

Bygone Buses

of
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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CLARKE. Frederick Snr & Jnr, Frank and Horace

1 Scotland Street

KETTERING

Frederick and Horace Clarke of Scotland Street, Kettering turn up in the Minutes of Kettering Urban District Council's Street, Buildings & Sanitary Committee on several occasions during the second decade of the twentieth century. In June 1910 Frederick Clarke was granted two Omnibus Licences, one for a vehicle to seat ten passengers and the other nine. He was also granted an Omnibus Driver's Licence and doubtlessly these licences were for horse-drawn buses. In May 1914 Frederick Clarke Senior was granted another Omnibus licence for a Brake whilst his son, Frederick Clarke Junior, was issued with a Driver's Licence.

Moving on to May 1917 Horace Clarke of Scotland Street applied for two Omnibus Licences whilst he and Frank Clarke were also licensed as drivers. Clearly all four Clarkes were from the same family but their relationship with each other apart from Frederick Senior and Frederick Junior are unknown.

The next piece of the jig-saw puzzle comes with the registration of RP 3269 on 4th September 1926 to F Clarke & Son of 1 Scotland Street, Kettering. This vehicle was an Overland open lorry supplied by the Imperial Autocar Co Ltd. There is nothing to suggest that RP 3269 was used for the carriage of passengers but presumably at some point between 1917 and 1926 the Clarkes' business shifted from passenger to goods transport.

ROLLING STOCK:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Type/Seats	Body No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
							New	S/H	W/D			
RP 3269	Overland	BM	4882	?	Open Lorry	?	9/26	—	6/35	Supplied Imperial Autocar Co Ltd	No further owner	

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