

Bygone Buses

of
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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ALCOCK. Percy Samuel

High Street

BRACKLEY

Kelly's Directory of Northamptonshire for 1914 lists Samuel L Alcock & Son as carpenters based in Brackley's High Street, whilst a 1916/7 Trades' Directory lists just Samuel Alcock as a carpenter. The Author therefore assumes that Percy Samuel Alcock was the son and he subsequently became a Motor Engineer, again trading in the High Street, but whether or not from the same premises as his father has not been established. It is possible that the father had died by 1920 but this has not been confirmed.

It would seem that Percy Samuel Alcock acquired a DeDion vehicle that was registered as BD 5107 on 6th October 1920 at which time it was described as a car and licensed for use as a public conveyance. However, by 12th February 1921 it was described as a green van seating fourteen passengers and licenced as a Hackney Carriage. Whether or not BD 5107 started life as a car and was rebodied as a van, no doubt with side windows, is not known.

Presumably, as part of his motor engineering business Percy Alcock operated taxis and used his fourteen seater bus for private hire purposes - at least for the 1921 season as the DeDion reached the end of its life in December 1921 and had no further owner. Alcock continued in business as a Motor Engineer.

Rolling Stock:

REGN. NO.	CHASSIS		BODY		DATES			PREVIOUS OWNER	INITIAL DISPOSAL	NOTES
	MAKE	NUMBER	MAKE	TYPE/ SEATS	NEW	S/H	W/D			
BD 5107	DeDion Bouton	?	?	B14	10/20	—	12/21	—	No further owner	

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