

Bygone Buses

of
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

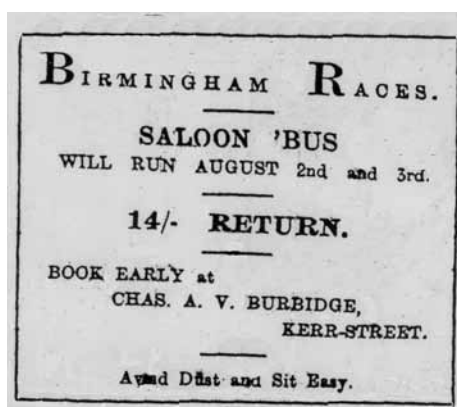
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BURBIDGE. Charles Albert 1 Kerr Street Victor NORTHAMPTON

Charles Burbidge of 1 Kerr Street, Northampton was described in a local Northampton directory as a Cab, Taxi and Motor Car Proprietor.

On 19th June 1916 Burbidge was granted a Hackney Carriage Licence by Northampton Borough Council Watch Committee, but this may have been for a taxi.

However, by July 1920 Burbidge was advertising a saloon bus running to Birmingham Races at 14/- return. Early booking was advised with the unusual tag-line - "Avoid Dust and Sit Easy."



The only vehicles to be positively identified as belonging to Burbidge are two Ford Ts registered NH 3916 and NH 5247, and BD 4912, another Ford but known to be a blue landaulette. All three must have been taxis or hire cars. It appears that Charles Burbidge's bus operation was short lived.

Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Body No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Nts
							New	S/H	W/D			
BD 4912	Ford	T	2764139	?	5		8/20	?	6/30	York, Ward & Rowlatt, Wellingborough	No further owner	
NH 3916	Ford	T	?	?	?		c9/21	?	12/33	—	No further owner	
NH 5247	Ford	T	7949352	?	?		1/24	?	?	—	?	

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