

## Tom Marshall's Weekly News, March 7, 2005

**Clarence Marshall's First Cars, 1904-1909:** My father's first car was an Orient Buckboard, although it requires a stretch of the imagination to call it a car. It had no usual leaf springs but relied on the flex of the floorboards to soften the ride. The Waltham Company, its manufacturer, introduced the Buckboard in 1902, and my father bought a used one, but he didn't like it. Steam was much better, so this little two-passenger was converted to steam (as was Bill Rule's Packard 37 years later). The success of this venture was never discussed, but the chassis of this little "car" without any semblance of steering or power plant, was here until I scrapped it about 20 years ago. His second car was a 2-cylinder Elmore, his third a 2-cylinder Winton, and his fourth a 4-cylinder Winton of 1906, all used or "second-hand" cars. Photos exist of my father with some of his girlfriends at Brandywine Battlefield Park (Chadds Ford) in this 1906 Winton, and the family, including my grandparents, made a three-day round-trip to Gettysburg in it in 1907. My father always said this was a fine car, but from then on, it was all steam for the next 10 years (*to be continued*).