

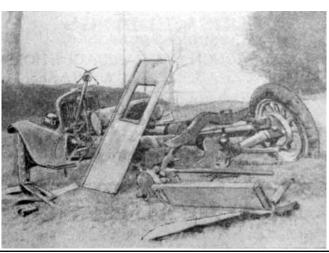
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TINKER. W 7 Avondale Road, KETTERING

It would seem that Tinker was employed by the Kettering Transport Company until May 1921 when he and a Mr J T Pask announced that they had set up business as Motor Haulage Contractors from premises at 17 Tresham Street, Kettering. Quite how long the partnership lasted is not clear and the next piece of information concerning W Tinker is that he hired a model T Ford registered BD 6280 from John Dainty of Geddington (NN-DA1), in about 1924.

Tinker used the Ford T for private hire purposes and he engaged a Mr Scarrett of Kettering, who worked at Stamford during the day, to drive the Ford in the evenings and, presumably, at weekends. It was whist BD 6280 was on hire that Scarrett was driving it on the evening of Monday 16th February 1925, when it caught fire on the road between Weekley and Geddington. The strong winds apparently helped to feed the flames and the body of BD 6280 was totally destroyed. There were no passengers travelling on the Ford at the time of the incident.

Evidently the remains of BD 6280 were sold to either Tinker or his wife - Alice - and rebuilt, maybe as a goods vehicle. It was last registered in the name of Alice Tinker when its final licence expired in December 1934.



Rolling Stock:

BD 6280 - Ford T - 4574256 - B14 - Registered 15th March 1922 to John Dainty of Geddington. Hired by W Tinker from 1924 until body destroyed by fire 16/2/25. Chassis subsequently sold to Tinker.

Left: All that remained of BD 6280 after the fire near Geddington.

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