

# Bygone Buses

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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**BARTRAM. W B, Sons & Co Ltd**  
**t/a Flax Mill Coaches (457582)**  
**17 Market Square**  
**NORTHAMPTON**

The company registered as W B Bartram, Sons & Co Ltd was incorporated on 31st July 1948. It cultivated and harvested flax, which was then processed at the firm's Billing Flax Mills. The company was in existence for only a decade, being dissolved on 12th September 1958.

## FLAX MILLS, BILLING 1951 FLAX CROP

We are now open to receive applications for  
contracts for next season's

### INCREASED ACREAGE

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**W. B. BARTRAM, SONS  
& CO. LTD.**

*A facsimile of one of Bartram's 1950 advertisements appearing in the Northampton Independent in October of that year.*

The Author has found no evidence to suggest that W B Bartram ran coaches for normal commercial operations but probably instead ran vehicles to transport the firm's own workers. Details of any vehicles owned are also absent but a subscriber to this series recalls dark green wooden-seated utility bodied saloons being operated. It is presumed that they carried the name "Flax Mill Coaches" painted on their sides or boots.

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