

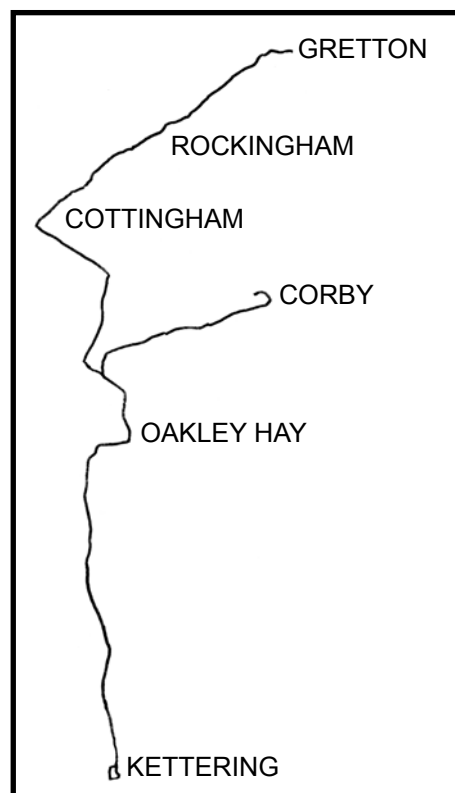
CLAYPOLE. Ernest Jesse Rose Cottage, High Street, CORBY

Ernest Claypole would have been aged about thirty when he bought his first bus which was an Overland registered RP 3257 on 30th August 1926. It is apparent that he must have inaugurated a service from Corby via Oakley Hay to Kettering, as on 19th March 1927 the Police reported him for overcrowding his bus. Following this incident the Streets, Buildings & Sanitary Committee of Kettering Urban District Council, at its meeting of 6th April 1927, recommended the Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against Ernest Claypole for recovery of penalties for overcrowding an omnibus on 19th March.

Also, in April 1927, Ernest Claypole bought a second bus from St. Saviours Garage in Leicester. This was a Lancia Z-type registered NR 5484 that had been new in December 1924 and seated twenty passengers.

As far as it is known Ernest Claypole persisted with his Corby to Kettering service and two buses until the Autumn of 1928. At this point the Kettering U.D.C. was recommending that a conference be arranged between Messrs Meadows & Frost of Kettering and United Counties to co-ordinate their Corby - Kettering services as Meadows & Frost had acquired the business of Ernest Claypole of Corby.

It seems probable that Meadows & Frost took over only the Corby to Kettering service operated by Claypole, together with the Lancia bus NR 5484, leaving the latter with private hires and excursions only operated with the Overland bus. In August 1931 Ernest Claypole applied to the Traffic Commissioners



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for a daily stage-carriage service to operate between Gretton and Kettering proceeding via Rockingham, Cottingham and Oakley Hay. Two return trips were proposed for Mondays to Thursdays; four on Fridays; five of Saturdays and three on Sundays. In the event United Counties opposed the proposed service and Ernest Claypole decided to withdraw his application. At this point Claypole appears to have ceased as a bus operator.

It is possible that a gentleman named Drury was associated with Ernest Claypole in the early years but this cannot be confirmed at present.

Rolling Stock:

REGN. NO.	CHASSIS		BODY	DATES			PREVIOUS OWNER	INITIAL DISPOSAL	NOTES
	MAKE	NO.	TYPE/ SEATS	NEW	S/H	W/D			
RP 3257	Overland	BMT 2800	B	8/26	—	10/31?	—	No further owner	1
NR 5484	Lancia Z	4446	B20	12/24	4/27	9/28	Supplied St. Saviours Garage, Leicester	Meadows & Frost, Kettering	

Notes: 1 - RP 3257 last licensed to Claypole as a good vehicle 6/32.