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'.

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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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Harold Clement Anscombe & Marie Irene Beautista Marriage

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Maries 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.

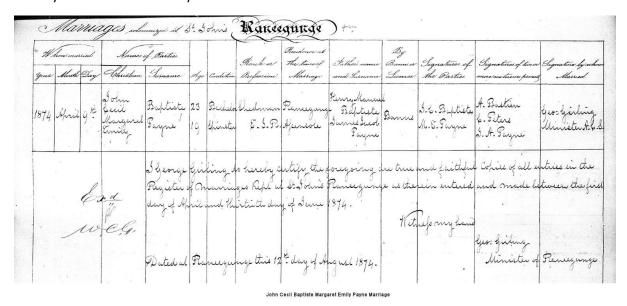
Before the invention of chemical dyes in the late 1800s indigo was a very important source of dyes ranging from deep red to purple to deep blue, obtained by adjusting the pH (acidity - alkalinity) of the solution. The indigo industry in India was one of the negative aspects of British rule. The indigo 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,

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.

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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.



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

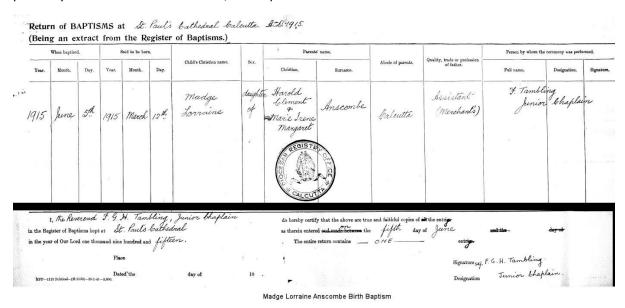
Harold Clement married Irene on 17th August 1912 in Chittagong. So we can say that he would have been working there as a planter for some time prior to this. There is no evidence but 1910 is probably a good guess although it could have been significantly earlier than this. Certainly we know Harold and 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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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.



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

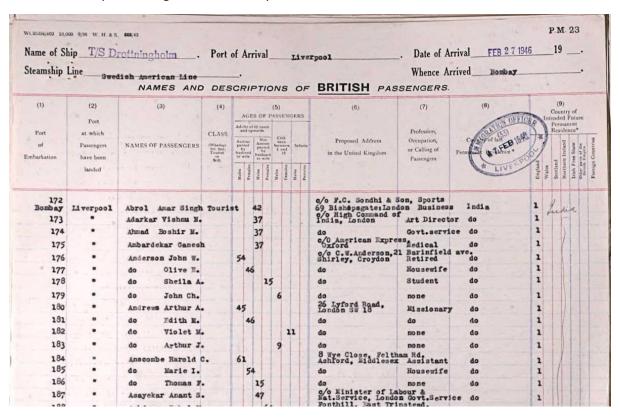
Frederick's their father was recorded as a Merchant's Assistant.

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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Sex	Male
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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 & Award
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Subcategory	Medal Rolls and Honours
Collections from	Great Britain, UK None
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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.



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.

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.



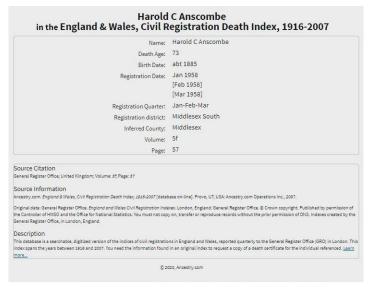
Unfortunately the mother's name is not recorded and presumably the father's surname was Tarran.

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

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

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



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.



Mariongraceh Davis Family Tree in Ancestry has 31 Jul 1968 at Blackheath, London