

Albert Rowe

1883 - 1962



Albert was one of nine children -son of Eliza and David Rowe, an agricultural labourer.

His sister, Emily, wrote of a happy childhood at Upper Houses.

Albert married Laura Humm in 1916. They had a daughter: Maudie.

In 1906 a partnership was formed by Albert Rowe and Frank Marsh for a threshing round in the Wickham St. Paul area. They bought a brand new Ransomes Traction engine No. 18337 a 7hp single cylinder. They later ran two more sets with two very old second hand Burrell engines.

In 1917 the partnership was dissolved and Albert set up in Bulmer. He prospered and the business continued until 1940. Besides threshing, Albert had other steam side-lines. He was part owner of an Aveling and Porter roller.

Information from Robin Harding: 'Vintage Steam Owners and Operators of the Colne Valley Area'



Albert Rowe about 1915, and, on the right, with Frank Marsh

In 1914 Albert was in trouble...

January 7th 1914 Amos Arbon, a horse keeper, and Albert Rowe, a machinist of Bulmer, were charged with assaulting William Abbott, a thatcher of Great Henny, outside the King's Head, Ballingdon. Abbott said Rowe collared him and threw him down the steps of the King's Head, Arbon then struck him. Abbott said it was true that Rowe had had a cheque returned for some threshing he had done for him. Case dismissed-both to pay the costs.

1912-1918 Suffolk & Essex Free Press newspaper archive courtesy Foxearth & District Local History Society.

Whilst at Griggs Farm, he was on the parish council. And Robert Raymond recalled that Albert achieved fame as a corn dolly expert.

In 1940 he sold up...

For sale at Griggs farm, Bulmer, on the 27th of September, 3 sets of threshing machinery the property of Albert Rowe who is relinquishing the business. 7 h p Garret traction engine—6 h p Wallis and Stevens engine—2 Ransome drums.

Albert died in 1962 and is buried with his wife Laura

ROWE Albert of The Bungalow Bulmer Essex died 30 October 1962 Probate London 12 December to Maud Hunt Rowe widow Maudie Violet Rowe spinster and Charles Frederick Row insurance broker. Effects £22798 7s. 7d.