

# Henry Francis

Traction Machine Operator

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## Traction Engines Owned by Henry Francis

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Wallis & Steevens 6nhp single cylinder traction engine, makers No. 2144, new 6 July 1889 to Richard Boys of Horndean. By June 1910 was owned by Henry. Returned to Wallis & Steevens in part exchange for No.7153 below.

Wallis & Steevens 8nph single cylinder traction engine No. 2173, new 16 May 1892 to Jno. Pearce, Pearce Stone Co. Stone Cleve, Portland, Dorset. Bought second-hand by Henry in February 1902 from Wallis & Steevens. Carried West Sussex licence plate No. 140, registered by Henry in 1921, H05627. Sold to B. Matthews, Finchdean Iron Works, for scrap. Sold on to J. Hardwick in Surrey and cut up..

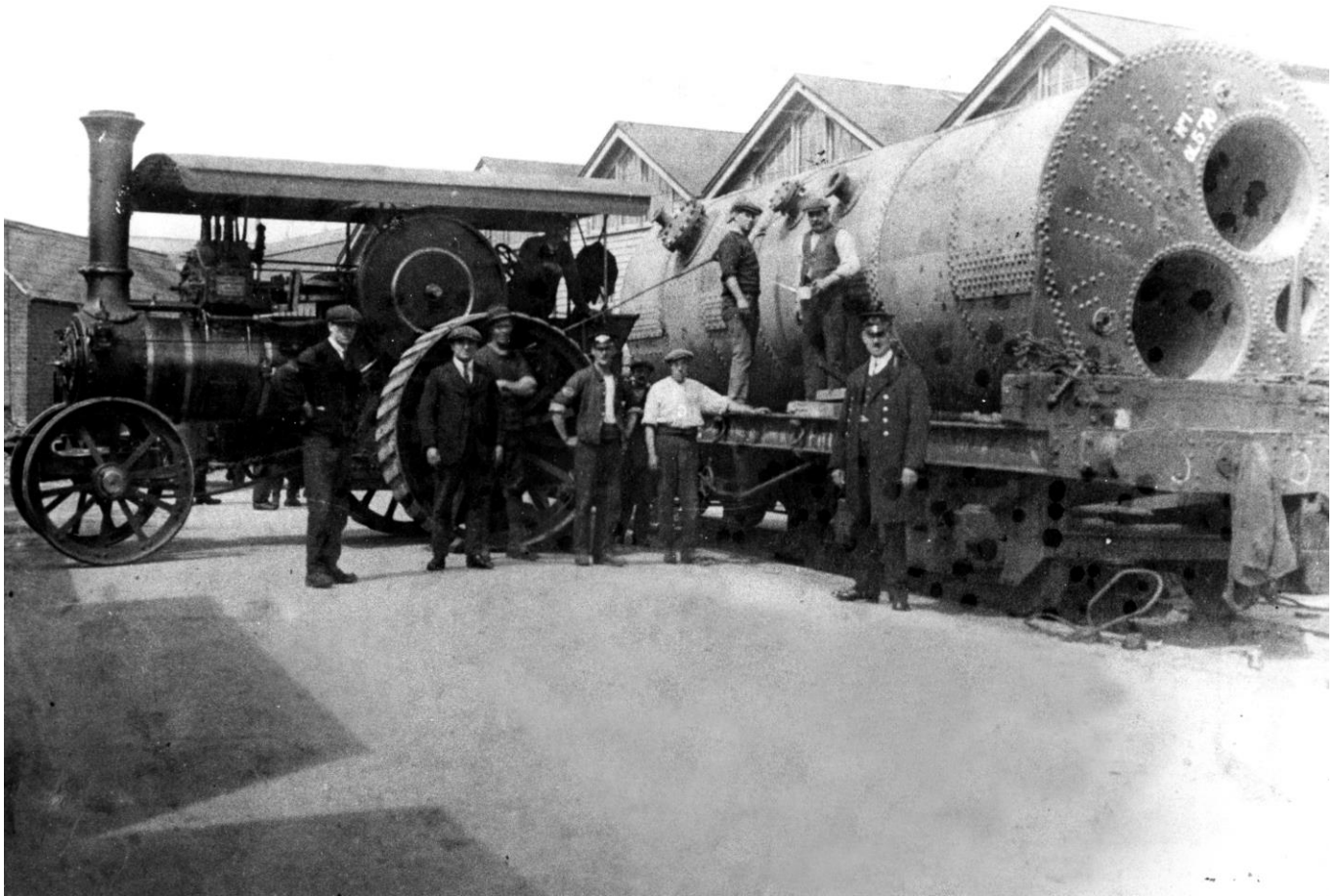
Wallis & Steevens 7nhp compound traction engine, makers No. 7153, named Bleriot in commemoration of Louis Bleriot's first aeroplane flight across the English Channel on 25 July 1909, new 29 November 1909 to Henry. Wallis & Steevens No. 2144 taken in part exchange. Carried Hampshire licence plate No. 558. Registered by Henry in 1921, HO 5626. Sold in 1951 to B. Matthews, Finchdean Iron Works for scrap.

Wallis & Steevens 5 ton wagon, makers No. 7506, new 5 September 1915, registration number AA5681, bought second-hand by Henry from John Kiln of Cosham in February 1922. Later sold to T. Hardwick in Surrey for scrap.

Burrell 7nhp single cylinder traction engine No. 912, new 1881, bought second-hand by Henry from W. F. Baker, Berwick, Sussex in 1920. Registered by Henry in 1921, No. HO 5628. No further information.

Traction engines and steam rollers until 1921 carried county plates. They were then given registration numbers from 1921 on.

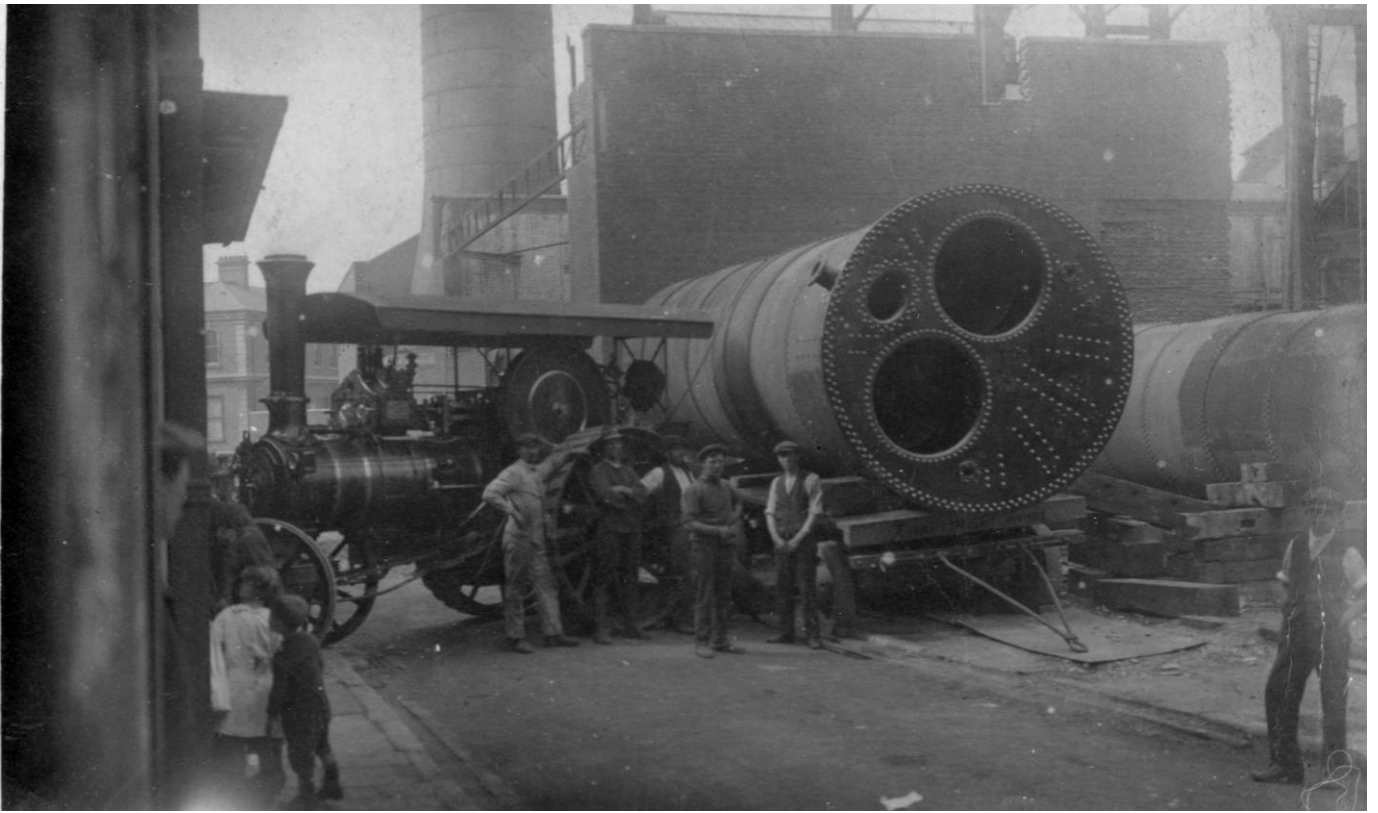




Boiler for Portsmouth Power Station being off loaded in Fratton goods yard



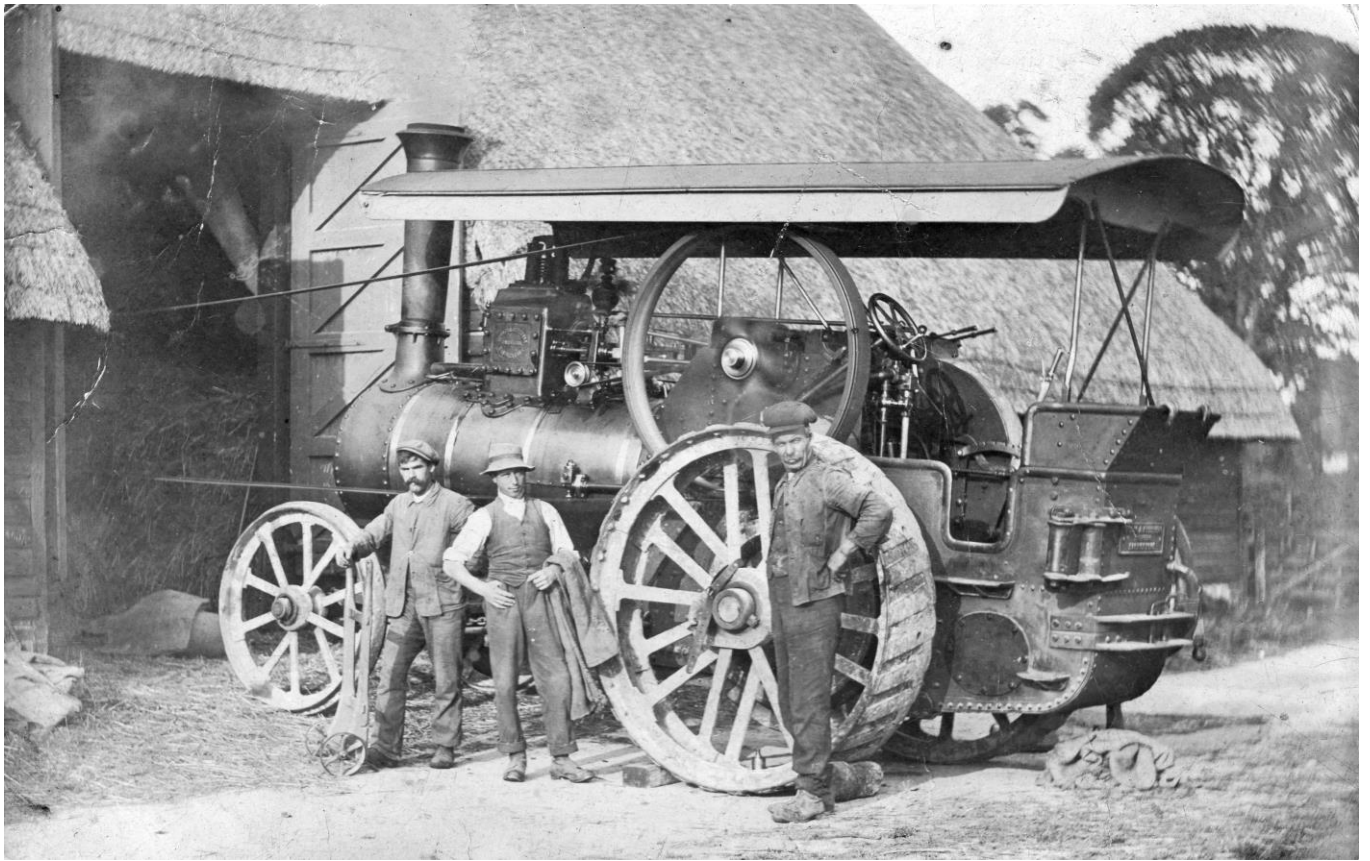
Boiler en route to Portsmouth Power Station



Boiler at Portsmouth Power Station



Alternator en route to Portsmouth Power Station



Henry Francis, on the right, and crew, threshing. According to his grandson, Walter Francis, Henry always stuffed his cap with newspaper.



Traction engine and threshing tackle

