



Clays Farm

This farm was located at Stratton Green and stood next to the Baptist chapel.

1796

Sarah Haggard is owner of 168 acres until 1806, stayed in family until at least 1896.

1851

William Horton was a farmer here according to the census of that year

1861

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1868

William Horton was still farming here until his death. He died February 1868 'hot in liquor' and riding at pace down Wood Street, when he collided with a lamp post, fell off and died instantly from a broken neck. He had been galloping his horse recklessly through the streets of Old Town on his way home!

1874

In 1874 Charles Strange was the farmer.

1879

An advert appeared in the Swindon Advertiser & North Wilts Chronicle on the 17th November announcing the sale of stock and fittings.

1881

It was reported in local papers on 31st January 1881 that Foot & Mouth had broken out on the farm.

George Russell was farming 73 acres here and recorded as such in the census.

1893

Kellys Directory has James Hughes as resident.

1894

On 25th September 1894 James Hughes held a Stock sale here, Cattle, horses and machinery were sold.

1898

William Miller was farmer here in 1898 and recorded in Kellys Directory.

1901

The census records Albert Hiscock, a farm bailiff as living here.

1903

Kellys directory of records Robert Curnick as a farmer here

1905

Robert Curnick is listed as a farmer here as recorded in Kellys Directory

1911

According to the Kellys directory Robert Curnick is listed as a farmer here.

1923

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1934

Frank's Curnicks' wife, Elizabeth Jane, died on the 12th February as reported in **North Wilts Herald 16th February 1934.**

Post 1934

Arthur Curnick, son of Frank and Elizabeth Jane is running the farm

During WWII the farm was allocated some German Prisoners of War to work on the land.

1948

The 1948 Swindon street directory has George T. Huntley farming here. He was to be the last resident farmer here and with his wife Winifred (nee Shurmer) and since they had no children moved to 89 Swindon Road, when the farm closed. George and Winifred later moved to Midwinter Gardens until their deaths.

An advert in the local paper reads:- Clays Farm, Stratton St. Margaret. Highly important, genuine and unreserved sale of 60 Shorthorn & Cross-bred Friesian Dairy Cattle. Agricultural Implements & Machinery. Farrant & Wightman Sell by Auction upon the premises on Wednesday Next, September 22nd, at 11.45 a.m. prompt. **Evening Advertiser, Saturday, 18 September 1948**

1952

Messrs. Thompson, Noad & Phipp reported the sale, by private treaty, to a Somerset buyer. **Wiltshire Times & Trowbridge Advertiser, 22 March 1952**

1956

The farm site was absorbed into the Pressed Steel development around this time.