

JOHN WILLIAM COOPER

John William Cooper was born in the 4th quarter of 1886 in Rugby Warwickshire, the eldest child of William & Catherine Cooper. By 1891 the family were living in Church Street, Hampton Lucy and his father William was a school master. On the 1901 census they were living at Avonside, Bridge Street, Hampton Lucy and William was described as a schoolmaster and an organist, but by 1911 they had moved to the Grammer School House in Hampton Lucy where he was an Elementary Head Teacher at the C of E School and also still an organist.

By 1911, John had moved to Hertfordshire and was at The Chilterns, Halton, Tring (possibly a school) where he was a music maker & an organist.

In WW1 he served in the 3rd battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and rose to the rank of Second Lieutenant. He served in France and was awarded the British & Victory medals, he also applied for the Silver Badge on 1st April 1920.

He survived the war and this article appeared in The Leamington Spa Courier on the 12th December 1919 –

HAMPTON LUCY

“HEALTH SACRIFICED IN COUNTRY’S CAUSE – It is officially announced that Second Lieut. J.W. Cooper, 3rd R. War. R. (son of Mr. W. Cooper of Hampton Lucy), is placed on the retired list on account of ill-health contracted on active service”