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CHURCH AFFAIRS

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| 1 | Church notebook
Includes: notes of church meetings and services 1945-1965; list of preachers 1953-1969. | 1945-1969 |
| 2 | Account book
Includes: weekly offerings 1869-1874; quarterly subscriptions 1874-1884; list of members of chapel management committee 1874. | 1869-1884 |

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RECORD OFFICE



Records of York Bros. (Northampton) Ltd.,
Coach Hire and Travel Agents, of
Short Lane, Cogenhoe, Northants.

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Mr. George York began work at the age of twelve, helping his father as the Cogenhoe village carrier, using a horse and cart to transport goods between the local villages. In 1924, Mr. York purchased a Model T Ford and developed his own carrier and passenger service in Cogenhoe. The vehicle, which was used to carry coal most of the time, had a detachable top and was used to take passengers from Cogenhoe to Northampton on Market days. In 1925, another Model T Ford was purchased and in 1926, a Chevrolet. In this same year, George York was joined by his brother, Mr. Fred York, who left his business as a blacksmith in Ravenstone, Bucks. Later, it was Fred York's idea to name each of York Bros. coaches after a battleship.

The firm grew gradually throughout the 1920's; in 1928 the bus service was extended to Wollaston and a Summer Express Service from Northampton to Great Yarmouth began. During the 1920's, the York brothers moved the business to new premises in the village, now the Cogenhoe Garage of Mixconcrete Transport Ltd.

About 1930, York Bros. moved to Northampton, renting a garage in Dychurch Lane, off Abington Street, at the rear of the Black Boy Hotel (now the Midland Bank) and a few years later they also rented a garage at West Bridge, St. James' End, Northampton. The first coach ticket booking office opened in Derngate in 1932. During the 1930's, the coach fleet was expanded with purchases of Maudslay vehicles and in 1937, Leylands.

In 1940, all but one of York Bros. fifteen coaches were commandeered for the transport of troops, however, the local stage-carriage bus service continued, using the remaining coach and one old spare vehicle. After the Coventry Blitz, the Company purchased coaches to ferry workers from Northampton to the rebuilt Coventry munitions factories. In the 1940's also, a garage at South Bridge, Northampton was acquired.

In 1946, Mr. George York ceased to be actively involved in the Company to go into farming at Church Farm, Little Houghton. Mr. Fred York and his son, Mr. Alfred York, who later became Managing Director, continued to run the Company, whilst Fred York's other son, Mr. Robert York, became the chief maintenance engineer.

The Company continued to expand during the 1950's. In 1951 York Bros. opened a booking office in Market Street, Kettering and

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Records of York Bros. (Northampton) Ltd.,

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rented a garage in London Road. In 1957/8 the booking office moved to Tanners Lane and in 1975, to High Street, Kettering.

About 1958, York Bros. took over Seamark's Motors Ltd. of Rushden and opened their own garage and booking office there. In 1956, a garage was also opened at Barker's Yard, Wellingborough.

Since that time, more booking offices have been opened at Wellingborough in 1967/8, in the Weston Favell Centre in Northampton in 1975 and in the Grosvenor Centre, Northampton in 1976. Several smaller coach companies have also been taken over, Laws Coaches in 1930, Seamark's Motors Ltd., Rushden in 1958, Abbots Coaches of Wellingborough about 1962 and Knights of Kingsthorpe Grove, Northampton in 1963.

York Bros. Ltd. continued their local bus service until 1976, when it was sold off to United Counties.

Today, York Bros. Ltd. has a coach fleet of about 30 vehicles and organises tours all over Britain and abroad. The booking offices have now become travel agencies, selling holidays of other Companies as well as their own.

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York Bros. (Northampton) Ltd.

(The records are retained by York Bros. Ltd.)
(except where indicated)

1 Property Deeds and Agreements:

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| a) Lease assignment of 2, Derngate, Northampton from T.C. Howard to E.F. Collins. | June 1934 |
| b) Lease assignment of 2, Derngate, Northampton from E.F. Collins to York Bros. Ltd. | <u>December 1934</u> |
| c) Copy of lease of 2, Derngate, Northampton by York Bros. Ltd. | 1934 |
| d) Copy of lease of the factory warehouse near West Bridge, St. James End, Northampton by York Bros. Ltd. - includes building plan. | November 1935 |
| e) Deed of purchase of freehold land and buildings at South Bridge, Northampton. | 1938 |
| f) Agreement between the Northants County Council and York Bros. Ltd., giving planning consent for Yorks to erect a motor garage in Cogenhoe. | March 1944 |
| g) Tenancy agreement between the Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd. and York Bros. Ltd. for rooms in the Prudential Buildings. | 1949 |
| h) Agreement between the River Nene Catchment Board and Yorks Bros. Ltd. concerning use of the landing stage near South Bridge, Northampton. Also correspondence associated with this. | November 1950 |
| i) Lease of property to York Bros. Ltd. at The Brickyard, Kettering. | 1952 |
| j) Insurance agreement for use of part of 4, St. Giles Street and the Prudential Buildings by York Bros. Ltd. - also an office plan. | March 1952 |
| k) Plan for the erection of a public service station in Norwich, plus a map of its position. | July 1953 |
| l) Lease of 106, High Street, Rushden from Seemarks Motors Ltd. to York Bros. Ltd. | April 1955 |

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York Bros. (Northampton) Ltd. (cont.)

1 Property Deeds and Agreements (cont.)

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| m) Correspondence concerning lease of lock-up shop at 1, Derngate, Northampton to York Bros. Ltd. | 1955 |
| n) Leases of premises at Barker's Yard, George Street, Wellingborough to York Bros. Ltd. | 1956, 1957,
1960, 1968 |
| o) Leases of flats to tenants in Kingsthorpe Grove, Northampton by York Bros. Ltd. | 1961, 1963,
1964, 1966, 1969 |
| p) Lease of 15, Henley House, Corporation Street, Corby by York Bros. Ltd. to L.C. Windebank. | 1964 |
| q) Licence for alteration and work at 5, Derngate, Northampton from Mrs. D.I. Butlin and another to York Bros. Ltd. Also correspondence concerning the lease of 5, Derngate to York Bros. Ltd. | February 1966 |
| r) Lease of premises in Barker's Yard, George Street, Wellingborough to York Bros. Ltd. and photographs of the premises. | December 1967 |

2 Other Deeds and Documents:

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| a) Solicitors Bill and application for York Bros. Ltd. to take over the Service Licence of the Easie Motor Coach Company from Northampton to Brafield. | September 1933 |
| b) Deed for the purchase of Laws Coaches by York Bros. Ltd. and correspondence concerning this. | March 1933 |
| c) Guarantee of Jaguar car owned by York Bros. | September 1957 |
| d) Correspondence concerning the takeover of Knights Coaches by York Bros. Ltd. | 1960 |

3 Timetables:

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| a) Timetable of York Bros. Ltd. buses between Northampton, Cogenhoe, Grendon and Wollaston.
Draft letter of application to the Chief Constable to open the above route and reply of the Chief Constable. | 1929 |
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- 3 Timetables(cont.)
- b) Timetable of York Bros. Ltd. buses between Cogenhoe and Derngate, Northampton. Jan 1927
- c) Timetable of York Bros. Ltd. coaches between Northampton and Great Yarmouth. 1928
- d) Timetable of York Bros. Ltd. buses between Northampton and Bozeat/Wollaston. 1966
- (copies of these obtained for the Record Office)
- 4 Balance Sheets 1934 onwards
 These show the numbers and types of vehicles owned by York Bros. Ltd., the value of each vehicle and its annual depreciation. The dates of purchase of each vehicle is shown.
 (These are retained by Mr. G. York, Church Farm, Little Houghton)
- 5 Wage schedule of revised rates of pay (copy obtained for the Record Office)
- 6 Scrapbook of Coach Fleet Lists
 These show the name given to each vehicle, the make, registration number, age of vehicle, h.p. capacity, chassis type and engine number for each year.
 (xerox copies obtained for the Record Office)
- 1943, June 1944
 May 1945, Dec 1953
 Jan 1954, May 1955
 May 1956, June 1957
 Oct 1958, 1962
 1964, 1965
 1966, 1967
- 7 York Bros. Ltd. Brochures:
- a) York Bros. Ltd. Silver Jubilee brochure contains descriptions of tours and a short history and photographs of the company. (copy obtained for the Record Office) 1951
- b) School tours brochure 1952
- c) Coach tours brochure 1953
- d) " " " 1954
- e) " " " 1955

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7 York Bros. Ltd. Brochures (cont.)

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| f) | Suggestions for Private Tours brochure | 1956 |
| g) | " " " " " | 1957 |
| h) | " " " " " | 1958 |
| i) | Three copies of "The Way to Good Outings" brochure
(one copy obtained for the Record Office) | 1959 |
| j) | <u>Coach tours</u> brochure | 1960 |
| k) | Seven copies of coach tours brochure
(one copy obtained for the Record Office) | 1961-1967 |
| l) | Three copies of coach tours brochure
(one copy obtained for the Record Office) | c.1966 |
| m) | Tour brochure | c.1968 |
| n) | " " | mid. 1960's |
| o) | Educational school tours | mid. 1960's |
| p) | "Aperitif" tours | 1969 |
| q) | "Aperifif" tours | 1973 |
| r) | Coach tours in Britain | 1975 |
| s) | Coach tours in Britain and abroad | 1976-1977 |

8 Other Coach Firms Brochures:

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| a) | United Counties tours handbook | 1950's |
| b) | Midland Red tours in the Birmingham area | 1950's |
| c) | Bundle of brochures of Shelton-Orsborn, Wesleys,
etc. | 1960's-70's |

9 Leaflets:

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| a) | Leaflet advertising York Bros. Ltd. trip to
Blackpool illuminations | 1956 |
| b) | List of new and revised bus routes | 1967 |

10(a) Photographs:

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| Scrapbook of photographs of York Bros. Ltd.
coaches | 1964 &
1965 |
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10(b) Scrapbook containing photographs of:-

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| 1. Mr. G. York riding the Model T Ford Chassis to Lowestoft for its body.
(photocopy obtained for the Record Office) | 1924 |
| 2. Two copies of the Model T Ford with its body | 1924 |
| 3. Row of coaches advertising the various Yorks tours | c.1934 |
| 4. Several views of VV 3896(Maudslay) | 1935 |
| 5. A Grose built coach. | 1934 |
| 6. The exterior and interior of TF 3759(Maudslay). | 1930's |
| 7. The Northampton Town Football Club and NV 9198 (Leyland) | 1938 |
| 8. NV 9198(Leyland) | 1937 |
| 9. Mr. F. York, Mr. G. York and others with two Leyland chasses. | 1938 |
| 10. Mr. G. York, Mr. F. York and others by a coach | 1938 |
| 11. Children and a Leyland coach | 1938 |
| 12. The coach park beside the Plough Hotel, Victoria Promenade where Mulliners Garage now stands
(photocopy obtained for the Record Office) | 1938 |
| 13. CRP 300 crossing the Menai Bridge | 1946/7 |
| 14. EBD 2 (Leyland) at Marble Arch, London | 1947 |
| 15. Fleet of coaches at the Northamptonshire Co-operative Society Hall | c.1950 |
| 16. EBD 1 (Leyland) on tour | c.1947 |
| 17. GNV 701 (Leyland) on tour | c.1951 |
| 18. Views of Leyland GNV 900 | - |
| 19. KNV 300 (Leyland) at the start of the First British Coach Rally, Clacton | 1954 |
| 20. A row of coaches | c.1950 |
| 21. Mr. F. York, Mr. A. York and others at the Duple Show | 1955 |

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| 22. NBD 200 and NBD 201 (A.E.C.) at the garage | c.1957 |
| 23. TBD 1 (A.E.C.) at a coach rally | 1959 |
| 24. 1932 Albion, 1949 Bedford and a 1967 Bedford | c.1967 |

10(c) Loose Photographs:

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| 1. Albion Motor Bus running the service between Northampton and Great Yarmouth (copy held at the Record Office) | 1930 |
| 2. Annual dinner and dance of York Bros. Ltd. | 1960's |
| 3. The opening of Kettering Booking Office | 1951 |
| 4. A Duple coach | 1968 |
| 5. The Commercial Motor Show at Olympia & NV 3493 built by Grose Ltd. | March 1934 |
| 6. VV 3698 (Maudslay) | 1935 |
| 7. CBD 87K and YNV 98J at the garage | c.1972 |
| 8. Exhibition of Yorks coaches | 1936 |
| 9. The Rally Cup won by York Bros. Ltd. | 1959 |
| 10. Mr. F. York receiving a bouquet | - |
| 11. Mr. F. York as a blacksmith | - |
| 12. A celebration showing Mr. F. York and others | - |
| 13. N.H.R. Old Comrades outing at South Bridge Garage | - |
| 14. Employees of York Bros. Ltd. | 1947 |
| 15. Mr. A. York and coaches at Great Yarmouth | 1947 |
| 16. TBD 95G | 1968 |
| 17. A Northampton tram on the Far Cotton to Kings-thorpe route (photocopy obtained for the Record Office) | c.1930's |
| 18. The last coach journey on the York Bros. Ltd. service from Northampton to Wollaston with coach FNV 500, 1949 | 1976 |

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| 19. | Packet of family photographs | - |
| 20. | An Albion bus | - |

10(d) Envelope of photographs belonging to Mr. R. York:

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| 1. | Doubledecker bus VC 1770 | 1929 |
| 2. | JBD 100 (A.E.C.) | 1952 |
| 3. | HBD 102 (Leyland) | 1953 |
| 4. | Aquadrome bus BTB 613 (Doubledecker Leyland) | c.1957 |
| 5. | JRP 3 (Bedford) | c.1953 |
| 6. | Aquadrome bus FRP 400 (Doubledecker Leyland) | c.1951 |
| 7. | Aquadrome bus BSD 441 (Doubledecker Leyland) | c.1951 |
| 8. | MRP 600 (Leyland) | c.1956 |
| 9. | LRP 700 (Leyland) | c.1956 |
| 10. | LNV 303 (A.E.C.) | c.1956 |
| 11. | LNV 301 (A.E.C.) | c.1956 |
| 12. | VBD 78 (A.E.C.) | c.1961 |
| 13. | EBD 4 (Leyland) | c.1951 |
| 14. | ENV 500 (Leyland) | c.1951 |
| 15. | KNV 300 (Leyland) | c.1955 |
| 16. | FNV 700 (Leyland) | c.1951 |
| 17. | FRP 100 (Leyland) | c.1951 |
| 18. | EBD 3 (Leyland) | c.1951 |
| 19. | ENV 250 (Bedford) | c.1951 |
| 20. | FBD 200 (Bedford) | c.1951 |
| 21. | ORP 601 (Bedford) | c.1951 |
| 22. | RBD 502 (Bedford) | c.1959 |

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10(e) Folder of photographs, articles, etc.:

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| 1. | Three aerial views of the Station Road garage at Cogenhoe owned by York Bros. Ltd. | c.1940's |
| 2. | The queue for the trip to Great Yarmouth outside Derngate booking office
(photocopy obtained for the Record Office) | Feb 1948 |
| 3. | Rushden Camera Club on a coach tour | 1954 |
| 4. | <u>The 1929 Maudslay coach discovered by Mr. R. York</u> | 1965 |
| 5. | Views of coach parties on tour | 1940's & 50's |
| 6. | A Duple coach | 1960's |
| 7. | Two views of VV 3698 | 1935 |
| 8. | A row of eight coaches waiting to leave | c.1947 |
| 9. | A Bedford coach JRP 3 | 1953 |
| 10. | An A.E.C. coach FNV 703 | 1950 |
| 11. | Northampton Town Football Club and Mr. F. York as chairman by FNV 1 | c.1950 |
| 12. | The rebuilt Cogenhoe garage | 1950 |
| 13. | Mr. F. York, Mr. A. York and others at a ceremony | 1967 |
| 14. | Two views of the Albion bus on its route | c.1929/30 |
| 15. | The 1929 Maudslay before rebuilding | 1960's |
| 16. | Wallet of family photographs | 1930's/40's |
| 17. | Slide and print of Northampton Market Square | 1920's/30's |
| 18. | A Duple Dominant coach | 1973 |
| 19. | Newspaper article concerning the retirement of Mr. G. York from York Bros. Ltd. | - |
| 20. | Menus of the Annual Dinner | 1949 & 50 |
| 21. | Cheque and accounts for the Annual Dinner | 1949 |
| 22. | Menu of the Celebration Dinner held when York Bros. Ltd. won prizes in the British Coach Rally at Clacton | 1959 |

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| 23. | Photographs from a York Travel brochure | 1960 |
| 24. | Vehicle registration books for a Maudslay coach | 1935-39
1941-43 |
| 25. | Prints of:- | |
| | 1912 30cwt. Belsize van | |
| | 1904 5 ton Foden steam wagon | |
| | 1910 Standard Leyland fire engine | |
| | 1910 40 h.p. Leyland charabanc | |
| | 1908 5 ton Foden steamroller's wagon | |

11 Miscellaneous Loose Items

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| a) | Chronicle and Echo article recording the last journey of the Yorks coach from Northampton to Wollaston. | 1976 |
| b) | Advertisement for Beeden's, Motor Charabanc proprietors. (xerox copy obtained for the Record Office) | c.1919 |
| c) | Article on the coach, RBD 502 (Bedford), that won two awards in a rally. | |
| d) | Scrapbook of Rally programmes for Rallies entered by Yorks Bros. Ltd. with the 1932 Albion bus. Also article on the restoration and preservation of the 1929 Maudslay by Mr. R. York. | 1967-70 |