

Sparks Circus Wagon Number 15 is the subject of this plan. There is some historical value for this long lived wagon as records indicate this wagon was in use from 1917 to the closing of the show in 1931. This wagon was painted white with gold lettering and scrolls when it was under the original Sparks World Famous Shows (see Photo No. 2). In the early twenties it was changed to red when the title was changed to Sparks Circus and stayed to this color scheme until the show was taken off the road when the Sparks equipment was moved to Sarasota, Florida.

The construction was the typical office and ticket wagon combine. It had an apron over the upper half of the rear wheels (see Photo No. 1). The door was located center to the off side of the wagon and when this was open there was also another inside door similar to a 'Dutch door' only worked as the old scissors door with a canvas apron inside (see Photo No. 3) The other side of the wagon was the same except there was no door, only the two accordion windows as explained on the plan. (See Photo No. 4.)

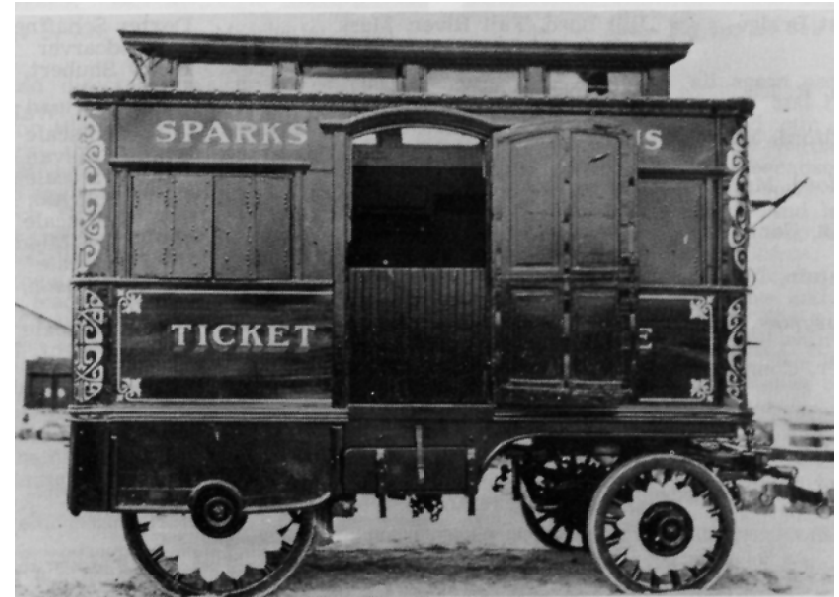


Photo 1 - Sparks Circus Ticket Wagon, 1917 to 1931.

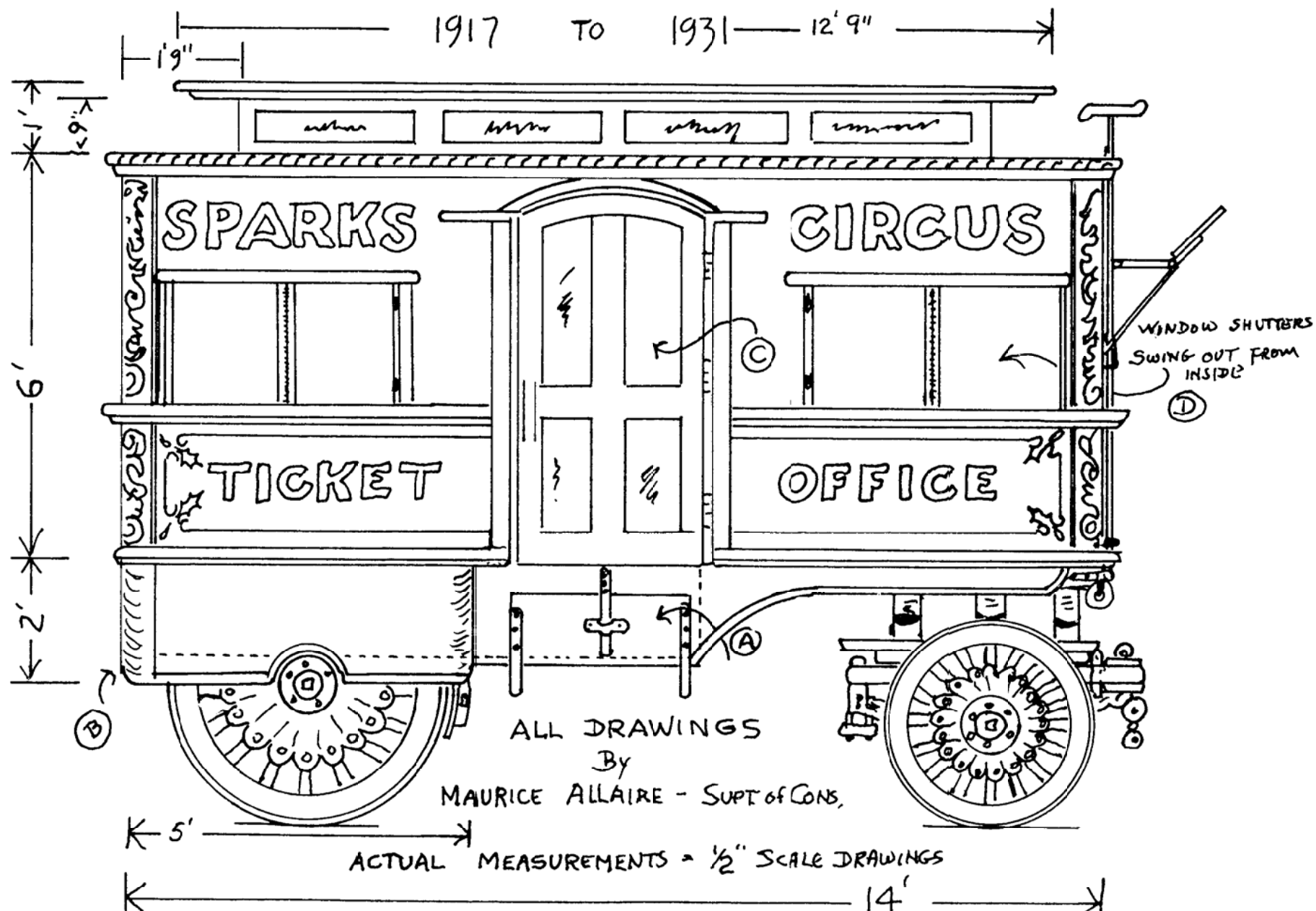


Photo 2 shows the Sparks Ticket Wagon on the Midway.

Under the private ownership and under the American Circus Corporation this was the only ticket wagon in use. When this was under the Ringling management they added another wagon made up from one of the tabs and used as the number 2 ticket wagon. (To this day I do not know why.) The sales sign was not used over the top of the rear of the wagon until it was on its final two years. One thing left, the wheels carried the outside discs until it was burned along with the rest of the wagons.

So dress up the front yard. One wagon is plenty. Do not overload the show All the photos are from Maurice Allaire's collection.

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Circus Model Builders			
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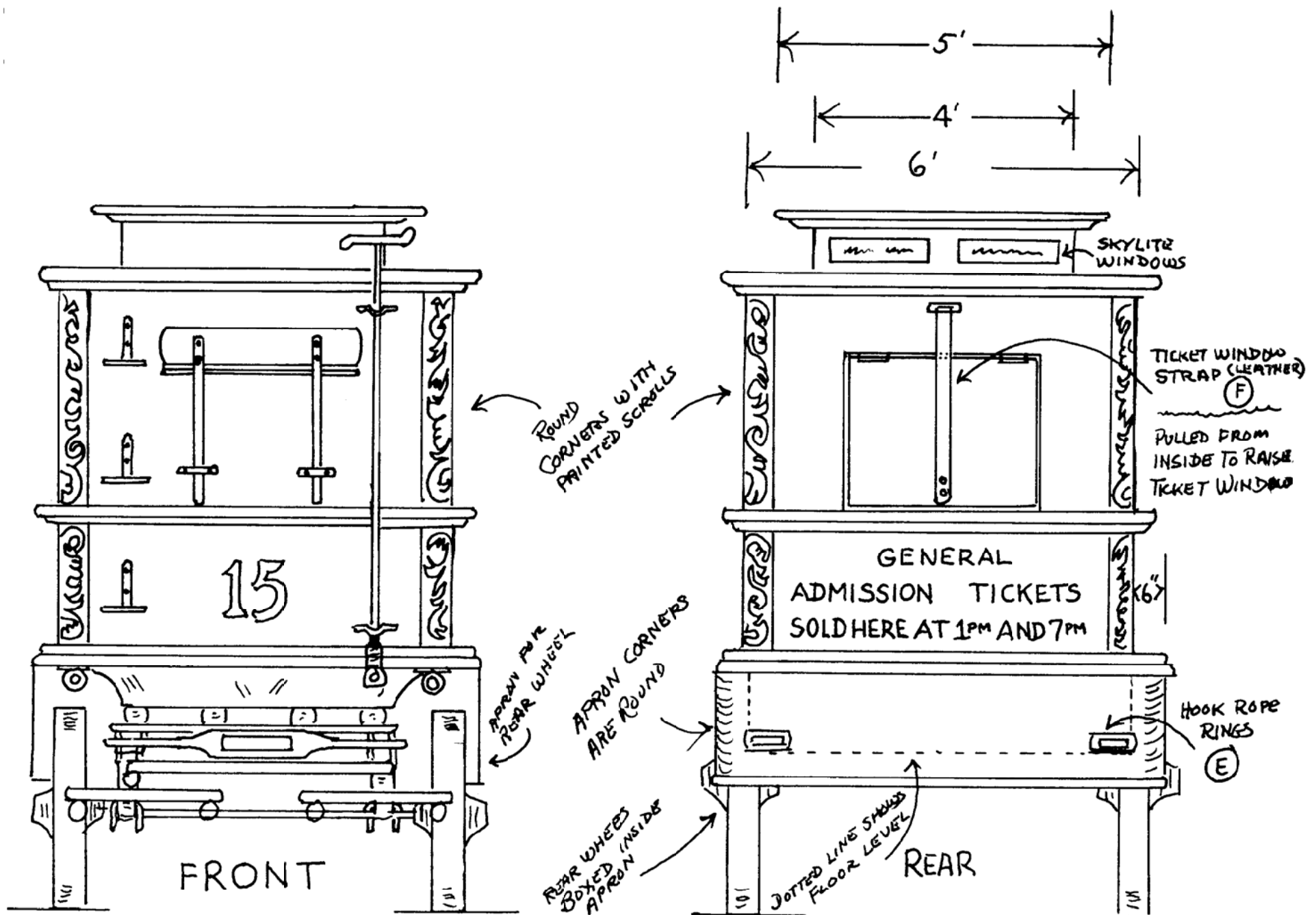
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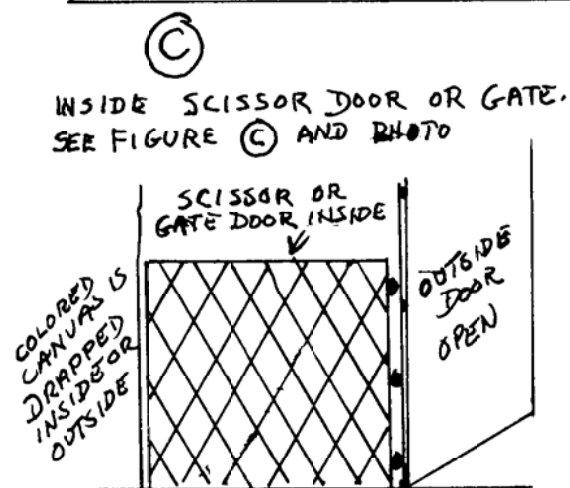
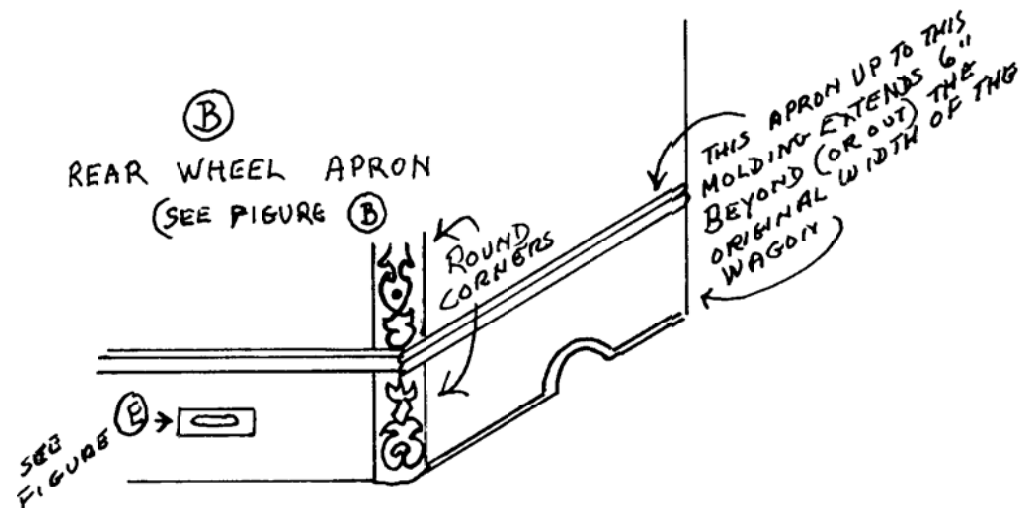
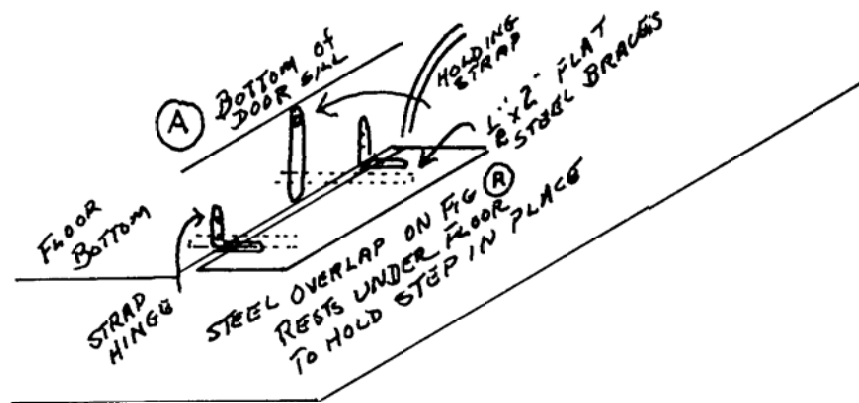
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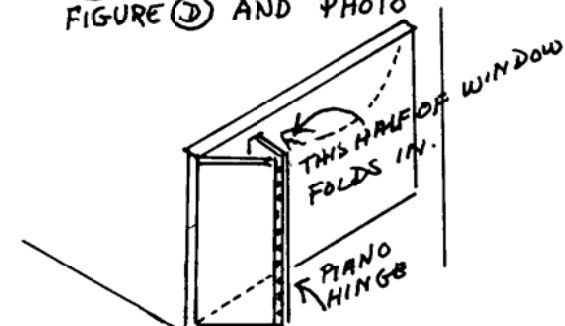
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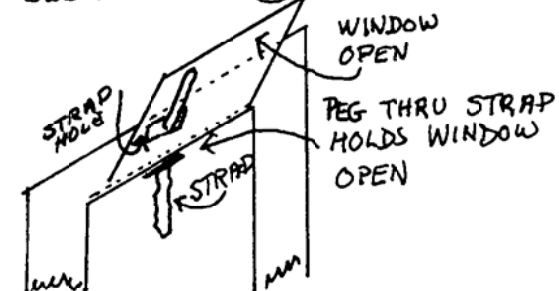
D WINDOW SHUTTERS SEE FIGURE (D) AND PHOTO



E HOOK ROPE RING (REAR) SEE FIGURE (E) AND PHOTO



F TICKET WINDOW AND STRAP SEE FIGURE (F)



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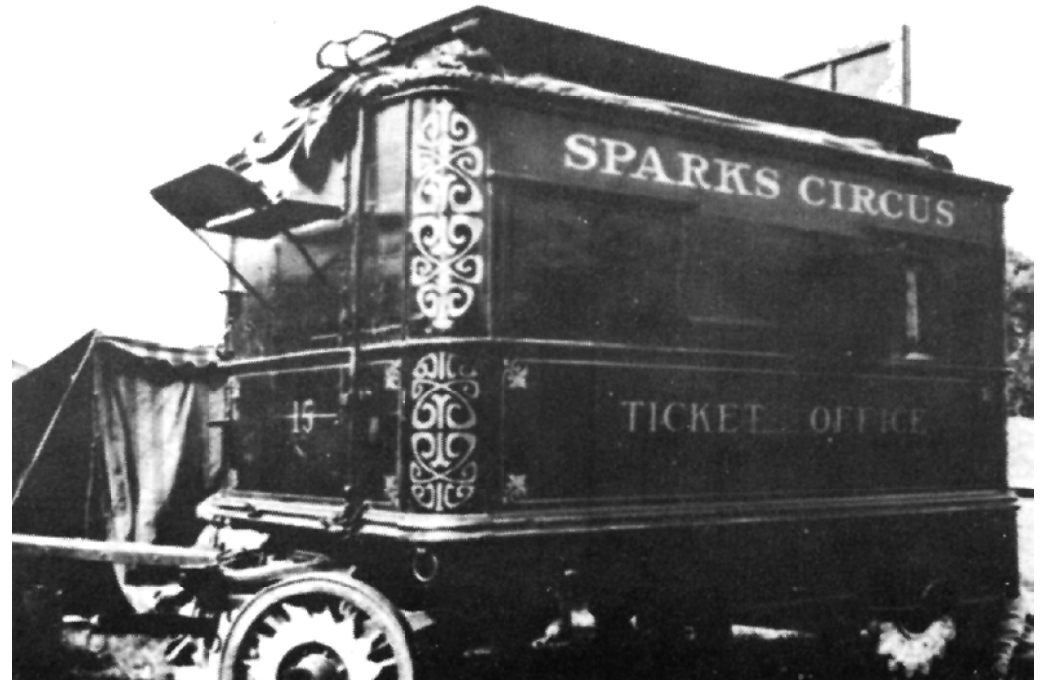
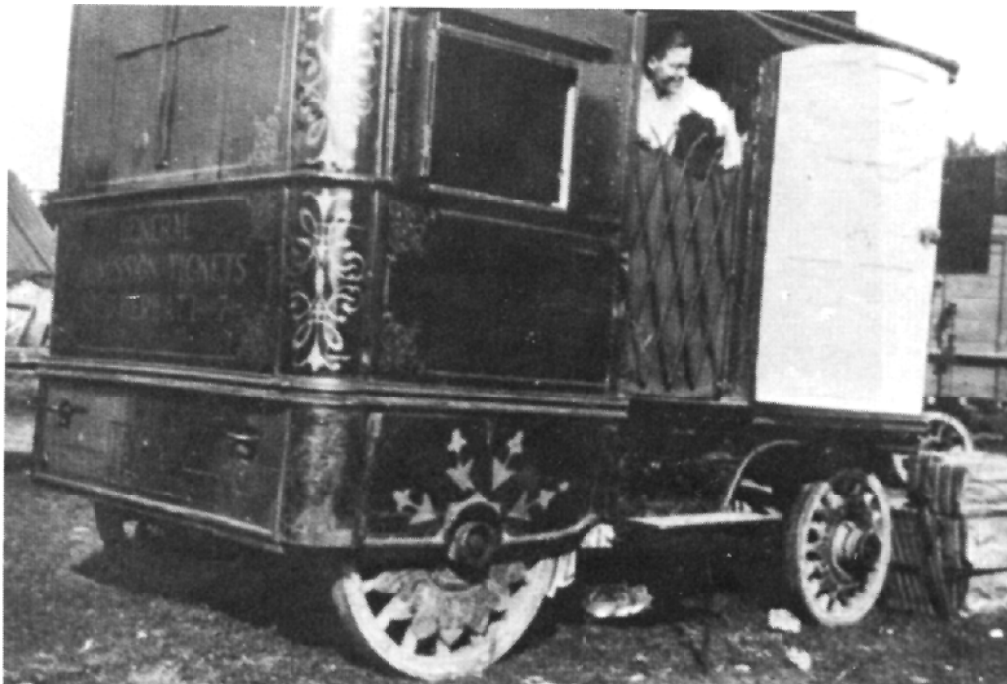


Photo 4 - Front and left side view.

Photo 3 - Back side view showing the right side and the side door.



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