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WOOD. William Henry MILTON MALSOR

William Henry Wood is listed in the 1928 Kelly's Northants Directory as a shopkeeper and it is assumed that was his occupation in 1921 also, when he purchased a Ford T fourteen-seater enclosed van which was painted green and registered BD 5159 on 2nd February 1921.

William Wood licensed his Ford for the carriage of both goods and passengers (Hackney Carriage) from the start. Presumably he used the Ford as a good vehicle in connection with his shopkeeping activities. Wood is not known to have provided a local bus service and it is likely, therefore, that he used it in Hackney mode for the occasional tour or excursion.

William Wood had sold BD 5159 by 1930 at the very latest and it ended up in Earith as a van. It was replaced by a 1924 REO registered BD 9407 that had at one time been used as a bus by Harry Dunnett of Wellingborough (NN-DU2). Whether or not it performed any passenger work whilst with Wood is unknown and the REO was taken out of service in July 1932.

Rolling Stock:

REGN. NO.	CHASSIS			BODY			DATES					
	MAKE	TYPE	NO.	8441/5	TYPE/ SEATS	NO.	NEW	S/H	W/D	PREVIOUS OWNER	INITIAL DISPOSAL	NOTES
BD 5159	Ford	Т	3896515	?	Van B14	_	2/21	_	by 3/30	_	W Freeman, Earith	1
BD 9407	REO	Speed Wagon F	100212	York, Ward & Rowlatt?	Lorry/ Bus	_	5/24	by 3/30		H Dunnett, Wellingborough	No further owner	2

Notes: 1 - BD 5159 last owned by W Freeman, Earith and last licensed 3/30.

2 - BD 9407 originally owned by H Dunnett, Wellingborough

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