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WATSON. George Stocks Hill MOULTON

In the early part of the twentieth century George Watson was the village carrier at Moulton. He either took over from his father or, at least, worked jointly with him, using a horse-drawn vehicle on Wednesdays and Saturdays journeying into Northampton. On other days of the week furniture removals and other general haulage was undertaken.



This illustration shows George Watson reclining on the roof of the carrier's cart bearing the name "W & G Watson" on its side. No doubt the elderly gentleman holding the reins was W. Watson, George's father.

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Either late in 1913 or early in 1914 George Watson purchased a second-hand 26 horse-power Daimler van to replace the family's horse-drawn transport. The Daimler had been new in 1906 when it was registered AY 466 on 18th June and fortunately a photograph of it has survived.



In this photograph George Watson can be seen leaning on Daimler AY 466. The bodywork of the van has side windows and was used for the carriage of both goods and passengers. The lettering on the side reads "W & G Watson, Carriers, Moulton and Northampton".

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It is reported that George Watson ran with AY 466 three time daily between Moulton and Northampton and on occasions carried as many as forty passengers, literally all over the vehicle - inside, on the back board let down on chains, on the roof, beside the driver and on the mudguards. No health and safety issues in 1914! The fare from Moulton to Northampton was 3d single.

George Watson operated AY 466 for a couple of years only, as in 1916 he enlisted in the Northamptonshire Regiment serving in the First World War in France. After he returned to civilian life George took up farming and resided at Slade Farm, Moulton.

Whilst George Watson was in the Armed Forces his Daimler AY 466 was sold to another Moulton resident - Mr Walter Whitmill - landlord of the White Lion public house in High Street. Readers are referred to paper NN-WH6.

Rolling Stock:

| Regn. No. | Chassis | Type | Chassis No. | Body | Seats | Body No. | Dates | | | Former Owner | Disposal | Notes |
|-----------|---------|------|-------------|------|-----------|----------|-------|--------|------|--------------|----------------------------|-------|
| | | | | | | | New | S/H | W/D | | | |
| AY 466 | Daimler | 26hp | ? | ? | Lorry/Bus | — | 6/06 | c12/13 | -/16 | ? | W Whitmill, Moulton (6/18) | |

Notes: