

# Bygone Buses

of  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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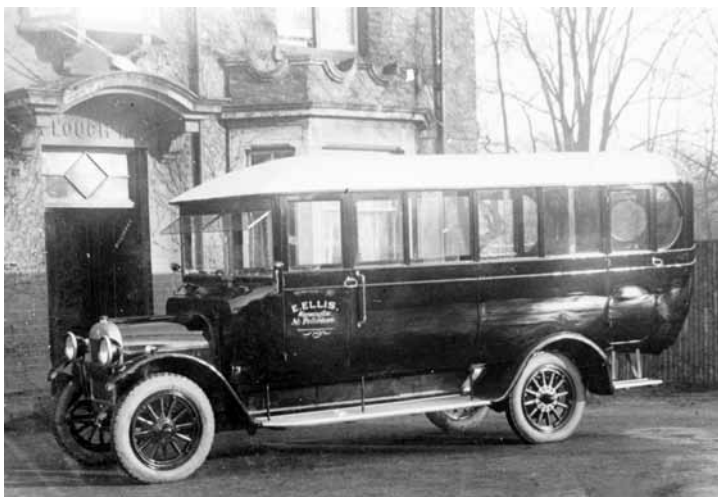
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## ELLIS. Ernest WARMINGTON

Ernest Ellis was providing a carrier's service between Warmington and Peterborough on Saturdays by 1914 and was still doing so in 1920. By April 1925 he was being described as a Bus Proprietor which ties in quite nicely with the fact that on 22nd December 1924 he purchased a REO Speedwagon bus from dealer George Skinner of Spalding. This twenty-seater bus was registered RP 244 and carried a Bracebridge body. Fortunately the coachbuilders photographed it when new.

*Ernest Ellis took delivery of this handsome REO Speedwagon in December 1924 at which time it was registered RP 244.*

*(Photo courtesy R Marshall collection).*



As far as it is known Ernest Ellis operated only one bus running from Warmington to Peterborough. He may also have run to Oundle but again hard evidence has not yet come to light. As Ernest's business was not acquired by the dominant operator in the area - the Peterborough Electric Traction Co Ltd - it is assumed that the service(s) ceased prior to, or at the time of, the introduction of the Road Traffic Act, 1930.

More research is required to see if local newspapers throw more light onto the activities of this operator.

### Rolling Stock:

REGN. NO.	CHASSIS		BODY		DATES			PREVIOUS OWNER	INITIAL DISPOSAL	NOTES
	MAKE	NO.	MAKE	TYPE/ SEATS	NEW	S/H	W/D			
RP 244	REO Speedwagon	F 110570	Brace-bridge	B20D	12/24	—	?	Supplied G H Skinner, Spalding	Last owned by E J Beadle, Redhill, Surrey 6/34	

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