

Bygone Buses

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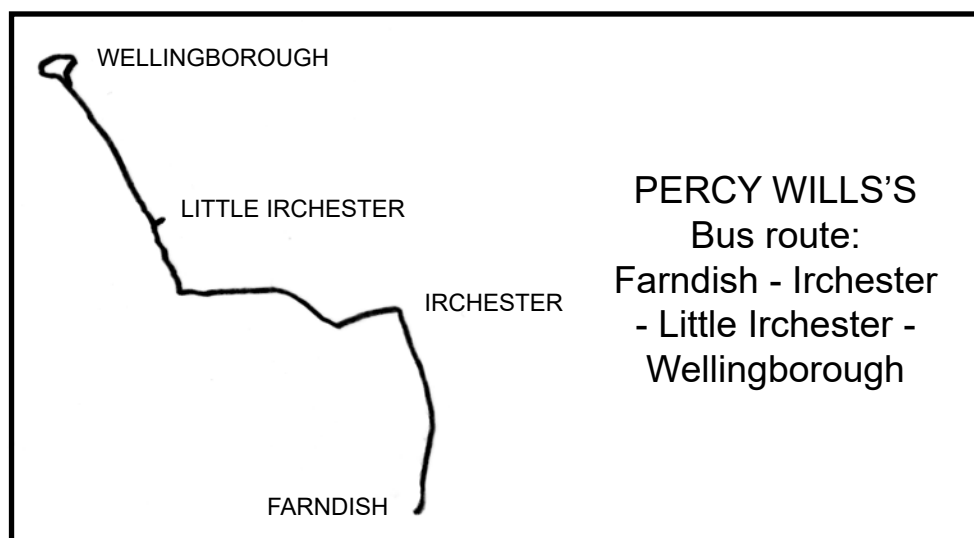
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WILLS. Percy 49 High Street IRCHESTER

Percy Wills lived in Farndish in Bedfordshire when he first operated his bus service from that hamlet to Wellingborough via Irchester and Little Irchester. This would have been circa 1926 when he acquired a lorry which was equipped with an interchangeable body which allowed it to be used for both goods and passenger work. Its identity has not yet been discovered.

On 1st February 1929 Percy Wills took over the Beer Licence at 49 High Street, Irchester from which premises he also ran a grocery business, or at least his wife did, whilst Percy continued to run his lorry/bus. It is known that Percy used his vehicle to convey a group of Irchester Scouts on a camping expedition to Clacton in 1928, a journey that was repeated in 1930. There is no trace of Percy Wills operating a bus service in the post-Road Traffic Act, 1930 period.

In February 1934 the Wills family moved to 12 High Street, Irchester to take over the grocery business previously in the hands of Harry Wright (NN-WR1) and this was continued until 1938 when the Wills family moved to the Kettering area.



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