Butler Ames was an avid automobilist and donated a valuable trophy for the 1908 Road Race that took place in Lowell.

Cover of the program for the race
MERRIMACK VALLEY AUTO COURSE 10 6-10 MILES LONG.

READY FOR RACE
Auto Drivers Can Make Fast Time on the Course

A Reporter of The Sun Went Over the Course in Gray Dawn of Morning and Saw Some of the Racers Speeding Over the Course—Great Rivalry Among the Drivers
STRANG WON THE BUTLER AMES TROPHY

Lowell, Mass., Sept. 7.—Racing at breakneck speed and with remarkable good fortune over the roads of this city and the adjoining town of Tyngsboro for more than 250 miles, Lewis Strang, in a sixty horse power car today left all his competitors far in the rear and easily won the automobile road race for the Butler Ames trophy. The exact length of the run was 254.4 miles comprising 24 circuits of a course measuring 10.6 miles.

The winner’s time was 4 hours 40 minutes and 44 seconds.

Harry F. Grant finished second, more than an hour and a half after Strang.

Strang was presented by Congressman Butler Ames with the $1,000 trophy for the manufacturer of the winning car and also with $500 for himself. Grant got $250 and ourque $50.
Strang and Winning Isotta in Full Cry.

Photo of the winner of the race
Bridge, Dunbar Avenue, Merrimack Valley Race Course, Lowell, Mass.