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Stray Family in Sheffield, England. The name Stray was given to incomers to the Parish or converted Jews.

John Stray 1764-1820 married Ann Marshall 1771-1821; 8 children.

Miles Stray 1793-1836 married Jane Davison, born 1791; 8 children.

Horatio Stray 1830-1905 was a shoe mender, and had a cobbler's shop. He married Ellen Marsden 1835-1904; 8 children.

Albert Stray 1855-1920, opened a sweetshop, and this grew to 8 shops.

Albert married Beatrice Horner, who was born in Kettering, Northamptonshire, of parents Simpson Horner and Lydia Field. Beatrice died 1952, having retired to Bournemouth, England.

They had 1 son, Albert (3) who died in 1919 aged about 26 in Brest, France, of Asian Flu after serving in the trenches in World War 1. The daughters were, Doris 1895, Violet, Olive 1899, Margery and Ruby, born in Ecclesall, Bierlow, a suburb of Sheffield. All of them sold sweets in the family business and eventually married. Olive had 1 son, Adrian Horridge, born Dec 12 1927. Doris married late to George Nichols who had been in the merchant navy 1940-45, and had had several ships sunk under him but survived each time. Margery had one daughter who for a time was the banana-split girl, a model who emerged naked from a giant banana at gentlemen's parties. Ruby married a solicitor, Richard Wolstenholme and had one son, born in Minehead, Devon about 1938. He died in Bristol about 2006, leaving 2 daughters. One of them became Cathy Hood at Cathy.Hood@blueyonder.co.uk

The Horridge family

The family business in Sheffield, was cutting and carving horn, hardwood, turtle shell, and ivory into suitable sizes for handles for the cutlery trade, piano keys, combs, buttons, and all things now made of plastics. The Horridge factory at a corner of High St in the centre of Sheffield, on land that eventually became very valuable, must have been established about 1780. William Horridge was born in 1795. His son, also William, 1820-1899 married Margaret Washington 1825-1899; 4 sons and 4 daughters. George Washington Horridge 1865-1950, and his elder brother Joseph Henry (uncle Punks) 1849-1921, managed the factory. Joseph died on 8th March 1920, leaving George to support a large number of female family members who took out dividends. The business had started to fail because the new industries based on molded plastics were arriving, e.g., hardened rubber, Bakelite, cellulose acetate. A balance sheet of the business on 9th March 1920 is in the archives.

The factory site was sold in 1922 for £25,000 to a picture palace company at a time when a small house cost £100 and £1 per week was a good wage. George W. retired for life. His daughter, Dorothy, married late to Vernon Rhodes and had no children. His son, George William (Billie) had already started a business repairing and selling motor cycles, with a business partner, Reg Wildgoose in a shop and workshop at 297 Ecclesall Rd, and in the city at 292 London Rd. They became agents for Ariel, Triumph, Velocette and some other brands.

Billie married Olive Stray in 1925 and they had 1 son, Adrian.

Billie retired about 1955 and sold his motor cycle business when Japanese models started to take over the UK market. He moved to Bridlington on the Yorkshire coast, where he died in 1984. Olive lived on until she was 96 and died in 1995.

Adrian's story is told elsewhere. He married Audrey Anne Lightburne in 1954 at Wytham, near Oxford. They lived until 1969 at St Andrews, Scotland, where Adrian was Director of the Gatty Marine Laboratory, and then moved to Australia when Adrian became one of four founder professors of the Research School of Biology in the Australian National University. They had 4 children; Mark, the eldest, became a Professor of Economics in Melbourne; Alison Married Ralph Lattimore and had two children, Tor and Finnian. Finnian married David and had 2 children, Frya and Inook. Naomi married Brooke Friedman and had one child, Shula.

Lightburne family

Joseph Lightburne 1799-1825, of Cork, Ireland, was a supplier of labourers to England. He married Penelope Meadows and had one son, Henry Meadows Lightburne 1825-1883, who moved to London and married Jane Dillon. They had one son, Harcourt Washington Lightburne 1857-1925, who became a timber merchant trading with Sweden. He married Elizabeth Corware 1864-1937, and had one son, Harcourt Robert Henry Lightburne, 1913-1916, who became Chaplain to the British Legation at at Berne, at the English church, St Ursula's. There he met Nora Münch. They were engaged and later married when Nora came to England after the war. Nora's father was an architect who had the first family motor car in Berne. Her mother, Ethel (nee Phipps), the daughter of the Vicar of Husband's Bosworth in Leicester had 6 children, 3 boys and 3 girls. Nora's elder brother, Eric, became a well-known general in the Swiss army. Harcourt later became vicar of All Saint's church Hawkhurst and then St Mary's church, Upchurch, Kent, which was a poor living but the family had a huge garden and orchard. There were four daughters, Sylvia, Audrey, Mary and Monica, all of whom were evacuated with their mother to S. Wales during the war, then educated at

Cheltenham Ladies College and Girton College, Cambridge, where they were supported on a variety of scholarships for the children of impoverished clergy !

Sylvia became headmistress of Northampton Girl's Grammar School.

Audrey married Adrian Horridge in 1954.

Mary married Dr David Weeks, who was a botanist at St Andrews University. They had three children, Miriam (who had 3 children) Rachel (who became a G.P. in Reading), and Lucy (who had 3 children).

Monica married Alan Clarkson, a Cambridge graduate in engineering and a clergyman, Dean of Winchester. They had three children, John, Michael and Anne.

Harcourt died in 1950 and Nora was offered the vacant vicarage in the village of Wytham, Oxford, by the Rev Middleton, a friend of the family, who also had a vicarage in Oxford. There the family lived and three daughters moved away from home. Rev Middleton retired in 1955 and his extra vicarage was no longer available, so Nora then became housekeeper to the novelist Joyce Cary, who lived in a house where the Oxford engineering labs now stand. Later Nora became housekeeper at St Anne's Hall, Oxford, until she retired to a cottage in the village of Blaydon, close to Blenheim Palace. Most of the rest of Nora's life was spent moving from one daughter to another, as they needed her to help with the arrivals of 10 grandchildren and their upbringing. In doing this, Nora lived mainly at St Andrews and later in Canberra, Australia, where she visited 10 times. Finally, she retired to a flat on the Scores in St Andrews, where she died in 1996.

Clarkson Family

Alan Clarkson, born 14 Feb 1934, second son of Geoffrey and Essie Clarkson. National Service, Royal Artillery, 1952-4. MA in Mechanical Sciences, Christ's College, Cambridge, 1954-7, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford 1957-9. Ordained deacon 1959, priest 1960. Archdeacon of Winchester 1984-1999. Retired 1999 to Linton.

Monica Lightburne, b.23 December 1936, BA in History and Theology, Girton College 1956-9, married Alan Clarkson at Wytham, 10 September 1959.

Anne Clarkson, born 23 May 1960. Career in Nursing, obtained BA as a District Nurse, until road accident in 2007. Married to Victor Inzani, divorced ten years later. Three children, Emma, Peter and Helen. Now living in Linton.

John Clarkson, born 11 Nov 1961. Trinity Hall for BA in Mechanical Sciences (triple starred 1st), scholar, PhD Cambridge. Worked for eight years with PA Technology, Melbourn, Cambridge. Lecturer, Reader and Professor in Engineering Design. Married Joan Moore, four children, Alice (Belfast University), Hannah, David and Patrick.

Michael Clarkson, born 30 May 1964. BEng (Imperial College, London). Played tuba in National Youth Orchestra for two years. Married Jane Esposito, two children, Emily and Olivia. Served with REME and obtained rank of Lt-Colonel. Appointed Bursar to Headington High School for Girls, Oxford.