

History of 1909 Daimler car. Type TB22-91/2, Chassis No 5103, Reg No H6779.

| <u>Dates</u> | <u>Owner's details or other information.</u> |
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| 1909 | Rolling chassis built by the Daimler Car Company of Coventry, bodied by Hewers Motor Bodies, of Aldbourne Road, Radford, Coventry. The car was registered in Middlesex and probably issued with the registration number H6779. |
| 1909 to 1921 | Details uncertain. Many Daimler company records were destroyed during the blitz. The car may have been bought new by Mr John Sokell in 1909 (see the 1956 VCC Harrogate rally programme). |
| 20th Jan 1921 | Probably reregistered (as H6779) under the terms of the new legislation (the "roads act" of 1920). |
| 1921 to 1929 | Probably owned by Mr John Sokell, who owned and ran a printer and stationer's shop in Driffield, East Yorkshire. John died aged 72, in 1929 (see the 1929 third quarter deaths register, page 211, reference 9d 346). The car was laid up around 1929. See the 1956 VCC Harrogate rally programme. |
| 1921 to 1929 | The original mudguards were probably replaced with "modern" 1920s style pressed steel ones. |
| 1929 to 1952 | Stored by Mr Alan Sokell at the rear of his shop at 53, Middle Street, South Driffield, E. Yorks'. Alan's Niece, Mrs Mary Hewitt thinks that Alan Sokell died in 1952, but the 1948 to 1952 deaths registers do not record it. |
| 1952 | Offered for sale for £90.00 to Mr Reg Long, by Mrs May Emily Sokell (Alan's Wife). (See letter). John remembers being told that the owner had died just before going on holiday in the car. |
| 1952 to 1954 | Owned by Mr John Douglas Clayton. (See letters from his brother). |
| 6th Feb 1953 | Certified as 1909 Daimler by the V.C.C. |
| 1954 to 1958 | Registered to W. Clayton & Sons Ltd, Gilberdyke, Brough, E. Yorkshire. (See RF60 log book) but still owned by Mr J. D. Clayton, who was a Director of the company. Some time after 1954, the 1920s mudguards were replaced with 1909 period style fabricated mudguards. |
| 1954 to 1964 | Various rally plaques added to bulkhead of the car (see page two of this list). |
| 30th Jun 1956 | Entered into V.C.C. Harrogate rally by J.D. Clayton and described as "One owner - Stored for nearly 25 years in warehouse of a country stationer's shop in Driffield, East Yorkshire". |
| 1958 to 1964 | Gordon Fussey, Beckbank, Cottingham, East Yorkshire. (See RF60 log book). |
| 1964 to 1973 | Peter Black, "Nesfield", Fencliffe Drive, Keithley, Yorks. (See RF60 log book). |
| 1986 and 1987 | The car was used in the Granada television series "Lost Empires" (7 X 1 hour episodes broadcast in December 1986, January and February 1987). Granada Television want £2,300.00 for a copy of the video of the series! |
| 1973 to 1978 | Peter Black Car Museum, Grange St, Keithley, W. Yorkshire (See RF60 log book). |
| February 1978 | Registration details moved to the D.V.L.C at Swansea. (RF60 log book replaced by V5 one). |
| 1978 to 1994? | Peter Black Car Museum, Grange St, Keithley, W. Yorkshire. |
| 1994 to May 1995 | Peter Garner, "Barn Acre", Willow Farm, / 104, High St, Landbeach, Cambridge, CB4 4DT. (See photostat of Brian Moore's V5 log book). Original headlamps, Daimler Knight mascot and various other items removed from car. |
| May to Sep 1995 | Brian Moore, Hildersham Hall, A604 road, Hildersham, Cambridge. Tel 01223 892900. (See photostat of V5 log book - 2 former keepers since 1978). |
| 1995 to Sep 2022 | Adrian Hanwell, "Norton Villas", 59, Western Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM14 4SU. (See V5 log book - 3 former keepers since 1978). Daimler Knight mascot recovered (at vast expense) from Peter Garner and Great Eastern Rally Plaques have been added to car's bulkhead (see page two of this list). |
| Sep 2022 to date | Purchased by the Tampa Bay Automobile Museum. Acquired at the Bonhams Auction from the Beaulieu Sale Collectors' Motor Cars & Automobillia. Restoration in process at Tampa Bay Automobile Museum. |

List of plaques on the bulkhead of the car, Chassis No 5103, Reg No H6779.

| <u>Plaque details.</u> | <u>Year.</u> |
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| V.C.C. Hull to Scarborough run. | 1954 |
| Northallerton Veteran Car Pageant Harrogate | 1954 |
| Southport veteran car club rally | 1954 |
| V.C.C. Hull to Scarborough run. | 1955 |
| Northallerton Veteran Car Pageant | 1955 |
| Isle of Man Veteran Car Rally (Manx Automobile Club) | 1955 |
| Harrogate | 1955 |
| V.C.C. Hull to Scarborough run. | 1956 |
| Northallerton Veteran Car Pageant | 1956 |
| Veteran Car Club Rally, Harrogate | 1956 |
| Veteran Car Club Rally, Harrogate | 1958 |
| V.C.C. Hull to Scarborough run. | 1964 |
| Great Eastern Rally, Hopefield Animal Sanctuary, Brentwood | 1995 |
| Great Eastern Rally, Imperial War Museum, Duxford near Cambridge | 1996 |
| Great Eastern Rally, Ingatestone Hall, Ingatestone, Essex | 1997 |
| Great Eastern Rally, Ingatestone Hall, Ingatestone, Essex | 1998 |
| Sir Eubert Von Herkomer Konkurrenz, Landsberg-Arn-Lech, Bavaria. | 1999 |
| Original Daimler body number plate. | |
| St Christopher medallion. | |