

Bygone Buses

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JACKSON. William

The Vine P.H.

BRIXWORTH

As one would expect from his address, William Jackson was the landlord of The Vine public house at Brixworth and in order to improve his standard of living he diversified into bus operation in the 1920s.

In September 1924 Jackson applied to Northampton County Borough Council for a Hackney Carriage licence to enable him to ply for hire with a twenty seat bus from Regent Square in connection with his Brixworth to Northampton service. However, in view of a recent resolution of the Council that in their opinion the local services were adequate and further competition would be dangerous by reason of the narrowness of the roads, Jackson's application was refused. Following this setback it seems likely that William Jackson terminated his service in one of the public house yards in the Sheep Street / Regent Square area but a year later he was granted his required licence to operate from Regent Square.

As far as it is known, William Jackson's first bus was a secondhand Selden registered NH 3127 which seated twenty passengers. It would have been first registered in 1921 to an unknown operator, passing to Jackson in 1924 and remaining in use until November 1931. In July 1925 Jackson bought a new fourteen seater REO Speed Wagon from Messrs Allchin & Son of Northampton, which took the registration RP 1438. The livery of this vehicle was blue and yellow but that of Jackson's other buses are not recorded. In the following year Jackson bought another new REO from Allchin's but this was a larger Pullman model seating twenty passengers and registered RP 3520. Unfortunately no photographs of William Jackson's vehicles have been forthcoming and neither has a timetable come to light from which the level of service provided could be gauged.

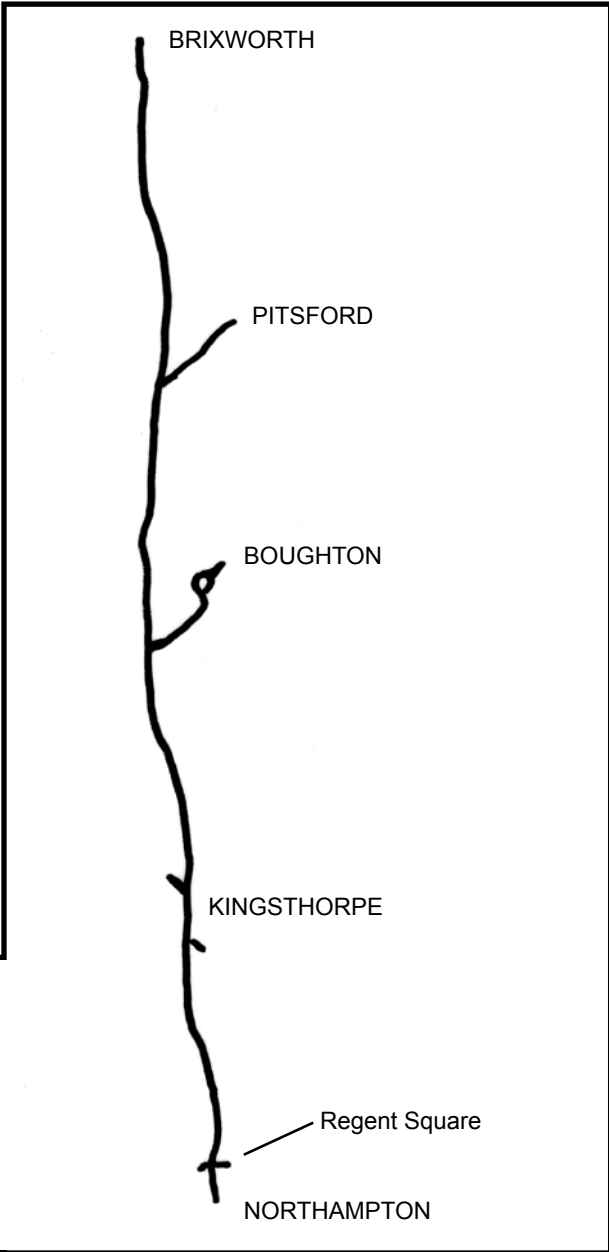
William Jackson did find himself in a little trouble with the Northampton Council in March 1930 when the Chief Constable reported to the Watch Committee that Jackson had failed to run a bus from Regent Square, the bus having apparently been engaged for other work. The Chief Constable was instructed to inform Mr Jackson that any further failure would be seriously dealt with.

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Following the introduction of the Road Traffic Act, 1930 William Jackson applied to the Traffic Commissioners in November 1931 for a Road Service Licence to continue his service from Brixworth via Pitsford and Boughton to Northampton without modification and this was granted on 17th December 1931. Within the next few months negotiations were taking place with United Counties with a view to the major operator taking over.

On 20th June 1932 United Counties Omnibus & Road Transport Co Ltd signed an agreement with William Jackson to purchase the Goodwill of his omnibus business for the sum of £75. The Company made application to the Traffic Commissioners to add Jackson's timings to its existing Northampton to Brixworth service and these alterations became effective from 1st July 1932 and, no doubt, William Jackson thereafter enjoyed more time at The Vine.



**WILLIAM JACKSON'S
Bus Service**

**Brixworth - Pitsford - Boughton -
Northampton, Regent Square**

Rolling Stock:

Regn No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Body No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
							New	S/H	W/D			
NH 3127	Selden	?	?	?	B20	?	-/21	-/24	11/31	?	No further owner	
RP 1438	REO	Speed Wagon F	119896	?	B14	?	7/25	—	6/32	Supp. Allchin Northampton	?	1
RP 3520	REO	Pullman	W2658	?	B20	?	12/26	—	6/32	Supp. Allchin Northampton	?	2

Notes: 1 - RP 1438 last owned by F Thompson, Enfield and last licensed 9/38.
2 - RP 3520 last owned by C W English, Bury St.Edmunds and last licensed 6/39.