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## Frederick Wilson COLCHESTER (1886-1979)

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**Frederick Wilson COLCHESTER**, son of John Wilson COLCHESTER (c. 1848- ) and Charlotte MULLENGER (c. 1850-c. 1905), was born on 10 October 1886 in Burston, Norfolk.<sup>1,2</sup> He appeared in the census in 1891 at Long Row Slough Lane in Gissing, Norfolk - 4, living with parents John Wilson (43, farmer) and Charlotte (41), siblings Sarah Jane (9, scholar), Laura Selina (8, scholar), John Robert (8, scholar), William Worledge (7, scholar), George Albert (6), Charlotte Alice (5), Bessie Susan V (3) and Frances Fanny (2), Alice Revett COLCHESTER (27, mother's help), and servants Susan TAYLOR (19, general domestic servant) and William BETTS (18, farm servant).<sup>3</sup> Frederick was educated at Gissing School between 26 September 1892 and 25 October 1901 - living at Long Row Farm, noted that last year at school was 1900. Frederick was baptised on 18 December 1892 in Gissing - also 5 brothers and sisters baptised on the same day.<sup>4</sup> Frederick was baptised on 18 December 1892 in Gissing.<sup>4</sup> He appeared in the census in 1901 at Long Row in Gissing - 14, living with parents John Wilson (53, farmer) and Charlotte (51), siblings Sarah Jane (20r), Laura Selina (20), John Robert (18), George Albert (16), Charlotte Alice (15), Bessie Susan Victoria (13) and Frances Fanny (11), Charles Reginald (9) and Hettie Theodora (6), and Annie Ethel LORD (23, governess).<sup>5</sup> Frederick was educated at Gissing School between 5 November 1901 and 26 September 1902 was probably home educated by governess from leaving Gissing school in 25.10.1901 and readmission on 05.11.1901 [see 1901 Census]. In 1910 the Electoral Register showed him living at - registered as a lodger (first floor, furnished bedroom) at Poplar Farm, Gissing, owned by J. U[W]. Colchester. Frederick appeared in the census in 1911 at The Poplar in Gissing - 24, farmer's son working on farm, living with parents John Wilson (64, farmer) and Elizabeth (53), and siblings Elizabeth (30, dairy work on farm), Charlotte (25, dairy work on farm), Bessie (23, dairy work on farm), Frances (22, dairy work on farm), Charles (19, farmer's son working on farm) and Hettie (16, dairy work on farm).<sup>6</sup> In 1912 the Electoral Register showed him living at - registered as a lodger (first floor, furnished bedroom) at Poplar Farm, Gissing, owned by J. W. Colchester. Frederick married **Harriet Alice DRAKE** on 12 December 1914 in Cranworth with Letton, Norfolk - marriage by licence, groom a farmer resident in Gissing, Norfolk.. The marriage was witnessed by C COLCHESTER and L STARKINGS.<sup>7,8</sup> In 1915 the Electoral Register showed him living at - registered as a lodger (first floor, furnished bedroom) at Poplar Farm, Gissing, owned by J. W. Colchester. Frederick appeared in the census in 1921 at Church Farm in Thrandeston, Suffolk - 34:09, farmer, living with wife Harriett (36:09, home duties) and son Frederick (1:08).<sup>9</sup> On 1 June 1923 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express:

**Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal, Friday, 1 June 1923, page 18**

### HARTISMERE PETTY SESSIONS. - MONDAY.

Before Mr. S. Rice, the Rev. F. R. Smith, Mr. H.A. Amy, and Mr. E. A. Onyon.

Frederick Wilson Colchester, farmer, Thrandeston, was sued for allowing eight store pigs to stray on the highway, on May 17th. - Defendant admitted the offence and previous warnings, but said he had tried to keep the pigs in. People left the gate open and the pigs got out. He intended in future to keep them shut up. - A fine 12/6, including costs, was inflicted.

On 7 December 1929 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express:

**Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal, Friday, 7 Dec 1928, page 10**

**SANITARY REPORT.**

Mr. G.H. Jones, Sanitary Inspector, reported that an application had been received from Mr. Frederick Wilson Colchester, Church Farm, Thrandeston, to be registered as a retail purveyor of Milk. The Council approved the application. He also reported that the recent gales dislodged the tiling of the Hopper House (Infectious Hospital) roof, and that portion of the bedroom ceiling needed replastering. He said it was not a big job and he was directed to have done what was necessary. - The report was passed.

On 2 January 1931 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express:

**Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal, Friday, 2 Jan 1931, page 7**

**HARTISMERE POLICE COURT.**

**Order For Possession Made.**

Mr. W. C. F. Brundell (Messrs. Brundell and Fison, Eye and Diss) mad application on behalf of Frederick Wilson Colchester, of Church Farm, Thrandeston for the possession of a cottage at Little Green, Thrandeston, occupied by Dennis Flatman. The magistrates made the order.

On 13 May 1932 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express:

**Diss Express and Norfolk and Suffolk Journal, Friday, 13 May 1932, page 5**

**DISS PETTY SESSIONS.**

**Cycled on Pavement.**

For riding a cycle on the footpath at Mount Street, Diss, on April 21st, Frederick Wilson Colchester, of Church Farm, Thrandeston, was fined 2/6 including costs.

P.-c. Mobbs stated that the offence occurred about 7.40 p.m. and defendant was riding on the pavement opposite the Sarasen's Head Inn. Defendant said there was no one about and he did think that there was any harm in it.

Frederick was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Church Farm in Thrandeston - farmer, b. 10.10.1886.<sup>1</sup> On 6 July 1956 there was a newspaper report in the Diss Express:

**Norfolk and Suffolk Journal and Diss Express, Friday 6th July 1956, Page 6**

**Diss Magistrate's Court**

**Farmer left his car in dangerous position**

FOR leaving a car in a dangerous position in Park Road, Diss, on 1st June, Frederick Wilson Colchester (56), a farmer of Church Farm, Thrandeston, was fined £4 and for driving the car on the same day without a driving licence he was fined £1, last week by Diss Magistrates.

Giving evidence, P.c. S. Garman said that Colchester's car was parked in Park Road in such a position as to cause vehicles coming down Denmark Street, into Park Road, to be forced over to the wrong side of the road.

Frederick died on 12 February 1979 in Thrandeston.<sup>10</sup> He is commemorated in Hingham, Norfolk, - " In loving memory of Harriet Alice devoted wife of Frederick Wilson Colchester who was called to rest 7th July 1958 aged 73 years. Peace perfect Peace. Also Frederick Wilson her beloved husband died 12th February 1979 aged 92 years. Reunited."<sup>11</sup> Frederick had his estate probated on 5 April 1979 in Ipswich, Suffolk - " COLCHESTER, Frederick Wilson of Goswold Hall Thrandeston Diss Norfolk died 12 February 1979 Probate Ipswich 5 April. £10519. 791101167D."<sup>12</sup>

Harriet Alice DRAKE, daughter of David DRAKE ( - ), was born on 10 October 1886 in Barton Turf, Norfolk.<sup>1</sup> She appeared in the census in 1921 at Church Farm in Thrandeston - 36:09, home duties, living with husband Frederick (34:09, farmer) and son Frederick (1:08).<sup>9</sup> Harriet was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Church Farm in Thrandeston - farmer, b. 10.10.1886.<sup>1</sup> Harriet died on 7 July 1958. She is commemorated in Hingham, Norfolk, - " In loving memory of Harriet Alice devoted wife of Frederick Wilson Colchester who was called to rest 7th July 1958 aged 73 years. Peace perfect Peace. Also Frederick Wilson her beloved husband died 12th February 1979 aged 92 years. Reunited."<sup>11</sup> She and Frederick Wilson COLCHESTER had the following children:

Lilian H COLCHESTER (1918- ). *Lilian was born on 18 February 1918.<sup>1</sup> She was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Church Farm in Thrandeston - shorthand typist to corn merchant, b. 18.02.1918.<sup>1</sup> Lilian married **Unknown MITHAN**.*

Frederick A COLCHESTER (1919- ). *Frederick was born on 18 October 1919 in Thrandeston.<sup>1</sup> He appeared in the census in 1921 at Church Farm in Thrandeston - 1:08, living with parents Frederick (34:09, farmer) and Harriett (36:09, home duties).<sup>9</sup> Frederick was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Church Farm in Thrandeston - farmer assisting father, b. 18.10.1919.<sup>1</sup>*

Barbara M COLCHESTER (1921- ). *Barbara was born on 8 November 1921.<sup>1</sup> She was recorded on the 1939 Register living at Church Farm in Thrandeston - unpaid domestic duties, b. 08.11.1921.<sup>1</sup>*

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