

Bygone Buses

of
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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BOSWORTH. Frank **Grange Road** **GEDDINGTON**

Frank Bosworth was primarily a timber merchant but in February 1921 he purchased a former London General bus, presumably from the War Department and, on reaching Northamptonshire it was allocated the registration number BD 5536. It was a double-decker which, in the registration records is noted as seating only twenty passengers. Frank Bosworth provided services from Geddington to Kettering and from Geddington to Woodford, with his wife acting as conductress. It is said that a couple of bricks were usually carried on the bus to act as chocks in case the brakes were slipping.

Frank Bosworth apparently ran his services for little more than a year before he busied himself with other things, being a jack-of-all trades. Interestingly, more than a decade later, Frank bought a fourteen seater REO from United Counties but he probably used this as a lorry rather than for passenger work.



Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
						New	S/H	W/D			
BD 5536	L.G.O.C.	X	X545	L.G.O.C.	O20R?	?	2/21	c-/22	War Dept?/ L.G.O.C.	V. Cox, Rushden	1
RP 6023	REO	?	146176	?	B14F	5/28	-/35	6/40	United Counties (369)	No further owner	2

Notes: 1 - BD 5536 last owned by V. Cox, Rushden and last licensed 10/24.
2 - RP 6023 believed to have been used as a lorry by Bosworth.

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