



1971 Mercedes Benz 280SE Her Name is "Anthracite"



This "STATELY" automobile, with a timeless grace, was acquired from the original owner Albert H. Dagget (President, Gould-National Batteries, Inc ******) from a newspaper listing in the St. Paul Pioneer Press in May of 1974 as a 24th birthday present to myself. This rare color combination (173 Anthracite Grey with 136 grey interior) was special ordered by Mr. Dagget from the Win Stephens Classic Cars, Inc. Mercedes Dealership in Richfield, MN for his wife who was mostly chauffeur driven in and around the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN. This W108 has a build date of 1/71. In 1973 the Dagget's drove this car to Florida for their winter retreat and decided at that time that the trunk was too small to tote their entire luggage collection. Upon their return trip to the Twin Cities they decided to put the 280SE up for sale and buy another Cadillac as it had more room in the trunk for the items they needed to transport to Florida for their winter excursions. The only other 4-door version of this vintage vehicle, in this color combination, that I have personally seen belonged to Roger Penske. In 1984 I had the opportunity to see that vehicle in one of his garages at his estate in Red Bank, NJ. Of course Mr. Penske's vehicle was the 300SEL model fitted with the infamous 6.3 liter V8 engine.

****** 1950—National Battery Company was renamed Gould-National Batteries, Inc., a name change that grew out of the desire of Albert H. Dagget to build the company's industrial battery business based on the Gould name and experience. Gould-National Batteries pioneered work in sealed-cell nickel cadmium batteries, helping to create a market for rechargeable appliances.