

# Hopping at Moorden Farm, Chiddingstone Causeway (1)



**William Hollands, Carter at Days (Moorden) Farm, c.1900.** Image: P2002.626

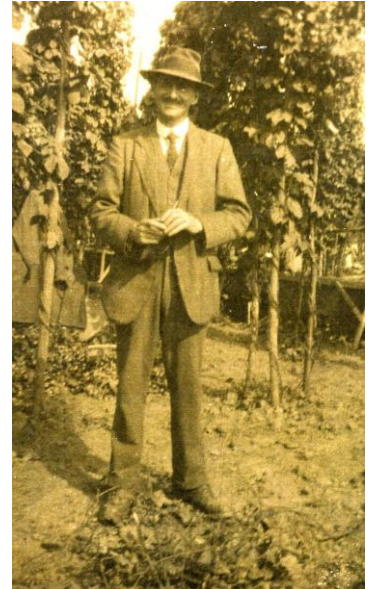
William and his wife had six children, and they adopted another child born to a London mother whilst hop-picking.



**Three women hop-picking at Days (Moorden) Farm, c.1890.** Image: P2002.456



**Hop pickers would sometimes find their work interrupted by a visit from the local parson. Moorden Farm, c.1900.** Image: P2003.1096



**John Abraham Day in the hop garden at Moorden Farm, 1920.** Image: P2003.1102

## Diseases

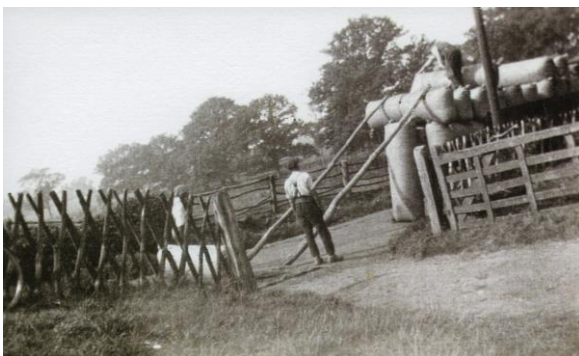
Like other plants, hops can suffer from a variety of pests and diseases, such as hop wilt (*Verticillium*) which was first recognised in 1924 when it was discovered at Penshurst. Kept under control for a number of years, 1943 saw a serious increase in this disease across mid-Kent leading to serious losses of crops.



**Measuring the hops at Moorden Farm, c.1920.** Image: P2003.1101



**John Abraham Day cultivating the hop garden at Moorden Farm with a Weeks tractor, c.1920.** Image: P2003.1101



**Loading hop pockets at Moorden Farm bound for Southwark Market, 1920.** Image: P2003.1103



**Tractor used for spraying the hops at Moorden Farm, 1930.** Crops were sprayed with Sulphur to prevent mould. Image: P2003.1100