

Bygone Buses

of
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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COWLEY. Arthur

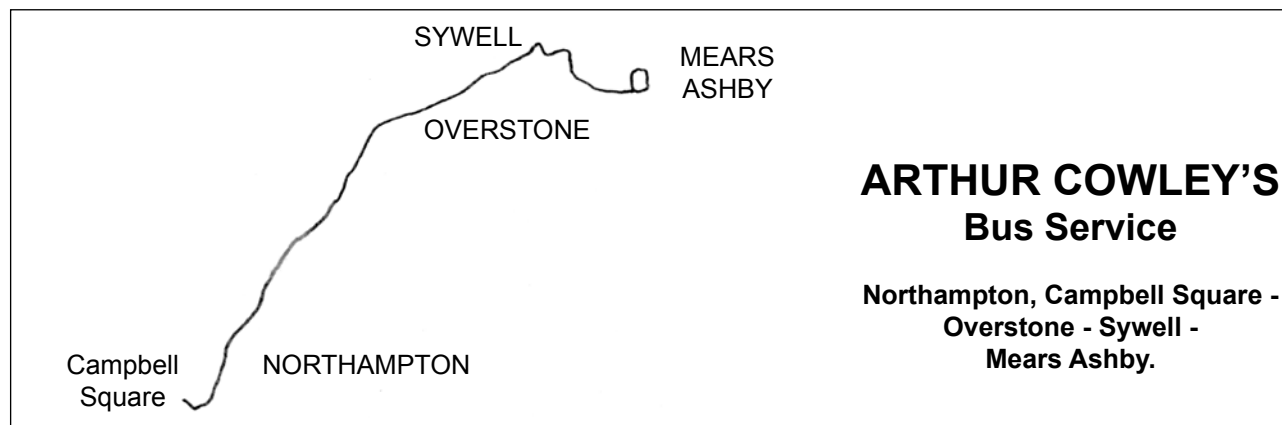
16 Adnitt Place

NORTHAMPTON

This is the rather sad story of Arthur Cowley who decided he would provide a bus service in 1925 and on 19th May of that year his application to Northampton County Borough Council for a Hackney Carriage Licence to ply for hire from Campbell Square was approved. Arthur's intention was to operate his service from Northampton to Overstone, Sywell and Mears Ashby and this he did.

To run his service Arthur Cowley bought a fourteen-seater blue and white Pierce-Arrow saloon bus from Charlie Billington of Northampton (NN-BI2) but unfortunately the registration number of this machine is unknown.

All went well until Arthur had an accident with his bus at the junction of Kettering Road with Grove Road in which a woman was killed. This incident so unnerved Arthur that he was obliged to give up his bus service later in 1925.



ROLLING STOCK:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Type/Seats	Body No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
							New	S/H	W/D			
?	Pierce-Arrow	?	?	?	B14	?	?	c4/25	-/25	CBillington, Northampton	?	

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