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TOMLIN. George Alfred Street RUSHDEN

George Tomlin is listed in the Phillipson's Directory of Rushden for 1908 as a carrier who operated from Rushden via Wellingborough to Northampton on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and from Rushden to Kettering on Tuesdays and Fridays. Presumably in 1908 George Tomlin used horse-drawn transport but in the 1912 catalogue of Karrier Cars he is noted as a carrier, char-a-banc proprietor and owner of a Karrier vehicle.

No trace can be found of a suitable machine in surviving Northamptonshire "BD" Motor Tax records but it is quite likely that the Karrier would have been registered in Huddersfield by its manufacturer with a "CX" index. Percy Kerr of Kettering (NN-KE4) also operated a Karrier lorry/bus and no doubt George Tomlin's machine would have looked similar to those illustrated in paper NN-KE4.

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