

WHITMILL. Walter

White Lion

High Street

MOULTON

Readers are referred to paper NN-WA13 which concerns George Watson of Moulton who operated a 1906 vintage Daimler lorry-cum-bus registered AY 466. On 4th June 1918, whilst Watson was serving in the Armed Forces, AY 466 was purchased by Walter Whitmill who was the landlord of the White Lion public house in High Street, Moulton.

It is presumed that Walter Whitmill used the above Daimler for private hire purposes only and most likely for local trips connected with activities organised by the White Lion. It seems that the elderly Daimler had about played its hand by the Spring of 1920 as Whitmill replaced it with a second-hand Fiat lorry/bus acquired from a Wellingborough operator.

Precisely how long Walter Whitmill ran the Fiat is unknown but probably no more than a couple of years. After leaving the White Lion Whitmill apparently took up market gardening and moved to Far Cotton, Northampton.

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	6/18	3/20?	G Watson, Moulton	?	
BD 3878	Fiat	35hp	64.CA	?	Lorry/Bus	—	11/19	3/20	c-/22?	J Jones, W'borough	?	1

Notes: 1 - Last owned by S Reynolds, Stony Stratford and last licensed 10/29,

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In this view the Daimler AY 466 can be seen in the ownership of W & G Watson of Moulton who used it prior to its transfer to Walter Whitmill.