

Harold Clement Anscombe 1884 - 1957

Harold Clement Anscombe was the son of Clement Silas Anscombe and Amelia Agnes Mulcahy. More detail about his parents life and, by extension, his early life can be found in 'Clement Silas Anscombe 1858 – 1898.pdf'.

Baptisms solemnized at <i>Ambala St. Paul's Church</i>													
WHEN BAPTIZED.			SAID TO BE BORN.			Child's Christian Name.	Sex.	PARENT'S NAMES.		Abode.	Quality, Trade or Profession.	Signature by whom Baptized.	
Year.	Month.	Day.	Year.	Month.	Day.			Christian.	Surname.				
1884	Oct	24	1884	Sept	16	Harold James	Boys	Clement James and Amelia Agnes	Ellard	5	Ambala	Boys & Co. N.A.	Robert Home Asst. Curate
1884	Nov	5	1884	Oct	16	John	Boys	Arthur James and Edwin George Frances	Finell	5	Ambala	N.A.	Frederick V. Knox Chaplain
1884	Nov	12	1884	Oct	26	Harold Clement	Boys	Clement Silas and Amelia Agnes	Anscomb	5	Ambala	Frederick & Co. Major of the Engineers	Robert Home Asst. Curate

Ex. & More
Register

I Frederick V. Knox do hereby certify that the foregoing are true and faithful copies of all entries in the Register of Baptisms kept at St. Paul's Church, Ambala, as the same entered and made between the 1st day of October and the 31st day of December 1884

Witness my hand
January 6th 1885

Frederick V. Knox
For Off. Secretary to the Govt. of the Punjab

Harold Clement Anscombe Birth & Baptism

Harold was born on 25th October 1884 in Ambala in the Indian state of Haryana and baptised in St Paul's Church there. Like the rest of his family he spent the early part of his life following his father's career in the British Army. Shortly after Harold was born they moved to England to be based in barracks near Folkestone and then York. In 1888 or 9 they moved back to India, first to Sialkot and then to Rawalpindi, both cities now in Pakistan.

Harold's father died in 1898 and his mother re-married in 1903. Unfortunately there is no record of what Harold was doing in this period. We do know that in 1912 he was a planter living in Chittagong, now in Bangladesh, because that is where and when he married his wife Marie Irene Margaret Baptiste. Actually on the marriage record her surname is recorded as Beautista, but that is the only record of her surname being spelt that way.

He was probably a tea planter as that is the main crop grown in the Chittagong area. In fact Chittagong is still the home of the public tea auction used to set the price of tea throughout Bangladesh.

The profession column in his marriage record also says that he was a Stores Representative. I believe it is significant that his step-father, Frederick William Henry Baldwin, was at this time, recorded as a merchant in Calcutta. It is probable that Harold was acting as a representative for his step-father, supplying goods to the local stores because, as we will see, later on he is recorded as a Merchant's Assistant living in Calcutta.

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APPENDIX I.

MARRIAGES solemnised at Chittagong

Date of submission by the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Bengal, to the Government of India, Home Department:—
For the quarter ending 31st March ... 30th June
31st June ... 30th September
31st September ... 31st December
31st December ... 31st March.

WHEN MARRIED.			NAMES OF PARTIES.		Age.	Condition.	Rank or profession.	Residence at the time of marriage.	Father's name and surname.	By banns or license or notice.	Signature of the parties.	Signature of two or more witnesses present.	Name and designation of person by whom the ceremony was performed.
Year.	Month.	Day.	Christian.	Surname.									
1912.	July.	15.	Perceval James	Murray	28.	Bachelor	Customs.	Chittagong.	James Murray	Banns.	Perceval James Murray	Herbert Murray	Hugh T. Milled
			Mary Josephine	Reid	23.	Spinster		Chittagong.	John Reid.		Mary Josephine Reid	Herbert Murray	Chaplain
1912.	August.	17.	Harold Clement	Anscombe	28.	Bachelor	Planter	Chittagong.	Clement Selas Anscombe	License.	Harold Clement Anscombe	Rebecca	Hugh T. Milled
			Marie Irene	Beautista	21.	Spinster	Store Representative	Chittagong.	John Cecil Beautista		Marie Irene Beautista	Rebecca	Chaplain

APPENDIX IV.

[Prescribed by Rule 6 of the Rules regarding the preparation and submission of Marriage Returns promulgated with Notification of 24th January 1904.]

I, the Reverend Hugh T. Milled, Minister and Chaplain of Chittagong, do hereby certify that the foregoing returns are true and faithful copies of all the entries being made in the Register of Marriages belonging to and kept at the Church of Chittagong within the period of years and Dices of Calcutta as therein entered and made between the 1st day of July and the last day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

Witness my hand.
Hugh T. Milled
Minister and Chaplain of Chittagong.

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Harold Clement Anscombe & Marie Irene Beautista Marriage

Marie Baptise was the daughter of John Cecil Baptise and Margaret Emily Payne born in Saidpur on 1st May 1891 and baptised there on the 4th June.

BAPTISMS solemnized at Saidpore & Outstations

WHEN BAPTIZED.			SAID TO BE BORN.			Child's Christian name.	Sex.	PARENTS' NAMES.		Abode of parents.	Quality, Trade or Profession of Father.	Name of Priest or Minister by whom the ceremony was performed.
Year.	Month.	Day.	Year.	Month.	Day.			Christian.	Surname.			
1891	April	1 st	1891	June	9 th	William Richard son of		William	Thomas	Saidpore	Engine Driver	R. Nagel - Chaplain
								Rose				
1891	June	4 th	1891	May	1 st	Marie Irene daughter of John Cecil		John Cecil	Thos Baptiste	Saidpore	Engine Driver	R. Nagel.
						Margaret of Emily Margaret						

I the Reverend R. Nagel Minister and Chaplain of Saidpore, do hereby certify that the foregoing or annexed returns are true and faithful copies of all the entries in the Register of Baptisms belonging to and kept at the Church or station of Saidpore within the Archdeaconry of and Diocese of Calcutta as therein entered, and falling between 1st day of April, and 30th day of June in the year of our Lord 1891.

Witness my hand
R. Nagel
Minister and Chaplain of Saidpore

Marie Irene Margaret Baptiste Birth Baptism

John Cecil Baptiste was from a family who were well established in India. On his baptism record John's father, Henry Manuel Baptiste, is recorded as being an Indigo Planter. Incidentally it's interesting to note that all of John's five siblings were baptised on the same day.

Before the invention of chemical dyes in the late 1800s indigo was a very important source of dyes ranging from deep red to purple to deep blue, obtained by adjusting the pH (acidity - alkalinity) of the solution. The indigo industry in India was one of the negative aspects of British rule. The indigo planters persuaded the farmers to plant indigo instead of food crops on their best land. They provided loans, called dadon, at a very high interest. Once a farmer took such loans he remained in debt for his whole life before passing it to his successors. The price paid by the planters was meagre,

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only 2.5% of the market price, preventing the farmers from making a profit. The farmers were totally unprotected from the indigo planters, who used mortgages or destruction of their property if they were unwilling to obey them. Under this severe oppression, the farmers resorted to revolt.

Baptisms solemnized at Bankipore Patna in the Presidency of Bengal.

When Baptized			Said to be born			Parents' Names		Residence	Trade or Profession	Signature by whom Baptized
Year	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Christian Name	Surname			
1886	July	21 st	1886	April	9 th	Henry Menden	Son of	Bankipore	Indigo Planter	Robert Moor S.P.G. Missionary
1886	July	21 st	1886	June	10 th	John Cecil	Son of	Bankipore	Indigo Planter	Robert Moor S.P.G. Missionary
1886	July	21 st	1886	July	25 th	George Albert	Son of	Bankipore	Indigo Planter	Robert Moor S.P.G. Missionary
1886	July	21 st	1886	Decr	14 th	Caroline Spring	Daughter of	Bankipore	Indigo Planter	Robert Moor S.P.G. Missionary
1886	July	21 st	1886	April	22 nd	Margaret Ann	Daughter of	Bankipore	Indigo Planter	Robert Moor S.P.G. Missionary
1886	July	21 st	1886	July	10 th	Edwin Walter	Son of	Bankipore	Indigo Planter	Robert Moor S.P.G. Missionary

John Cecil Baptiste Birth Baptism

John Cecil appears to have worked for the East India Railway all his life. On his marriage record he is a Shedman at Raneegunge, now spelt Raniganj. Raneegunge was the terminus of the first railway built by the East India Railway in 1855.

Marriages solemnized at St. John's Raneegunge

When married			Names of Parties		Age	Condition	Rank at Marriage	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's name and Surname	By whom Licensed	Signatures of the Parties	Signatures of those witnessing	Signature by whom Married
Year	Month	Day	Christian Name	Surname									
1874	April	9 th	John Cecil Baptiste	Payne	23	Single	Shedman	Raneegunge	Henry Menden	James	S.P.G. Baptiste	A. Baskin C. Peters S. A. Payne	Geo. Gilling Minister of Raneegunge

End of

I George Gilling do hereby certify the foregoing are true and faithful copies of all entries in the Register of Marriages kept at St. John's Raneegunge as therein entered and made between the first day of April and thirtieth day of June 1874.

Dated at Raneegunge this 12th day of August 1874.

Witness my hand

Geo. Gilling
Minister of Raneegunge

John Cecil Baptiste Margaret Emily Payne Marriage

By the time Irene was born in 1891 he was an Engine Driver based at Saidpur.

Harold Clement married Irene on 17th August 1912 in Chittagong. So we can say that he would have been working there as a planter for some time prior to this. There is no evidence but 1910 is probably a good guess although it could have been significantly earlier than this. Certainly we know Harold and Irene were still in Chittagong in September 1913 because that's when their first child Beryl Alma Marguerite was baptised there.

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BAPTISMS Solemnized at Chittagong.

WHEN BAPTIZED.			SAID TO BE BORN.			Child's Christian Name.	Sex.	PARENTS' NAMES.		Abode of Parents.	Quality, Trade, or Profession of Father.	Name of Priest or Minister by whom the Ceremony was performed.
Year.	Month.	Day.	Year.	Month.	Day.			Christian.	Surname.			
1913	July	17	1913	May	22	Ronald Dermot Halliwell	male	Robert Ernest Bertha Inverarity	Jack	Chittagong.	J. L. P.	Hugh J. Millett Chaplain.
1913	Sept	3	1913	July	20	Beryl Alma Marguerite	Female	Harold + Marie	Anscombe	Chittagong.	Manager of the Planters' Stores	Hugh J. Millett Chaplain.

I, the Reverend Hugh J. Millett, Minister and Chaplain of Chittagong, do hereby certify that the foregoing (or annexed) return containing Two (2) is a true and faithful copy of all the entries in the Register of Baptisms belonging to and kept at the Church or Station of Chittagong within the Archdiocese and Diocese of Calcutta as therein entered and made between the first day of July and the last day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

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Registrar of Diocese, Calcutta, B.

Signature: *Hugh J. Millett*
Minister and Chaplain of Chittagong

Beryl Alma Marguerite Anscombe Birth Baptism

By that time Harold was no longer a Planter but Manager of the Planters' Stores. Presumably this means he was managing a shop which sold goods and equipment to the local tea planters. Presumably also the goods he was selling, or at least a proportion of them, were being supplied by his step-father from Calcutta.

By the time their second child, Madge Lorraine, is born on 12th March 1915 the family have moved to Calcutta and Harold is a Merchant's Assistant. I believe the merchant he was assisting was probably Frederick William Baldwin, his step-father.

Return of BAPTISMS at St. Paul's Cathedral Calcutta. Dtd 1915.
(Being an extract from the Register of Baptisms.)

When baptized.			Said to be born.			Child's Christian name.	Sex.	Parents' names.		Abode of parents.	Quality, trade or profession of father.	Person by whom the ceremony was performed.		
Year.	Month.	Day.	Year.	Month.	Day.			Christian.	Surname.			Full name.	Designation.	Signature.
1915	June	5 th	1915	March	12 th	Madge Lorraine	daughter of	Harold Clement + Marie Irene Margaret	Anscombe	Calcutta	Assistant (Merchant's)	F. Tambling Junior Chaplain		

I, the Reverend F. G. H. Tambling, Junior Chaplain in the Register of Baptisms kept at St. Paul's Cathedral in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

do hereby certify that the above are true and faithful copies of all the entries as therein entered and made between the fifth day of June and the — day of —.

The entire return contains ONE entry.

Place: —

Dated the — day of — 19 —.

Signature: *F. G. H. Tambling*
Designation: Junior Chaplain

Madge Lorraine Anscombe Birth Baptism

Harold and Irene's two sons, Jeffery Trevor and Frederick Alan Owen were also born in Calcutta in 1917 and 1919 respectively. I have been unable to find Jeffery's birth record but certainly on Frederick's their father was recorded as a Merchant's Assistant.

There is some evidence that Harold and Irene remained in Calcutta until they left India in 1946 ahead of independence. There is a record of a Private H C Anscombe being awarded the Indian Volunteer Force Efficiency Medal. In my research I have not come across any other individual in this period with those initials and surname so I assume this was awarded to Harold Clement. However, it is somewhat surprising as the award record states that he was a Private in the Calcutta Scottish Auxiliary Force India (AFI). This is because I am unaware of any Scottish heritage in his ancestry and the Calcutta Scottish regiment was a kilted regiment "*.. of volunteers of Scottish descent raised in 1914 as an infantry regiment of the British Indian Army. The regimental dress uniform was Hunting Stewart tartan.*"

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Record Transcription:

Britain, Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards

First name(s)	H C
Last name	Anscombe
Sex	Male
Year	1934
Rank	Private
Regiment	The Calcutta Scottish, A.F.I.
Country	India
Award	Efficiency Medal
Award date	29 Mar 1934
Order details	IAO No.128 of 1934
Medal type	India Efficiency Medal Awards, 1930-1939
Record set	Britain, Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards
Category	Military, armed forces & conflict
Subcategory	Medal Rolls and Honours
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Assuming this award was made to Harold he would have joined the Calcutta Scottish around 1922 because the award was for 12 years of continuous and efficient service.

Along with many others of European descent Harold and Irene left India ahead of independence on the Swedish ship Drottningholm in February 1946.

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Name of Ship T/S Drottningholm Port of Arrival Liverpool Date of Arrival FEB 27 1946 19
 Steamship Line Swedish American Line Whence Arrived Bombay

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.

(1) Port of Embarkation	(2) Port at which Passengers have been landed	(3) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	(4) CLASS (Whether Tourist or 3rd)	(5) AGES OF PASSENGERS						(6) Proposed Address in the United Kingdom	(7) Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers	(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence*	(9) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence*
				Adults of 12 years and upwards	Children between 1 and 11	Infants	Male	Female	Male				
172 Bombay	Liverpool	Abrol Amar Singh	Tourist	42						c/o F.C. Sondhi & Son, Sports 69 Bishopsgate, London	India	1	India
173	"	Adarker Vishnu M.		37						c/o High Command of India, London	do	1	do
174	"	Ahmad Boshir M.		37						do	Govt. service	do	1
175	"	Ambardekar Ganesh		37						c/o American Express, Oxford	Medical	do	1
176	"	Anderson John W.		54						c/o C.W. Anderson, 21 Barinfield ave. Shirley, Croydon	Retired	do	1
177	"	do Olive E.		46						do	Housewife	do	1
178	"	do Sheila A.		15						do	Student	do	1
179	"	do John Ch.		6						do	none	do	1
180	"	Andrews Arthur A.		45						26 Lyford Road, London SE 18	Missionary	do	1
181	"	do Edith M.		46						do	do	do	1
182	"	do Violet M.				11				do	none	do	1
183	"	do Arthur J.		9						do	none	do	1
184	"	Anscombe Harold C.		61						8 Wye Close, Feltham Rd. Ashford, Middlesex	Assistant	do	1
185	"	do Marie I.		54						do	Housewife	do	1
186	"	do Thomas F.		15						do	none	do	1
187	"	Asayekar Anant S.		47						c/o Minister of Labour & Nat. Service, London Govt. Service	do	do	1

Interestingly they sailed from Bombay rather than Calcutta. Whether this is because they had moved from Calcutta some time before is not clear. Their proposed address in England is 8 Wye Close in Ashford Middlesex and, according to Electoral Registers, this is where Harold and Irene lived until he died in 1957. The fact that they are able to provide this address before they arrived in Liverpool indicates that a family member had organised the purchase or maybe already lived there.

There are a couple of interesting details on the passenger list record. Firstly Harold's profession is given as Assistant. I believe this should have been Merchant's Assistant but the long address in the previous column didn't leave space for the word Merchant's to be typed in. If this is the case it would seem that Harold was a steady kind of guy who was happy to remain an assistant all his life.

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The second point of interest is that there is a third Anscombe travelling with Harold and Irene. I believe this must have been a son of one of the daughters, probably Beryl, presumably born out of wedlock. This must be the Thomas Francis Anscombe-Tarran who was born in Calcutta St Thomas some time in 1930.

Record Transcription: British India Office Births & Baptisms	
First name(s)	Thomas Francis
Last name	Anscombe-Tarran
Birth year	1930
Birth date	1930
Baptism year	1930
Baptism date	1931
Place	Calcutta, St Thomas
Presidency	Bengal
Father's first name(s)	-
Father's last name	Anscombe-Tarran
Mother's first name(s)	-
Mother's last name	-
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Unfortunately the mother's name is not recorded and presumably the father's surname was Tarran.

Having lived in India all his life it must have seemed very strange to Harold to be living in post-war suburbia.

POLLING DISTRICT K—STAINES—ASHFORD WARD									
4495	Symons, Ethel A.	54	4543	Brixey, George	67	4591	Prother, Evelyn	77	
4496	Mead, Laura G. M.	Arunlake	4544	Lupton, Joan	67				WYE CLOSE
4497	Mead, Thomas C.	do.	4545	Lupton, Norman	67	4592	Smith, John	1	
4498	Wyatt, Arthur C.	55	4546	Scott, Rose	67	4593	Fenton, Kate E.	2	
4499	Wyatt, Kathleen L.	55	4547	Jennings, Stanley G.	68	4594	Fenton, Stanley	2	
4500	Heaslewood, Ernest W.	56	4548	Johnson, Henry	68	4595	Gunn, Esther A.	2	
4501	Heaslewood, Lily	56	4549	Murrell, Amelia F.	68	4596	Miller, John	3	
4502	Thomas, Alice J.	57	4550	Murrell, Walter D.	68	4597	Miller, Nora G.	3	
4503	Thomas, David J.	57	4551	Warrender, William F.	68	4598	McKiernan, Kathleen M.	4	
4504	Bryant, A. W. G.	58	4552	Williams, Charlotte R.	68	4599	McKiernan, Stanley	4	
4505	Bryant, Nancy	58	4553	Williams, Hadyn S.	68	4600	Blacklee, Albert E.	5	
4506	Maynard, Alfred T.	59	4554	Gillham, Harry G.	69	4601	Grant, Alice	5	
4507	Maynard, Alice	59	4555	Gillham, Lydia R.	69	4602	Grant, Dennis	5	
4508	Maynard, Dorothy M.	59	4556	Stanley, George	69	4603	Overington, Ernest W.	5	
4509	Maynard Ernest F.	59	4557	Stanley, Phyllis	69	4604	Carson, Leila	6	
4510	Chown, Edith B.	60	4558	Jackson, Henry	70	4605	Carson, Reginald J.	6	
4511	Cowell, Doris E.	60	4559	Maretta, William	70	4606	Rosenbloom, Mary M.	7	
4512	Cowell, William	60	4560	Murray, Gertrude	70	4607	Rosenbloom, Samuel	7	
4513	Townsend, Ellen	60	4561	Murray, Lilian M.	70	4608	Anscombe, Harold C.	8	
4514	Webb, Albert	60	4562	Wilson-Croft, Frederick	70	4609	Anscombe, Marie I.	8	

Harold Clement Anscombe - Electoral register 1947 (repeats until his death in 1957)

But that's what he appears to have done until his death on 30th December 1957.

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Harold C Anscombe in the England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916-2007	
Name:	Harold C Anscombe
Death Age:	73
Birth Date:	abt 1885
Registration Date:	Jan 1958 [Feb 1958] [Mar 1958]
Registration Quarter:	Jan-Feb-Mar
Registration district:	Middlesex South
Inferred County:	Middlesex
Volume:	5f
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mariongraceh in Davis Family Tree in Ancestry has 30 Dec 1957 Ashford, Middlesex

Marie Irene must have gone to live with one of her children after Harold's death because she died in Blackheath, London on 31st July 1968.

Marie I Anscombe in the England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916-2007	
Name:	Marie I Anscombe
Death Age:	77
Birth Date:	abt 1891
Registration Date:	Jul 1968 [Aug 1968] [Sep 1968]
Registration Quarter:	Jul-Aug-Sep
Registration district:	Greenwich
Inferred County:	Greater London
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