

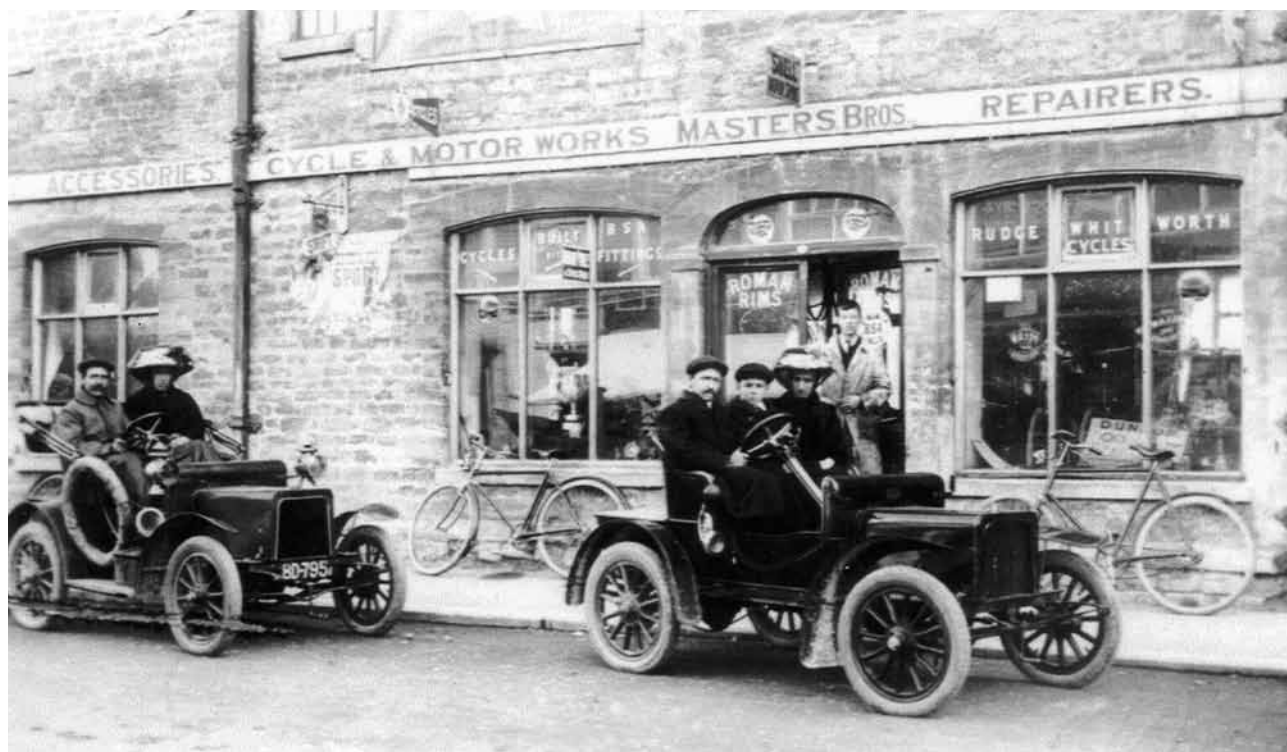
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MASTERS Bros. Grove Street RAUNDS

Even before the first World War the Masters Brothers of Raunds were well established cycle and motor dealers. They opened showrooms in Grove Street, and workshops in Brook Street, Raunds as can be seen in the following photographs.



Masters Bros.' Grove Street, Raunds premises are shown in this view. Albert Masters is reported to be in the leading car and he was killed in May 1918, aged 19, whilst serving in the Royal Flying Corps. Presumably it is Albert sitting between his parents in the car.

Over the years Masters Bros. owned and operated a number of taxis of which known models were BD 3089 and NH 2563 - both Fiats; BD 4520 - a Calthorpe and BD 5234 - a Daimler landaulette. However, for a short period in the 1920s Masters Bros. did run a fourteen seater Napier bus which they bought in August 1922 when it was registered BD 6919 and was used for private hire purposes. In fact it may well have been an ex-Government vehicle as it enjoyed such a short life, being last licensed in December 1923.

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This photograph is included as it shows the two Masters brothers at the extreme left and right of the photograph. One of them was Charles but the name of the other is not known to the Author. Also appearing in the photograph are Walter Dix (NN-DI4) third from the left; Walter Gell (NN-GE2) fourth from the left and Abdon Dix (NN-DI4A) second from the right. Masters Bros.'s garage/works was in Brook Street, Raunds.

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This Masters Bros. advertisement is taken from a Raunds Almanac & Business Directory of 1915 and shows that in addition to their Raunds Works, the firm also traded at Wilstead and Bedford. It is possible that the family originated from Bedfordshire.

Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Nts
						New	S/H	W/D			
BD 6919	Napier	?	13309	?	B14	8/22	—	12/23	—	No further owner	1

Notes: 1 - BD 6919 was probably an ex-Government vehicle.