

Bygone Buses

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BIRD. William **8 Upper Duke Street** **KETTERING**

Another early operator about whom nothing would be known save for a reference in the Kettering Urban District Council's Streets, Buildings & Sanitary Committee minutes is William Bird of Kettering.

In this case William Bird was granted omnibus licences for two vehicles on 1st June 1910, one of which was authorised to carry ten passengers and the other, eighteen. It is unclear at this date whether these omnibuses were horse-drawn or were motor lorries equipped with seating. Whatever they were, William Bird was still operating three years later in 1913, after which time his name does not reappear in the Council Minutes.

However, a 1925 Northampton, Hunts and Rutland Trades' Directory lists William Bird as a cab and carriage proprietor and also a jobmaster.