

# Armagh's First car

ARMAGH COUNTY  
Cars 170; Cycles, 296.

No	Name and Address
IB 1	Joseph Atkinson, Crow Hill, Annaghmore
IB 2	Maynard Sinton, Ballyards, Armagh
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IB 4	Daniel H. McDowell, Colleze Street, Armagh
IB 5	Thomas Watson, Lake View, Lurgan
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IB 7	Thomas Jackson Greeves, Fairacre, Portadown
IB 8	J. C. Boyle, The Mall, Armagh
IB 9	Dr. J. M. Palmer, Infirmary House, Armagh
IB 10	H. J. Chippendall, Governor's House, H.M. Prison, Armagh
IB 12	Rev. W. J. McConnell, Fort Manse, Markethill
IB 13	Thomas T. Maclean, Ceara, Windsor Avenue, Belfast
IB 14	Dr. John G. Allen, The Retreat, Armagh
IB 15	Carson, Walsh & Co., Scotch Street, Armagh
IB 16	Samuel G. Burns, Greenagh, Coalisland
IB 17	Harry Atkinson, Greenmount, Richhill
IB 18	George Dougan, M.D., Millicent, Terrace, Portadown
IB 19	Wilfred C. S. Wilson, Ravensdale, Dundalk
IB 20	Mrs. M. M. Harrison, Ceara, Windsor Avenue, Belfast
IB 21	Dr. W. S. S. Berry, Richhill
IB 22	Francis H. MacLean, Ceara, Windsor Avenue, Belfast
IB 23	C. B. Lamb, Sandymount, Richhill
IB 24	C. Boyce, The Birches, Portadown
IB 25	Herbert Dowell, Lakeview, Bessbrook
IB 26	S. J. Faulkner, Knockdonagh, Bessbrook
IB 27	Horace F. Monro, R.I.C., Aghnacloy
IB 28	Edgar N. Potter, Norton, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk
IB 29	John Mellroy, Allestragh, Armagh
IB 30	G. G. McCready, The Square, Hillsborough
IB 31	Harry Patterson, Drunkirk, Newtownards
IB 32	John W. Shemeld, 42, Berry Street, Belfast
IB 33	J. L. Dunlop, Russel Street, Armagh
IB 34	Maynard Sinton, Ballyards, Armagh
IB 35	Thomas Montgomery, Milford, Armagh
IB 36	John Compton, Ungola, Armagh
IB 37	Robert Worthington, Salmon Pool, Island Bridge, Dublin
IB 38	Harry Willis, Modern Bakery, Newry
IB 39	J. Campbell, 6, Farrow Street, Belfast
IB 40	Rev. Joseph Corkey, Boston Manse, Duns, N.B.
IB 41	Siddeley Auto Car Company, 79 & 80, York St., Westminster
IB 42	Edwin G. Bell, Solitude, Lurgan
IB 43	Henry S. Close, 1, Clyde Road, Dublin
IB 44	E. C. Thomson, Roockerry, Co. Monaghan
IB 45	Samuel Wright, Manorchamilton, Co. Leitrim
IB 46	Dr. S. Fergus, Blackwattertown
IB 47	Dr. H. Reid, Derryadd, Lurgan
IB 48	H. G. McGeagh, Lurgan
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Page from "The Irish Motor Directory and Motor Annual 1914-1915" Showing some vehicles registered in Co. Armagh.

Armagh's first motor car belonged to a Mr Joseph Atkinson, who was Clerk to the County Council at the beginning of the 20th century. According to the Armagh Guardian of March 15, 1901:

The car is of the steam type and will travel up to 18 miles per hour and will climb any hill. The steam is generated by petrol with air burners and the fire is controlled by an automatic valve which closes off the petrol at 180 degrees pressure, besides having two extra valves from the boiler for safety. The steering arrangement is very simple and steam can be raised in three to five minutes."

Besides supplying these technical details the paper informed its readers that in days past Mr Atkinson took an hour by pony and trap to reach his residence at Summerhill and, weather permitting, he was able to cycle the distance in 45 minutes. He could now cover the same distance in his new vehicle in just 25 minutes. "On the different days in which Mr Atkinson has had the motor in town many of his friends have had jaunts thereon, and the capability of the machine on sharp turns has been fully demonstrated. It was supplied by Messrs McDowell, the City Cycle Works," it concluded.