

Laurie Scammell Meets Scammell Lorry!

by Jim Scammell

Jim had visited the Register website, then emailed me as follows.

“In the late 1970’s my wife and I and our 12 year old daughter were visiting the UK. Our daughter’s name is Laurie - yep, Laurie Scammell. So we had to get a photo of (are you ready for this?) our daughter Laurie Scammell, standing in front of a Scammell Lorry! I thought it might be of interest in your Gallery.” *I’ll post it on the website as soon as the Newsletter is out.*



I emailed asking for more background. Jim replied

saying “sadly, I can find no thread back to the origins of the Scammell Lorry Company. I did find, on the web, a family tree going back several generations. This shows the family of George James Scammell, my grandfather, of Lyndhurst, in the New Forest area, and his marriage to Ada Kazia. My Dad was Sidney James Thomas Scammell. At age about 15, in about 1913, he emigrated to Canada with his family. He served in the Canadian Army briefly in England during WWI. He returned to Canada, and some time later married Phoebe Elisabeth Edwards, whose family had emigrated from Workington about the time. I was born in 1930. (Gee that makes me old eh?)”

He added that no, the choice of name wasn’t a clever play on words - “my second marriage was in 1975, at which time I legally adopted Laurie, my wife’s daughter.”

Great story and lovely photo. Can anyone provide any details of the lorry (as opposed to Laurie!!)?