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SCROXTON. Herbert (Bert) 14 Portland Road RUSHDEN

Reference to paper NN-SC1 shows that Edward Scroxton had two sons, Charles Henry (Harry), who was the subject of NN-SC1 and Herbert (Bert), whose involvement with transport is related in this paper.

It may be recalled that Edward Scroxton and his two sons set up a furniture packing and removal business in the mid-1890s based at 14 Portland Road, Rushden which was the Scroxton family home. In September 1910 the business was sold to Alfred Packwood, a Carrying Contractor, Coal & Firewood Merchant of 50 Park Road, Rushden. Herbert Scroxton, always known as Bert, thereafter managed the enterprise for Alfred Packwood.

By June 1920 at the latest, Bert Scroxton had left Packwood's employment and established his own carrier's business which went from strength to strength until finally being sold to P.X. Ltd of Rushden on 1st January 1935. Such was the good name of Bert Scroxton in the Rushden area that P.X. Ltd continued to trade under the Scroxton title as well as their own.

Reverting to the early days of Bert Scroxton's own business, on 11th November 1920 Bert bought a Ford T which was registered BD 5166 and licensed as a dual purpose vehicle for goods and hackney use. In surviving registration records this vehicle is noted as having a seating capacity of only eight passengers. By good fortune a picture of BD 5166 was included in an advertisement placed by Bert Scroxton in "Northamptonshire Past & Present" of 1924 and this is reproduced on the next page.

MOTOR TRIP to LONDON,

WHIT-MONDAY.

A Few Seats Left.

16s. return

BERT SCROXTON & SONS,
PORTLAND ROAD, RUSHDEN.

Phone 138.

This advertisement appeared in the Kettering Evening Telegraph on 14th May 1921 and shows Bert Scroxton was using his Ford BD 5166 for an excursion at that date.

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TELEPHONE No. 138.
GRAMS "Kepamovin, Rushden."

Bert Scroxton & Sons,

Furniture Removers, Storers and Haulage Contractors.



Motor Removals

150 Miles

and delivered same day.

By Road or Rail,
ANY DISTANCE.

Terms: *Strictly Cash.*

**Portland Road,
RUSHDEN.**

Although appearing in 1924 the photograph in this advertisement would have been taken a year or two earlier. It depicts three of Scroxton's vehicles parked in Portland Road, Rushden in front of the firm's premises. Heading the convoy of vehicles is BD 5166 with van body and windows and used part-time as a passenger vehicle. It apparently seated eight passengers inside plus two alongside the driver. The lorries behind are a Thornycroft registered BD 4697 and a Clydesdale registered BD 3563 acquired from Bert's brother Harry.

Little else is known of Bert Scroxton's passenger carrying activities or the vehicles he may have used. In June 1925 the appended advertisement was inserted in the Rushden

Bert Scroxton and Sons,
Furniture Removers to all
parts of the World.

HAULAGE OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
Up-to-date Saloon Bus to carry 14 persons.
Address : Telephone 138.

14, Portland Rd., Rushden.

Echo in which Bert Scroxton claims to have an up-to-date saloon bus to carry fourteen persons available. Clearly BD 5166 did not fit the bill and Bert must have acquired a second passenger vehicle by this time. Apparently Bert Scroxton was still displaying the same advertisement in 1927.

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Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Nts
						New	S/H	W/D			
BD 5166	Ford	T	3967245	?	B8/10R	11/20	—	12/30	—	No further owner	
?	?	?	?	?	B14	By 6/25	?	?	?	?	



This illustration shows Scroxton's Bedford WL van registered NV 2704 in June 1933. It has bodywork by Messrs Grose Ltd of Northampton.