

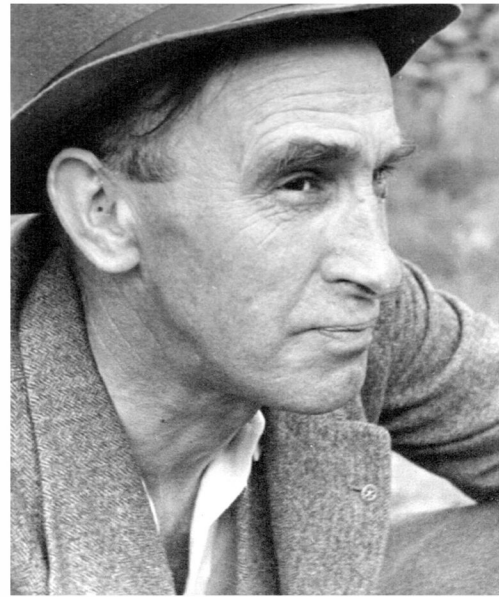
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1921-36; George Scott's First Garage

A history of the use of a piece of land in High Lorton, previously for a wooden bungalow, and now for a pleasant garden space.



George Scott, 1897-1968, was the third son of a Tallentire farmer. After serving in the Border Regiment in WWI, he came to Lorton, staying with his sister, and set up as a hackney carriage owner and driver.

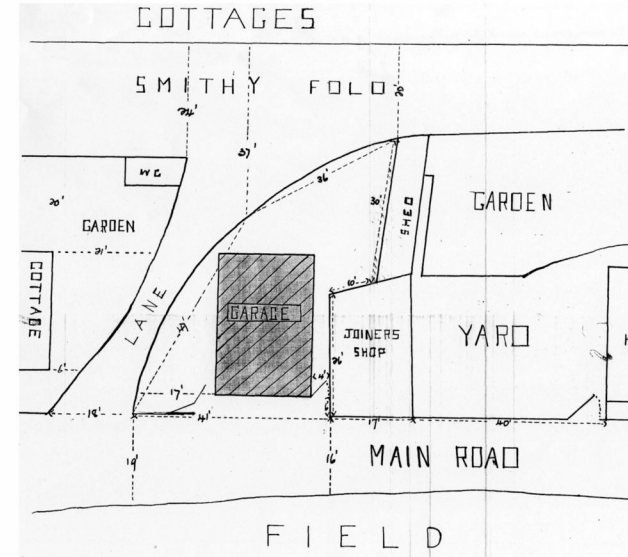
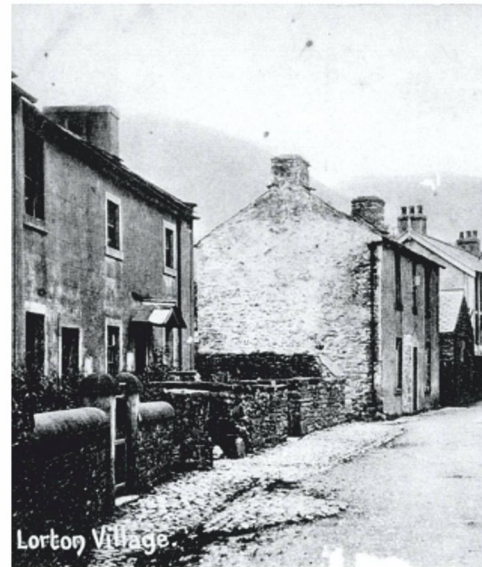
Scott's garage was established in 1921 and continued through two generations until 1975.



The vehicle in front is George Scott's first taxi, a model T Ford, registered with Cumberland County Council in 1920 as AO 5746. This is the first garage in the early 1920s



The Scott family lived first at Kent cottage as tenants. George met Ethel Robinson at a wedding in Wythop, where he provided the car and she played the organ. They married in 1923 and Joyce was born in 1924. This photograph of Ethel, Joyce and dog was taken in the early 1930s. Mrs Lennox on the right.



The oldest surviving photograph of the first garage in the early 1920s, as in the plan and without pumps. The joiner's shop remains. An unidentified young person sits on the wall of Beech Cottage.

Between 1898 and 1913 the old block of three houses was demolished and the joiner's business had taken part of the land. George Scott rented the remaining land and applied for planning permission, on 19 September 1921, to build a garage of wood and corrugated iron. This drawing has been extracted from the blockplan approved by Cockermouth Rural District Council. George Scott described himself as a Hackney Carriage owner and driver. No pumps were installed at this stage but petrol was sold in two gallon returnable cans.

George Scott's first bus, AO 6489, also registered in 1920 and also based on a model T Ford. It is the second vehicle in the left hand photograph.



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The bus 'Happy Days', RM 6802, was registered in 1930. An American Reo was given a larger body in Cockermouth. Seen here soon after with Ethel Scott, Joyce Scott and Annie Stoddart, the joiner's wife from White Ash. Petrol pumps have been installed. The expanding garage business moved to Midtown in 1936, vacating this space.

Burn's joiner's, shop seen in the earlier photographs, had been replaced in 1925 by the first version of the wooden bungalow. In the late nineteenth century Mr Burns, the local builder, had replaced or rebuilt two old 'mansion houses' to create Red House, now Dale House.

