The Godfrey and Frazer Nash - *"history tree"*

Henry Ronald (Ron) Godfrey
M.I.Mech.E
1887 to 1968

Captain
Archibald (Archie) Goodman Frazer Nash
M.I.Mech.E
1889 to 1965

Approximate year:

1910 — *Having first met at Finsbury Technical College in 1905, Ron Godfrey and Archie Nash form a "cycle car" company first as partners, and then forming a company in 1912*
G.N. Limited

in 1921, GN went into receivership and was sold and re-formed Under new ownership, Godfrey and Nash remained there until 1922

1921 — **G.N. Motors Limited**

Godfrey left to set up his own company servicing and improving GN cars

1922 — **H.R. Godfrey Motors Ltd**

(Archie Frazer Nash left GN to produce his own sports cars)
Frazer Nash Limited

Godfrey produced a new "light car" with Stuart Proctor

1927 — **Godfrey & Proctor Ltd**

Company re-constituted by H J Aldington as:-
A.F.N Limited
(Frazer Nash left AFN in 1929)

1929 — **Nash & Thompson**
Designed and developed aircraft gun turrets
(Godfrey joined Frazer Nash here in 1929)

Under Aldington's ownership, AFN continues to build the chain-driven cars from 1929 to 1939 and in 1934 also become the sole UK importer for BMW cars

1934 — **Frazer Nash BMW**

Godfrey left to build a new "sports" car with Ted Halford and Guy Robins

1935 — **H.R.G Engineering Co. Ltd**

merged into:-
Parnall Aircraft Limited

1946 — *The Engine Division of The Bristol Aeroplane Co. Ltd acquire majority shares in AFN. AFN, as owners of the UK rights to the BMW 328 engine license Bristol to make it with an agreement to supply to them.*
Bristol BMW

1950 — *Stuart Proctor joins H.R.G*

After WW2 Archie Frazer Nash continued inventing engineering products for defence & aircraft. After his death this continued on as:-

1954 — *AFN become sole UK importer for Porsche cars*
AFN Porsche Ltd

1958 — *Godfrey retires from H.R.G*

1960 — *The HRG Association was formed (with the support of the company)*

1965 — **Frazer Nash Group**

company name changed to:-
Porsche Cars Great Britain Ltd
Archie Frazer Nash dies 1965, aged 76

1966 — *H.R.G Engineering Co. Ltd Directors decided to retire and the company was wound up*

1967 / 68 — *The HRG Association acquired the remaining spares, jigs and tools and intellectual property of the company*
H R Godfrey dies 1968, aged 81

1987 — *The Aldington family finally sold their final shares to Porsche in 1987*

1990 — *Frazer Nash Group in receivership (due to Defence cuts) some parts of the company survived…*

Frazer-Nash Consultancy, *continues to this day….*

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