

Bygone Buses

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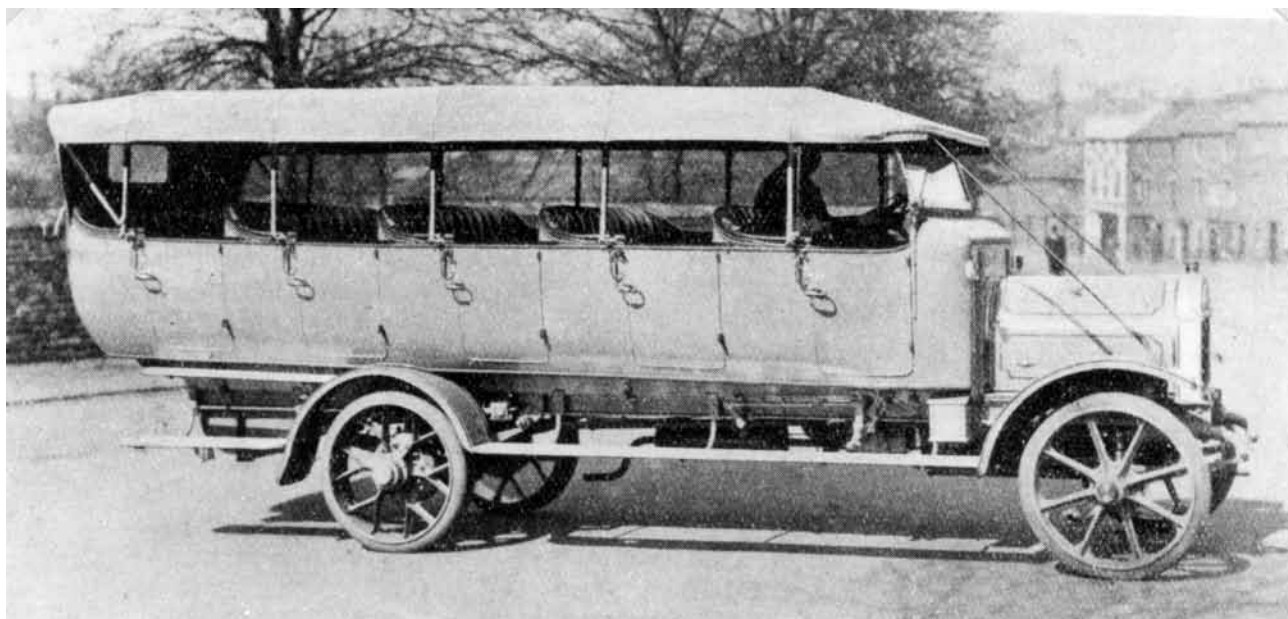
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HOLLOWELL. Mrs Susan Elizabeth Racehorse Inn, Abington Square, NORTHAMPTON

It seems that Mrs Susan Elizabeth Hollowell was the licensee of the Racehorse Inn situated at Abington Square, Northampton and in April 1914 she purchased a Maudslay chassis with charabanc coachwork built by Messrs Hollingsworth of Northampton. The vehicle concerned was supplied by the Derngate Motor Company of Bedford Place, Northampton, which was itself associated with the Midland Motor Bus Company of the same town.

Mrs Hollowell was granted a Hackney Carriage licence by Northampton Borough Council Watch Committee on 20th April 1914 and this licence entitled her to stand the charabanc at Abington Square with the proviso that the minimum fare to be charged within the Borough area was 3d.

The Maudslay was used mainly for private hire purposes and conveyed many patrons of the Racehorse Inn on local outings. By the autumn of 1918 the charabanc was out of use and it was advertised for sale by auction at the Racehorse on 5th September 1918.



The Maudslay charabanc with Hollingsworth bodywork as purchased by Mrs Hollowell in April 1914.

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HOLLOWELL. Mrs S E, N'HAMPTON

For reasons unknown to the author, the name of "Mrs Robinson" has also been associated with the same Maudslay charabanc. One possibility is that Mrs Hollowell bought the vehicle new and Mrs Robinson succeeded her as licensee of the Racehorse Inn during the 1914 – 1918 period.

Rolling stock:

NHxxxx? – Maudslay 20hp – Hollingsworth – Chara 25 – New 4/14 – Sold 9/18.



The same vehicle, with its canvas hood furled, carrying a party from the Racehorse Inn.