

Bygone Buses

of
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

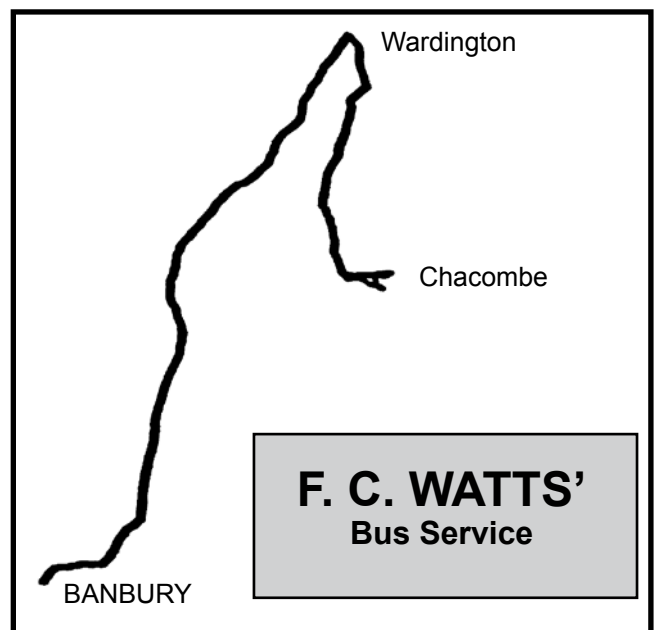
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WATTS. Francis Cecil CHACOMBE

Research has so far revealed very little information about Francis Cecil Watts of Chacombe, near Banbury. It is unknown when he commenced operating buses but on 29th June 1929 he purchased a new Chevrolet LQ bus from Sidney Evins Garage in Banbury and this machine was registered RP 7684. Watts may well have run secondhand stock prior to this date.

Similarly, it is unknown when he commenced his bus service from Chacombe via Wardington to Banbury, probably on Thursday market days and on Saturdays. With the advent of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, Francis Watts applied to the Traffic Commissioners for a Road Service Licence for the above stage-carriage route, which was duly licensed in both the East Midland and Southern Traffic areas. Watts may also have operated excursions and tours but, if so, details of his licence have eluded the Author.

Francis Cecil Watts continued operating only until the middle of 1932 as, from 2nd July, Midland Red purchased the Goodwill of his licences for the sum of £42-10-0. Midland Red amended the timetables of their Banbury - Byfield - Leamington and Banbury - Byfield - Daventry - Rugby services to incorporate Francis Watts' former operations.



Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Body No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
							New	S/H	W/D			
RP 7684	Chevrolet	LQ	53880	?	B14F?	—	6/29	—	7/32	Supp. Sidney Evins, Banbury	?	1

Notes:- 1 - RP 7684 last owned by J Stokes, Watlington and last licensed 9/38.

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