

**C TCGG      Hull Town Council Greek Gypsy Committee      1886**

**Historical Background:** In 1886 a group of what were described as Greek Gypsies arrived in Hull. Reports at the time indicated they came from Castellano, on Corfu (Kerkyra in Greek), which could be one of two villages on the island named Kastellanoi. The group appeared to have travelled initially to Constantinople, then Malta, London and Liverpool where they hoped to travel to the United States. But they were refused permission to travel to America, so they were then sent to Hamburg, before being sent back to Britain again, which is why they ended up in Hull. However, this may not be complete or accurate account of their travels.

The group that arrived in Hull consisted of 20 men, 18 women and 55 children. Reports suggest they then travelled to York via Beverley and Market Weighton, before dispersing into smaller groups and making a living across the country in fairs, often greeted with opposition, wherever they ended up. Three names are mentioned: Michael Nicollonans and his wife, Solona and Georgio Giovanni, although these were approximations and may not be accurate. The image, which is probably a reproduction off an older copy, shows several women wearing turbans which is unusual, as Corfu was not part of the Ottoman Empire at this time. Accounts suggest that not all the group may have been Greek though. The Hull Town Council established a committee to resolve the situation.

**Custodial history:** Records created as part of the work of the Greek Gypsy Committee and routinely transferred from the Town Clerks Department. Additional information supplied by Charlotte Hursey.

**Description:** Minutes of meetings, correspondence, additional notes and a photograph

**Extent:** 24 items

**Related material:** See council minutes in the searchroom

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

<b>C TCGG/1/1-3</b>	<b>Minutes of the meetings of the Joint Hull Deputation regarding the Greek Gypsies</b> Joint Deputation consists of the Hull Corporation and the Hull and Sculcoates Board of Guardians 3 items	<b>1886</b>
C TCGG/1/1	Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Hull Deputation Consists of Hull Corporation and the Hull and Sculcoates Broad of Guardians 1 item	24 Sep 1886
C TCGG/1/2	Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Hull Deputation 1 item	27 Sep 1886
C TCGG/1/3	Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Hull Deputation 1 item	2 Oct 1886

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C TCGG/2	Statement of the known facts regarding the Greek Gypsies Elicited from 2 members of the party, Michaelo Nicolianus and Georgio Giovanni and forwarded to the Foreign Office 1 item	24 Sep 1886
C TCGG/3	Notice to the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company from the Hull Town Council Stating that proceedings will be taken against them by the Corporation if they move the Greek Gypsies from the Humber Dock entrance to Corporation Field 1 item	15 Sep 1886
<b>C TCGG/4-19</b>	<b>Correspondence of the Greek Gypsy Committee</b> 19 items	<b>Sep-Oct 1886</b>
C TCGG/4	Letter from Arthur Rollitt, of London and Hull, solicitor to the Hull Greek Gypsy Committee regarding a deputation to the Local Government Board or the Foreign Office 1 item	23 Sep 1886
C TCGG/5	Letter from Henry Morrill of Hull, ship maker and chandler to Alderman Leek, Chairman of the Greek Gypsy Committee Suggesting the desirability of having representatives of the group at the Joint Committee meeting 1 item	23 Sep 1886
C TCGG/6	Letter from F.B. Gotrian in London regarding a meeting of the Hull Greek Gypsy Joint Committee 1 item	24 Sep 1886
C TCGG/7	Telegram from A. Rollitt to Alderman Leek Regarding a meeting with the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs 1 item	24 Sep 1886
C TCGG/8	Letter from John Leek of Hull regarding the need to meet with Sir A. Rollitt and F.B. Gotrian again regarding the group of Greek Gypsies 1 item	25 Sep 1886
C TCGG/9	Letter from Chatham of Hull, solicitors to John Leek of Hull indicating he is unable to attend a meeting of the Joint Greek Gypsy Committee 1 item	25 Sep 1886

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C TCGG/10	Letter from John Petters and Sons, Swansea, ship brokers for Captain Glicas to the Mayor of Hull Offering passage to 50-80 of the group of Greek Gypsies for £10 per head on board the clipper 'Jungfrau' to Buenos Aries, Argentina 1 item	25 Sep 1886
C TCGG/11	Mounted extracts from the Hull Daily Mail regarding the group of Greek Gypsies 1 item	24-27 Sep 1886
C TCGG/12	Letter from Charles H. Wilson of Hull, indicating he is unable to attend a meeting of the committee 1 item	25 Sep 1886
C TCGG/13	Letter from Ellen Rayner of 1 Plane Street, Hull to Alderman Leek regarding the conditions in the area where the Greek Gypsies are living 1 item	25 Sep 1886
C TCGG/14	Letter from G.R. Park of Hedon, indicating he is unable to attend a meeting of the committee, as he is attending the funeral of Col. Prickett 1 item	26 Sep 1886
C TCGG/15	Letter from Charles Hanson of London to the Mayor requesting to meet the gypsies as he speaks Greek 1 item	3 Oct 1886
C TCGG/16	Letter from Sir James Fergusson in Ayr, presenting his compliments to Mr Dawe of the Hull Board of Guardians and a meeting of the Hull Joint Greek Gypsy Committee 1 item	6 Oct 1886
C TCGG/17	Letter from Charles Hanson of London to the Hull Joint Greek Gypsy Committee outlining the best course of action 1 item	7 Oct 1886
C TCGG/18	Letter from Bishop S.G. Mandon of Bristol regarding the plight of the group of Greek Gypsies 1 item	29 Sep 1886
C TCGG/19	Correspondence between Edward Dodson of Garston, Liverpool and Hull Corporation complaining about the reports he has read in the 'Liverpool Mercury' regarding the group of Greek Gypsies 1 item	25 Sep 1886- 23 Oct 1886

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C TCGG/20	Letters and telegrams between F.B. Gotrian and the Foreign Office regarding the Greek Gypsies in Hull Includes miscellaneous notes compiled at meetings 1 item	23 Sep 1886
C TCGG/21	Photograph of a group of the Greek Gypsies Note this may be a reproduction of an original image. 2 items	c.1886