There were still less in the ice cream business in Wolverhampton and once
there were many like them in the West Midlands. These families arrived here
in the late 19th century, when the economy in southern Italy collapsed
due to a huge number of holes in the ice cream.

Most of them headed for the USA.
In Glasgow and Edinburgh there were large
numbers from the commune of Picinisco, in the province of Caserta.

This was part of Campania and belonged to the region of Naples. It lay
in the mountains above the River Liri, south of the larger town of Sora
and north of Monte Cassino.

Nearby were the communes of Alinia
and Gallinara and close to Sora was
a small community of about 3,000
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