HARRY C STAINTON

Harry Charles Stainton was born in Partney in 1876. In 1881 the family were living in Back Lane, Partney, now known as Maddison Lane. The household consisted of his grandmother, Elizabeth, her son and daughter and seven grandchildren.

By 1891 Harry was working as a plumber's apprentice, living with his mother, five brothers and sisters and his grandmother in Partney. The 1901 Census shows Harry as still living in Partney, working as a plumber and painter.

He married Lucy Annie Johnson on 11th April 1903 at St Nicholas Church, Partney. By 1911 the family, including twins Audrey and Alfred born in Dalby in 1904 and son John born in Dalby in 1907, were living at Dalby. Harry was working as a house painter.

Harry served in the First World War as an Air Mechanic in the Royal Air Force. The Air Mechanics were colloquially known as "Ack-Emmas" - a slang term for "a.m." as in ante meridian. The phrase derives from a signalman's letter code, in which Ack stood for A and so on. This is also where the word Ack Ack for anti-aircraft (AA) fire comes from, as well as the origin of the companion term Pip Emma.

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He died in 1939 and was buried in Partney on 19th June 1939.