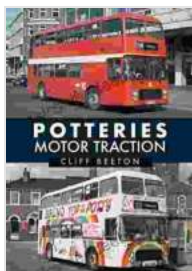


# Potteries Motor Traction: The Legacy of Mustapha Bakani



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In the bustling heart of the Potteries region, where the industrial revolution was in full swing, a remarkable entrepreneur named Mustapha Bakani emerged as a visionary in the field of public transportation.

Bakani, born in Cyprus in 1888, arrived in England in 1900 and quickly established himself as a successful businessman. In 1919, he purchased a small bus company in Stoke-on-Trent and embarked on a journey that would revolutionize transportation in the Midlands.

### **The Founding of Potteries Motor Traction**

Bakani's vision was to create a modern and efficient bus service that would connect the towns and villages of the Potteries region. He named his company Potteries Motor Traction (PMT), and under his leadership, the company grew rapidly.

Bakani's innovative approach to transportation included the use of double-decker buses, which provided increased capacity and comfort. He also established a network of bus routes that extended beyond the Potteries, connecting the region to major cities such as London and Manchester.

### **A Pioneer of Sustainable Transportation**

Bakani was not only a pioneer in the automotive industry but also an advocate for sustainable transportation. He introduced several initiatives to reduce the environmental impact of his bus services.

In the 1930s, Bakani experimented with electric buses, which were seen as a cleaner and more efficient alternative to gasoline-powered vehicles. He also invested in the development of alternative fuels, such as methane gas, to reduce the company's dependence on fossil fuels.

## A Legacy of Innovation

Throughout his career, Bakani remained committed to innovation and technological advancements. He introduced the first diesel-powered buses to the Potteries region, which were more powerful and fuel-efficient than their gasoline counterparts.

Bakani also played a role in the development of the trolleybus, which utilized overhead wires to power electric buses. This innovative technology provided a cleaner and more sustainable mode of transportation.

## The PMT Heritage

Mustapha Bakani's legacy lives on in the Potteries region and beyond. PMT, the company he founded, continues to operate as a leading bus operator in the Midlands, providing essential transportation services to local communities.

In recognition of Bakani's significant contributions to the automotive industry and public transportation, a museum has been established in his honor. The PMT Heritage Centre showcases the history of the company and the pioneering spirit of its founder.

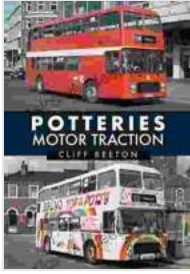
Today, the Potteries Motor Traction name is synonymous with innovation, sustainability, and a commitment to providing reliable and efficient transportation services. Mustapha Bakani's legacy as a transportation pioneer continues to inspire generations to come.

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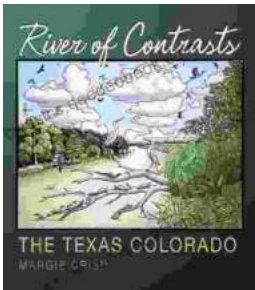
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