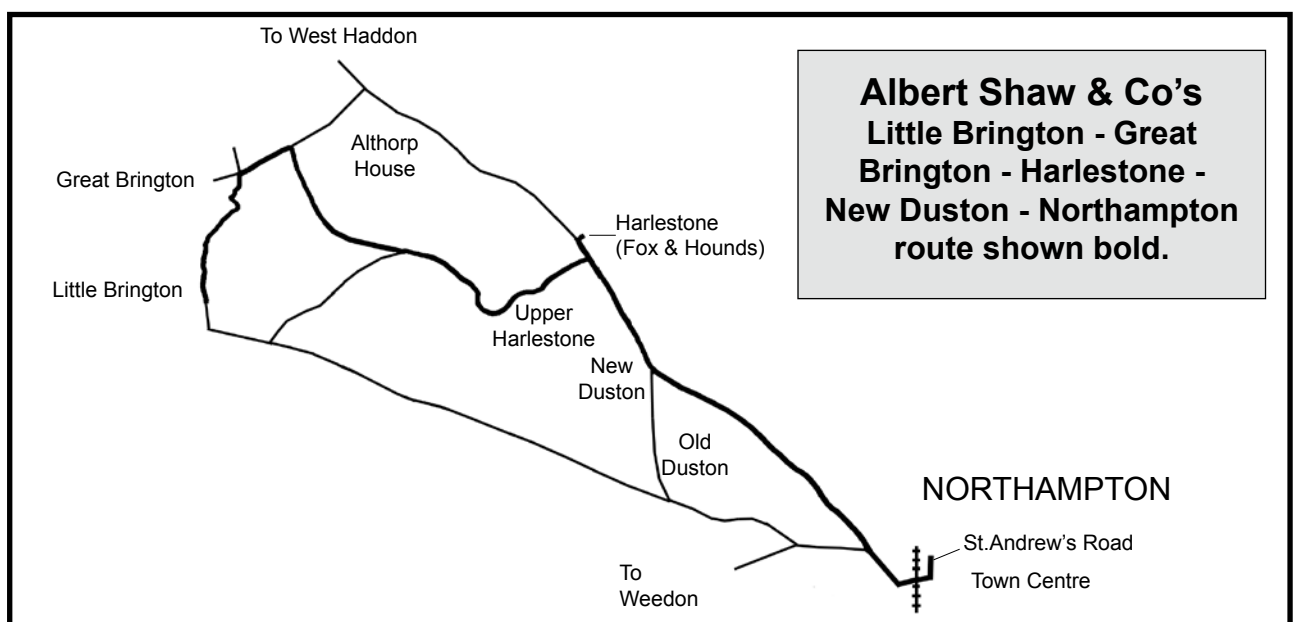


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Albert Shaw's principal business was that of a haulier but in the second half of the 1920s he briefly diversified into bus operation. In fact it was in December 1927 that Albert Shaw made application to Northampton Borough Council Watch Committee to run his proposed bus service from St Andrew's Road, Northampton via Harlestone Road to New Duston, Harlestone Fox & Hounds, Upper Harlestone, Great Brington and Little Brington.

The Watch Committee granted Shaw his licences on 12th December 1927, initially for a fourteen-seat vehicle for which further details are unknown. In May 1928 Shaw's fleet was doubled by the acquisition of a brand new REO Sprinter twenty-seat saloon bus registered RP 5882 bought from Kettering operator Walter Keach. The circumstances surrounding Keach apparently purchasing a new REO and immediately re-selling to Shaw remains a mystery.

Unfortunately, but not surprisingly in view of the rural nature of the Northampton to Little Brington service, the route was not a financial success and it was discontinued at the end of the summer of 1928. The REO - RP 8552 - was sold on to Arthur Roberts of Gayton for further use on his services.



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RP 5882 was the twenty-seater maroon and cream liveried REO Sprinter acquired by Shaw from Keach of Kettering, later passing to Roberts of Gayton in whose ownership it is seen in this photograph.

Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Body No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
						New	S/H	W/D			
?	?	?	?	B14		?	by 12/27	c9/28			
RP 5882	REO Sprinter	FAX 5556	?	B20F		5/28	5/28	c9/28	W Keach, Kettering	A Roberts, Gayton	

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