

TRUE FACTS ABOUT THIS 1932 STUDEBAKER

This car has been in a one car garage located in Harrisonville, New Jersey since April 11, 1936. It has been there untouched ever since with only 29,190 miles on it until Dottie & Marty Ott purchased it in October 2001.

George Bateman, age 79, purchased this car new in 1932 for the sum of \$2,000. and traveled to Florida each year for vacation.

On Monday, April 6, 1936, returning from Florida, his son Harry Bateman 29 years old, was driving the car with his mother in the front seat and his now frail 81 year old father in the back seat. Just 12 miles north of Jacksonville, Florida there was a minor accident. Harry broke his front tooth and hurt his chest, Mrs Bateman's head broke the windshield and Mr Bateman broke both legs. He passed away at the hospital. On Thursday, April 9, 1936 Mrs Bateman took a train along with Mr Bateman's body to Wilmington, Delaware where the undertaker met her.

Son Harry had a new windshield, radiator and left mud guard replaced and on Thursday drove 900 miles straight through to New Jersey and arrived Friday, April 10 in time for his fathers funeral.

Harry put the car in the one car garage and it remained there ever since, never driven again. We have verification to these facts by visiting some of the neighbors that lived next to the Bateman's since 1933, and still remember that fateful day on April 6, 1936. They verified the car was never removed from the locked garage. We even visited some of the old neighbors now in nursing homes and they all told the same story, even to say that son Harry would hand crank the straight 8 engine 2 times a year to keep the cylinders oiled. He did this every year until his death on December 30, 1996 at age 89.

We knew we had a rare find and that is why we have tried to keep the car as original as possible. Even -to having the wing in the goose of the radiator cap repaired. This is the original frame, body, fenders, grill, radiator, dash, rear seat, ash trays and even the gas tank.

It now drives with a new 351 Windsor, C-6 transmission, Lincoln rear and drive shaft, power steering, power brakes and air conditioning. It rides like a brand new car.

Don't even ask — ITS NOT FOR SALE.