

William Humm

1851 - 1938

William was born in Bulmer in 1851. His parents were William and Hannah Humm.

William, known as Bill, married Lydia Searl; they lived in Bulmer Street and William worked as a shepherd. In 1881 he was living with Lydia; their children, Charles and Alice; plus his father (aged 77 and still an agricultural labourer). Later William became a stockman at Goldingham Hall.



Bill with his cart and donkey

On March 3rd 1938 The Suffolk Free Press reported: *The death has occurred at Bulmer of William Humm aged 87 years, he was well known in Sudbury which he used to visit until two years ago in a cart and donkey. Mr Humm was born at the Vicarage where his mother resided during alterations to Blackhouse farm, he worked as a stockman at Goldingham Hall until he was 76, when he reached 80 he surprised many by taking a flight in an aeroplane.*



Nicholas Tatum Rowe shared this picture. It was taken of William, aged 80, on the day that he was taken up in an aeroplane.

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