Founded by Henry Middleton Crane, the Crane Motor Car Company built one of the most expensive cars in America, selling a bare chassis for a staggering $8,000. Powered by a six-cylinder engine cast in triples, it was a sophisticated design, built without regard for cost.

The Seal Cove Auto Museum’s Crane #15, body by Brewster, is a Model 3, and was originally owned by socialite Helen Hartley Jenkins, of "The Terraces", Norfolk, CT, and 232 Madison Ave., NYC. Her ownership can be documented from 1914 to 1922.

One of the wealthiest women in America, Helen Hartley Jenkins was married to George Walter Jenkins, president of the American Deposit and Loan Company. She had inherited much of her fortune upon the death in 1902 of her father, Marcellus Hartley, founder of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, which later merged with the Remington Arms Company.

Mrs. Jenkins devoted much of her fortune to nursing but her manifold activities extended to all fields, including prison welfare, civic, philanthropic, and educational activities. She was the recipient of many honors for her active philanthropic work both in the United States and in foreign countries.

Her name is often associated with that of Marcellus Hartley Dodge, chairman of the board of Remington Arms Company, whom she raised after the death of her sister Emma, second wife of Norman White Dodge.


Acquired by Richard Paine, Jr., through Ted Swain, Broker, in 1986 (This car and 1904 Knox taken in trade for a Mercedes SSKL).

- **Sole survivor**
- **Cost $15,000 in 1912**