

Bygone Buses

of
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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LANGLEY. George William ECTON

In Kelly's 1914 Directory of Northamptonshire George William Langley is recorded as a shopkeeper and carrier based in Ecton, from which village he ran a Wednesday and Saturday service to the Fish Inn at Northampton. After the First World War George Langley graduated to a motor vehicle when he purchased a 20 horsepower Ford T van-cum-bus which was registered BD 5082 on 24th September 1920. In addition to being a goods vehicle, BD 5082 was licensed as a public conveyance, being described as "double-purpose" and painted green. As it is also recorded as seating fourteen passengers the Author assumes some, or all, the seats could be removed leaving the area at the rear of the van suitable for the conveyance of parcels and other goods. Unfortunately we have no photograph of this Ford T.

It is unknown for how long Langley conveyed passengers on his motorised carriers service. The likelihood is that it would have been for a year or two only as excellent conventional bus services operated between Ecton and Northampton every day of the week. No doubt the carriage of goods took precedence and George Langley retained BD 5082 until the end of March 1937, so it enjoyed quite a long life. On days other than Wednesdays and Saturdays there is no reason to suppose that BD 5082 was not used for private hire purposes.

Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Type	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Nts
						New	S/H	W/D			
BD 5082	Ford	T	?	?	Van/ B14	9/20	—	3/37	?	No further owner	

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