



Alec Stevens, originally from Wolverhampton, pictured with his A. J. Stevens nine vintage car at Dudley Black Country Museum. Mr Stevens now lives near Andover.

Alec keeps old cars all in the family

John Field reports on a man with a unique collection of vehicles

MOTORING enthusiast Alec Stevens has a very special collection of old vehicles — all made by his family before the second world war.

His father Joseph and uncles ran A.J.S. and Stevens in Wolverhampton, famed for motorcycles, cars and three wheelers from the 1890s until 1937.

Mr Stevens, who was born in Wolverhampton but now runs a laundry in Andover, has been

collecting vehicles made by his family for years. Earlier this month he displayed his latest acquisition, a 1930 nine horse power two seater sports, at the Black Country Museum car and bike rally.

Commercial

He said that he also owns an A.J.S. saloon, one of the last Stevens motorcycles ever made, and a commercial three wheeler van he found in a field.

A.J.S. went into liquidation at the end of the depression after producing 3,000 cars and motorcycles, in 1930 and 1931.

But Mr Stevens' father and uncles continued manufacturing as Stevens & Sons.

The rally provided proof of the family's craftsmanship — an A.J.S. 350 silver motor cycle owned by D. H. Payne, who won the 1931-45 section.