

# Bygone Buses

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## COX. Frederick & BUCKBY. Paul Geoffrey t/a COX'S COACHES 25 Athelstan Rd, KETTERING & 39 Station Rd, BURTON LATIMER

Frederick Cox lived at 25 Athelstan Road, Kettering and after the second World War ventured into coach operation, acquiring a thirty seater Burlingham bodied Maudslay ML3BC coach from Leslie Adams of Rothwell, who traded as Buckby's Coaches. This machine registered TF 3759 dated from 1930 but had been rebodied by Burlingham in 1936. There is a possibility that TF 3759 was not Cox's first vehicle but this point will be returned to later in this paper.



*This photograph of TF 3759 was taken in 1936 when operated by York Bros of Northampton. After the War this handsome Maudslay passed to Knight's Coaches of Northampton and then to Adams (Buckby's) of Rothwell prior to acquisition in 1949 by Cox's Coaches.*

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BURTON LATIMER

Paul Buckby married Frederick Cox's daughter Melba and the couple lived at 39 Station Road, Burton Latimer. Paul joined his father-in-law in the coaching business and another vehicle was added to the fleet in June 1949. This motor was registered AHK 434 and was a 1933 Bedford WLB with Strachans twenty-seat bodywork. Generally speaking, Fred Cox drove the Maudslay and Paul Buckby the Bedford.

In the Spring of 1950 Cox's Coaches purchased yet another coach and this turned out to be a Plaxton bodied A.E.C. Regent registered OF 3971. It had started life as a Birmingham City double-decker in 1929, fitted with a fifty-seat Brush body. The chassis was returned to A.E.C. in January 1930 when it was rebodied with 32-seat coachwork and was used by the A.E.C. Sports and Social Club. In 1939 it received its Plaxton coach body and ran for several operators before passing from Shamrock & Rambler to Cox's Coaches by March 1950.



*What an impressive sight Plaxton bodied A.E.C. Regent OF 3971 makes, with Frederick Cox standing ahead. Whilst in Cox's ownership this vehicle retained its Shamrock & Rambler orange and cream livery.*

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The advertisement depicted below and placed in the Kettering Evening Telegraph of 23rd March 1950, shows that Cox's Coaches were running four vehicles at this time. The 20-seater was AHK 434; the 30-seater was TF 3759 and the 32-seater was OF 3971. Unfortunately the identity of the 25-seater coach has not been traced and it is possible that this mystery vehicles was Cox's Coaches first acquisition, a little earlier than March 1949, maybe even in 1948.

# COX'S COACHES

**20, 25, 30, 32-SEATER COACHES  
STILL AVAILABLE FOR HOLIDAY SEASONS**  
**25, ATHELSTAN ROAD, KETTERING.**  
**39, STATION ROAD, BURTON LATIMER**  
**Phone Burton Latimer 340.**

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The above advertisement also shows that Cox's Coaches displayed the addresses of both proprietors, together with the Burton Latimer telephone number. Coaches were parked at both locations, at Athelstan Road *en street* and at Station Road on land adjoining the house.

From various accounts Cox's Coaches ran only for a couple of years. It is believed that the two partners eventually had a disagreement which resulted in the coaches passing to Paul Buckby who continued to trade as Cox's Coaches, but only until the end of the 1951 Summer season, after which time the rolling stock was disposed of to Showmen or scrap dealers. Frederick Cox, on the other hand, continued in business operating taxis.

### Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
						New	S/H	W/D			
?	?	?	?	?	C25	?	c-/48?	?	?	?	1
TF 3759	Maudslay	ML3BC	4939	Burlingham	C30F	12/30	c3/49	c10/51	Adams, Rothwell	R Norman, London (Showman)	2
AHK 434	Bedford	WLB	108895	Strachans	B20F	5/33	6/49	c10/51	?	L C Earl, B. Latimer (Showman)	3
OF 3971	A.E.C.	Regent	661011	Plaxton	C32F	-/29	by3/50	c10/51	Shamrock & Rambler, B'mouth		4

**Notes:** 1 - Vehicle identity not known.  
2 - TF 3759 - last licensed 3/53.  
3 - AHK 434 - last licensed 9/56.