Club and had served as captain. Gardening was one of his hobbies and for many years he served on the committee of the Diss Horticultural Society. During the war he served as an air raid warden and carried out the duties in a most conscientious manner.

Some years ago, with two or three old Diss friends, who predeceased him, he used to visit the Continent and he delighted in telling of their adventures, humorous and otherwise.

The cremation, which was private, was at Ipswich on Wednesday, the Rev. E.H.O. Bennett officiating.

Leonard Hopgood - Court records

Prison Registers HO140
(30th June 1903)

Name: Leonard Hopgood, Bound over in £50 to come up for judgement when called upon, 11th June, 1898, Bury St. Edmunds Assizes (feloniously throwing a stone at a certain engine used on the "G.E.R." with intent to injure the driver, at Palgrave).

Age: 23

Trade: Groom

Degree of Instruction: Imp.

Name and address of Committing Magistrate: J. Blake Maurice, Esq., M.D., Lloran House, Marlborough, and another.

Date of Warrant: 13th June [1903]

When Received into Custody: 10th June [1903]

Particulars of Offence or Offences as charged in the Indictment: Feloniously stealing 15/- inj money, one gold diamond ring, two gold Mizpah rings, one plated gold gentleman's ring, two silver watches, one gold watch, two gold watch chains, one silver watch chain and one gold bangle, value £5 and more, the property of Kate Harriet Piper, then being in the dwelling house of the said Kate Harriet Piper, at Ramsbury, on the 8th June, 1903.

When tried: 30th June 1903

Before whom tried: The Marquis of Bath, Longleat, Warminster, Chairman of the Second Court

Verdict of the Jury: Confessed Larceny in a dwellinghouse to a value over £5.

Particulars of Previous Convictions charged in the Indictment and proved in Court:

Sentence or Order of the Court: Imprisonment with hard labour for six calendar months.

Tried along side Florence Flatman

Details as about except:

Verdict of the Jury: Guilty of Larceny in a dwelling house to a value over £5.

Sentence or Order of the Court: Imprisonment with hard labour for three calendar months.

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Prison Registers HO140
(15th August 1904)**

Name: Leonard Hopgood; Bound over (throwing stone at engine on railway), 11th June, 1898, Bury St. Edmunds Assizes; 6 Months (larceny from a dwelling-house), 30th June, 1903, Warminster Quarter Sessions; 1 Month (stealing jewellery), 17th July, 1903, Chelmsford Petty Sessions, concurrent

Age: 24

Trade: Groom

Degree of Instruction: Well

Name and Address of Committing Magistrate: G.R. Jackson, Esq., Mayor, Reading

Date of Warrant: 10th June [1904]

When Received into Custody: 3rd June [1904]

Particulars of Offence or Offences as charged in the Indictment: On the 1st June, 1904, feloniously stealing in the dwelling-house of William Warren two watches, five rings, two chains, one locket, one pencil case, two necklaces, and one brooch, the property of Malvina Warren.

When tried: 15th August 1904

Before whom tried: The Recorder

Verdict of the Jury: Pleaded guilty and admitted prior conviction

Particulars of Previous Convictions charged in the Indictment and proved in

Court: Warminster Quarter Sessions, 30th June 1903 (felony)

Sentence or Order of the Court: 12 Calendar Months (hard labourer)

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Prison Registers HO140
(16th July 1907)

Name: Leonard Rainbirt Hopgood; Bound over in £50, 11th June, 1898, Bury St. Edmund's Assizes, feloniously throwing a stone at an engine on the G.E. Railway, etc., as Leonard Hopgood; 6 months hard labour, 30th June, 1903, Warminster Quarter Sessions, larceny in dwelling-house, as Leonard Hopgood; and, 1 month hard labour, concurrently, 17th July, 1903, Chelmsford Petty Sessions, stealing jewellery, as Leonard Hopgood; 12 months hard labour, 15th August, 1904, Reading Borough Petty Sessions, stealing two watches, etc., as Leonard Hopgood; 18, 18 and 18 months hard labourer concurrently, 27th November, 1905 Liverpool Assizes, stealing key, knife, money, etc., as Leonard Hopgood

Age: 27

Trade: Baker

Degree of Instruction: Standard VI

Name and Address of Committing Magistrate: J. Smith, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Grimsby

Date of Warrant: 27th May 1907

When Received into Custody: 27th May 1907

Particulars of Offence or Offences as charged in the Indictment: Feloniously stealing on the 20th May, 1907, two watches, one albert, one medal, one ring, one razor and one case, one shirt, one bicycle, seven keys, and the sum of fifteen shillings and sixpence in money, the property and monies of James Sexton and another

When tried: 16th July 1907

Before whom tried: Isaac Saunders Leadam, Esq., Recorder

Verdict of the Jury: Pleaded guilty

Particulars of Previous Convictions charged in the Indictment and proved in Court: Liverpool Assizes, 27th November, 1905, as Leonard Hopgood

Sentence or Order of the Court: 18 calendar months imprisonment with hard labour

**HO140: Home Office: calendar of prisoners
(23rd April 1909)**

Name: Leonard Hopgood (alias Thomas Wallace); 6 months, Sessions, Warminster, 30th June, 1903 (stealing from House), Leonard Hopgood; 1 month, Petty Sessions, Chelmsford, 17th July, (stealing jewellery), Leonard Hopgood (concurrent); 12 months, Sessions, Reading, 15th August, 1904 (stealing watches), Leonard Hopgood; 18 months, Assize, Liverpool, 27th November, 1905 (stealing key, money, &c.), Leonard Hopgood; 18 months, Sessions, Grimsby, 16th July, 1907 (stealing watches), Leonard Rainbert Hopgood; 3 years penal servitude, Middlesex Sessions, 6th February, 1909 (larceny in house), Thomas Wallace; 1 throwing stones.

Age: 28

Trade: Painter

Degree of Instruction: Standard IV.

Name and Address of Committing Magistrate: L.J. Watts, Esq. Colchester

Date of Warrant: 16th Mar. 1909

When Received into Custody: 16th Mar. 1909

Particulars of Offence or Offences as charged in the Indictment: Feloniously stealing 5 rings of the goods of Elizabeth Rose, at Colchester, on the 16th of December 1908

When tried: April 23rd 1909

Before whom tried: The Deputy Recorder

Verdict of the Jury: Pleaded guilty and to prior conviction

Particulars of Previous Convictions charged in the Indictment and proved in Court: 16th July, 1907, at Grimsby

Sentence or Order of the Court: 3 years penal servitude to run concurrently with his present sentence of 3 years penal servitude

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Habitual Criminals Register
(1916)

(These records include details of habitual criminals for the period 1881-1936. These are the registers of habitual criminals kept by the police and circulated among the force on a regular basis. They include a detailed physical description noting all distinguishing marks and a full criminal record with notes on whether the convict had been apprehended.)

Office No.: 1066-05

Name, aliases, Prison, and Register No.: Tom Smith, alias Leonard Hopwood, Leonard Hopgood, Leonard Rainbirt Hopgood and Thomas Wallace j m 57, Portland

Date and Place of Birth: 1880 London

Height without shoes: 5ft 6¾in

Complexion: fr [fresh]

Hair: dk bn [dark brown]

Eyes: bl [blue]

Marks: bird's head, "H.O.O.L. 1705," two hearts, scroll, "LUCY" and "LEN" r., flowers, clasped hands, "LUCY," "TRUE LOVE," "A.W.," &c., l. forearm; four dots r. and three l. wrist; ring fourth l. finger

Offence (in full), place of Conviction, and Officer in Case, or Place of Committal: House-breaking - Middlesex Sess. (P.C. Otton, 1985)

Sentence and date of Conviction: 5 yrs ps (& remanent of former sentence) 2-8-1911

Date when Penal Servitude expires or Supervision commences: 23-2-1918 (14 days appellant)

Date of Liberation, intended Address, and Occupation: 14-7-1916 Central Aid Association, London Carpenter



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