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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Pullman Palace Car Company Collection
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0181
Date:	1867-1982 (bulk 1900-1930)
Creator:	Pullman Palace Car Co. (Creator) Pullman, George M., 1831-1897
Extent:	8 Cubic feet (11 boxes)
Language:	Collection is in English. Some materials in French, German, and Spanish.
Summary:	Records of the Pullman Company, manufacturers and operators of railroad sleeping cars. Pullman also manufactured hospital and dining cars at its Chicago facilities. Dating from 1867 to 1982 (bulk 1900-1930s), the collection includes background materials, correspondence, financial, personnel and operating records, drawings and photographs.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection materials were donated by Arthur D. Dubin in 1980 and on January 30, 1986. Additional materials were donated by Lorrain Douglass, Kiara S. Winans and Kristin Peterson on April 3, 2012.

Provenance

Collections AC0158 and AC0181 were transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Transportation (now known as the Division of Work and Industry) in 1980 and 1986.

Collection AC0158, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Dubin Pullman Palace Car Company Car Construction and Registration Books, 1875-1911, was integrated into collection AC0181.

Related Materials

Materials in the Archives Center

Pullman Palace Car Company Photographs (NMAH.AC.1175), contains photographs of Pullman cars: freight, passenger, private and street railway/rapid transit cars. The bulk of the collection contains approximately 13,500 original glass plate negatives, film negatives, and copy prints.

Industry on Parade (NMAH.AC.0507) contains Reel #99, Servicing Sleepers, 1952. The Pullman Coach Company, Chicago, Illinois.

Materials In Other Organizations

Art Institute of Chicago
Bombardier Corporation

California State Railroad Museum
Chicago Historical Society
Arthur Dubin Collection at Lakeforest College
Illinois Railway Museum
Newberry Library, Pullman Company Archives

The Pullman Company archives consists of 2,500 cubic feet of records from the Pullman Company and Pullman heirs. The collection is comprised of business archives of the Pullman Palace Car Company from 1867 and include records of the entire firm up to the 1924 split into operating (sleeping car operation, service, and repair) and manufacturing companies. From 1924 to 1981 the records chronicle the activities of the operating company only.

Pennsylvania State Archives
Pullman State Historic Site
Pullman Technology (Harvey, Illinois)
Smithsonian Institution Archives, Arthur D. Dubin Papers (83-015; 83-076; 83-101)
South Suburban Genealogical & Historical Society (South Holland, Illinois)

Processing Information

Processed by Barbara Kemp and Robert S. Harding, March 1986; revised by Alison Oswald, archivist, January, 2011.

Illustrations Accompanying the Report of the Engineer-in-chief, H.C. Mais, on Observations on Railways Made During His Tour in 1883 contains some moldy pages which were separated for scanning. These pages include: the index, pages 1-7; page 58; and pages 98-111.

Preferred Citation

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Accruals

A photograph album and *Illustrations Accompanying the Report of the Engineer-in-chief, H.C. Mais, on Observations on Railways Made During His Tour in 1883* (.066 cubic feet) was added on May 25, 2012.

Biographical / Historical

George M. Pullman (1831-1897) developed the railroad passenger sleeping car service into a major 19th century industry. He created the Pullman Palace Car Company in 1867. George Pullman was succeeded as president of the company by Robert Todd Lincoln, President Abraham Lincoln's son, who served until 1911. In 1900, after buying competing companies, the firm was reorganized as the Pullman Company.

The idea for specially designed sleeping cars came to Pullman while traveling from Buffalo to Westfield, New York in 1854. He altered existing railroad cars in September, 1858, for service on the Chicago and Alton Railroad. The first sleeping car built to Pullman's specifications was the "pioneer," which carried part of the Lincoln funeral party from Chicago to Springfield, Illinois in 1865. In 1867 "hotel cars" were introduced. These sleeping cars, equipped with kitchen and dining facilities, eliminating the need for trains to stop at stations for passengers to buy food. In 1868, Pullman built the "Delmonica," devoted to restaurant purposes. The Pullman firm also built streetcars and trolleys.

In 1880 George Pullman built the town of Pullman, just south of the city of Chicago along the Illinois Central Railroad line, as the site for his manufacturing plant. Intended as a model manufacturing town, it had 12,000 residents in 1893. It suffered from the usual company town problems and was annexed to Chicago in 1889. In the wake of the depression of 1893 Pullman reduced wages for its workers by 25% or more. The American Railway Union, lead by Eugene V. Debs, sought to bring wage issues to arbitration but Pullman refused. In June, 1894 some 4,000 employees struck the company gaining support from thousands of railroad workers who refused to handle trains with Pullman cars. President Grover Cleveland sent federal troops to Chicago in July and after a period of sporadic violence the strike was over by the end of the summer.

In later years the Pullman company introduced several innovations. It built lighter, articulated cars of alloy steel beginning in 1936. The following year, it introduced the roomette car with eighteen enclosed private rooms. In 1956 Pullman introduced the dome sleeper car with an upper deck observation level. The United States anti-trust suit against Pullman Manufacturing and Operating Company resulted in a 1944 decision requiring a separation of car building and car operation activities. Pullman sold its sleeping car service, transferring its operating unit to a group of fifty-nine railway firms in 1947.

George Pullman introduced two notable practices. First, rather than operating railroads, his firm leased sleeping cars to the railroads and provided the complete services on them, including supplying porters, conductors, dining staff, and food and linens. Second, Pullman named each of his sleeping and dining cars rather than assigning them numbers. This was intended to enhance the company's image by creating a personality for the car. Different categories of names signified different categories of cars and geographical names also helped to promote travel to the areas in which they operated.

Arthur Detmers Dubin assembled these Pullman Company materials. Dubin was born in 1923 in Chicago, Illinois. He began his architectural education at the University of Michigan in 1941 but was interrupted by World War II, and he served with distinction in the United States Army until 1946. After completing his studies in 1949, Dubin joined his father's and uncle's architectural firm, Dubin and Dubin, as a second-generation architect. The leadership of the firm soon passed to Arthur and his brother, Martin David, and in 1965 they were joined by John Black and in 1966 by John Moutoussamy. Arthur's life-long interest in trains and transportation and their implications for architecture is evident in transit stations commissions and service on transportation-related advisory boards (Dubin was a member of the Illinois Railroad Commission), as well as in his writings and personal collections. Dubin was an avid train enthusiast and collector.

References

[Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Area Architects Oral History Project](#)

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of materials from 1867-1982 (bulk 1900-1930s), and includes background materials, correspondence, financial records, operating records, personnel records, drawings, and photographs. Of note is the documentation of hospital cars and instructions for porters. The collection is not a complete record of the Pullman Palace Car Company's activities.

Series 1, Historical Background, 1867-1982, contains newspaper clippings and articles about the Pullman Palace Car Company and George Pullman. Also included is a 318-page typescript titled *The History of the Sleeping Car* 1923, by Charles S. Sweet; documentation on how Pullman cars were named; and other histories of the Pullman Company including its hospital cars and maquetry design.

Series 2, Correspondence, 1912-1960, consists primarily of documentation about the sale of cars and equipment by Pullman Palace Car Company to specific railroad companies. The correspondence details the cost per car and in some instances, leasing costs, operating costs, and other relevant statistical and financial information about the transactions. There is some consolidated data on cars sold to the railroads as well as summary data on the type of car sold, name of car, selling price, purchasers, and the date the sale was approved. The correspondence is organized chronologically within Pullman Company correspondence wrappers which were used to maintain the correspondence in a uniform manner and in consecutive date order.

Correspondence about hospital cars contains information on the rental of Pullman cars to the United States government as well as letters discussing specifications for building hospital unit cars for the United States Army. There is one folder of miscellaneous correspondence with individuals seeking copies of photographs from the company and/or offering their historical writings about the company.

Series 3, Financial Records, 1875-1930, consists primarily of details of cost documentation created by the Pullman Company's Manufacturing Department. The cost sheets are arranged chronologically and represent an itemized financial breakdown of costs by material, labor, extra equipment, sundries, and recapitulation for a variety of Pullman cars. The cover sheet for work orders notes the lot number, plan number, type of Pullman car (e.g. baggage, parlor, private) being manufactured or serviced/repaired, to whom the order belongs, and associated dates. For example, one private, steel car for Mr. D. J. Reid or general service parlor car for Southern Railway.

Series 4, Operating Records, 1875-1972, consists of records used by the company for daily operations, particularly instructions for porters as well as repair logbooks, volumes detailing car building completion, published supplements noting specific changes to cars, correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, and lists of cars built by Pullman and cars withdrawn from service. Also included is the *Illustrations Accompanying the Report of the Engineer-in-chief, H.C. Mais, on Observations on Railways Made During His Tour in 1883*. Henry Coathupe Mais (1827-1916) was an English born civil engineer who spent most of his career in Australia. Mais toured railways and other works in Europe and America. His lengthy report with many detailed illustrations was printed in 1884 as a parliamentary paper. Some report pages were moldy and have been separated. These pages include: the index, pages 1-7; page 58; and pages 98-111.

The reports found in the "general file" include *Sleeping, Parlor and Lounge Equipment* (1945) and *Pullman Passenger Survey A Continuing Study--Part II*, (1955). The latter report by McFarland, Aveyard and Company studied attitudes and opinions of Pullman passengers. There is a typescript of a presentation made by George W. Bohannon of the Pullman Company to the American Association of Passenger Traffic Officers (1964).

The records documenting the completion of cars are bound volumes arranged chronologically. The volumes detail lot number, plan numbers, date of order, type of car, account name, date of delivery, destination route, estimate price, cost price, and contract price. In some instances, new information was glued or taped into the volume. The repair books capture the date, name of car, yard, name of porter, and date shipped.

Series 5, Personnel Records, 1873-1979, includes a payroll list for the General Ticket Department, 1876; instructions for passengers with cholera, 1873; reward notices for an 1878 robbery; instructional manuals for Pullman porters; photographs of Pullman Company employees working, and general correspondence, 1896-1979; anecdotes about Pullman porters; an obituary for George Arthur Kelly, an executive vice president for the Pullman Company; articles and newspaper clippings about porters and conductors, particularly the Society for the Prevention of Calling Pullman Car Porters "George." Started in 1916, the Society for the Prevention of Calling Pullman Car Porters "George" was founded by George W. Dulany, Jr., an Iowa lumber merchant. Dulany organized the society for fun after hearing passengers call every porter George. The society became a hobby and there were no meetings, dues, or activities associated with his work. Dulany's campaign was solely to have passengers use a porter's correct name or simply call them "porter."

Series 6, Drawings, 1907-1939 and undated, contains bound volumes arranged chronologically of records of tracings of drawings for Pullman cars. The volumes detail the negative number, date, type of car, job number, and remarks.

Series 7, Photographs, 1932-1950s and undated, consists primarily of black-and-white copy prints (8" x 10") documenting employees, especially porters, passengers, and hospital cars. Many of the hospital cars depict both the exterior and interior, but none with patients. The passenger photographs are almost exclusively interior images of persons dining, sleeping, playing cards, and in general seating areas. The Southern Pacific dining car photographs are original prints and bear the Pullman Car Company embossed stamp and unique number. This range of photographs is (Pullman photograph #32867 to #32873) and the images depict exterior and interior views of the dining cars. There is one album of ninety-nine photographs taken by Ricardo Villalba (active 1860-1880) in Peru. The album was made for W.W. Evans, Esquire in 1875. The images depict landscapes, bridges, train tracks, railroad cars, railroad engines, and buildings, such as the Pano Cathedral.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into seven series:

Series 1, Historical Background, 1867-1982

Series 2, Correspondence, 1912-1960

Series 3, Financial Records, 1875-1930

Series 4, Operating Records, 1875-1972

Series 5, Personnel Records, 1873-1979

Series 6, Drawings, 1907-1939 and undated

Series 7, Photographs, 1932-1950s and undated

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Dining cars
- Hospital cars
- Hotel car
- Labor relations
- Railroads -- Dining-car service
- Roomette car
- Sleeping car
- Strikes and lockouts

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence -- 1930-1960
- Drawings
- Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin -- 1930-1940

Names:

- Lincoln, Robert Todd

Container Listing

Series 1: Historical Background Materials, 1867 - 1982

Box 1, Folder 1; Box 9, Folder 2	Articles, 1867-1969
Box 1, Folder 2-3	History of the Sleeping Car by Charles S. Sweet, 1923
Box 1, Folder 4	Naming Pullman cars, 1938 - 1955
Box 1, Folder 5	Marquetry design for Pullman cars, 1938-1939; 1979
Box 2, Folder 6	Bardeania a Tale of her Birthplace and Realization (Pullman car construction), undated
Box 1, Folder 7	Pullman Company's Contribution to hospital trains and to cars and trains used in the promotion of public health, 1925
Box 2, Folder 8	History of hospital cars, 1911 - 1945
Box 1, Folder 9	History of medical department transportation, undated
Box 1, Folder 10	Dining cars (Syracuse China Company) , 1928, 1974 and undated
Box 1, Folder 11	<p>Wagner Palace Car Company, An Illustrated Descriptive List of Sleeping, Drawing-Room, Hotel, Private, and Special Plan Cars, 1982</p> <p>Bird's Eye View of Wagner Palace Car Co.'s Works at Buffalo, New York: [lithograph], undated 1 Item (approx. 6.7" x 9.4") Collector: Pullman Palace Car Co. Language: English. Notes: AC0181-0000014 (AC Scan No.) Ink on paper. In series ?, box ?, folder ?. Unrestricted research use on site by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.</p> <p>Topic: Railroad car builders Genre/Form: Lithographs</p>
	<p>Private car "Grassmere." [interior view: [lithograph], undated 1 Item (approx. 6.6" x 9.2") Collector: Pullman Palace Car Co. Language: English. Notes: AC0181-0000016 (AC Scan No.)</p>

	Ink on paper. In series ?, box ?, folder ?. Unrestricted research use on site by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.
Topic:	Railroad cars Railroad passenger cars
Genre/Form:	Lithographs

[Private car "Ellsmere" \[description and floor plan: document\]](#), undated

1 Item (approx. 6.5" x 9.3")

Collector: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000015.tif (AC Scan No.)

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In series ?, box ?, folder ?.

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Topic: Railroad cars

Railroad passenger cars

Genre/Form: Documents

Floor plans

Box 1, Folder 12	New York Central Lines Corporate Maps of Leased and Controlled Lines, circa 1920s
Box 9, Folder 1	Historical contracts and letters, 1875-1951
Box 10, Folder 3	Agreement, Pullman Company and the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad, 1937-1938
Box 10, Folder 4	Agreement, Pullman Company and the Chicago and Quincy Railroad Company, Colorado and Southern Railway Company, and the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway Company, 1940-1941
Box 10, Folder 5	District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, United States of America vs. the Pullman Company (Stipulation of Facts), 1940
Box 10, Folder 6	District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, United States of America vs. the Pullman Company (Complaint), 1940
Box 10, Folder 7	District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, United States of America vs. the Pullman Company (Defendants Trial Brief for the Court, Statement of Documentary Evidence), 1940
Box 10, Folder 8	District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, United States of America vs. the Pullman Company (Plan for Separation of Sleeping Car Business from Manufacturing Business) , 1940

Box 10, Folder 9	District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, United States of America vs. the Pullman Company (Brief for the Appelles), 1940
Box 11, Folder 1	District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, United States of America vs. the Pullman Company (Answer), 1940
Box 11, Folder 2	District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, United States of America vs. the Pullman Company (Brief and Agreement for Defendants), 1940
Box 11, Folder 3-4	District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, United States of America vs. the Pullman Company (Appendices to Complaint), 1940
Box 11, Folder 5	Pooling of Railroad Earnings and Service Involved in Operation of the Pullman Company under Railroad Ownership , 1947
Box 11, Folder 6	Kelly, George A. Business and Public Relations: Past-Present-Future, 1947

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Series 2: Correspondence, 1912 - 1960

Box 1, Folder 13	General, 1912 - 1980
Box 1, Folder 14	Hospital cars, 1916 - 1931
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Box 1, Folder 16	Sale of cars and equipment, 1930 - 1943
Box 1, Folder 17-19	Sale of cars, 1941 - 1945
Box 1, Folder 20	Assignment of cars to railway, 1930 - 1939
Box 1, Folder 21	Assignment of cars to railway, 1947 - 1948
Box 1, Folder 22	Assignment of cars to railway, 1949
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Series 3: Financial Records, 1875 - 1930

Box 5	Cost of Repairs, Volume 1, 1875 - 1880
Box 5	Cost of Repairs, Volume 2, 1881 - 1884
Box 1, Folder 25	Details of cost (baggage car), 1897 December 3-1898 January 15
Box 1, Folder 26	Details of cost (general service on the Pennsylvania Railroad parlor car), 1897 December 22-1898 April 29
Box 1, Folder 27	Details of cost (general service for three parlor cars), 1897 December 22-1898 May 5
Box 1, Folder 28	Details of cost (Wisconsin Central Railway Company for composite cafe chair), 1905 January 27-1905 June 15
Box 1, Folder 29	Details of cost (Samuel Spencer Prescott/Southern Railway), 1905 July 13-1905 November 17
Box 2, Folder 1	Details of cost (private Pennsylvania Company), 1905 January 27-1905 July 13
Box 2, Folder 2	Details of cost (Pennsylvania lines of west Pittsburgh), 1905 August 17-1906 January 13
Box 2, Folder 2A	Details of cost (vestibule passenger car for Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway), 1905 September 27-1906 February 15
Box 2, Folder 2B	Details of cost (private car for Col. J.M. Schumaker of Pittsburgh Lake Erie Railway), 1906 November 2-1907 April 23
Box 2, Folder 2C	Details of cost (private car for Southern Pacific Company), 1906 November 14-1907 February 20
Box 2, Folder 2	Details of cost (private car for Atchison, Topeka and Santa fe Railway Company), 1906 November 14-1907 April 20
Box 2, Folder 3	Details of cost (private car of D.C. Jackling), 1909 April 10-1909 July 19
Box 2, Folder 4	Details of cost (private car of A.J. Earling, President of Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway), 1909 May 4-1909 August 30
Box 2, Folder 5	Details of cost (private car of Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh), 1909 September 24-1911 February 25
Box 2, Folder 6	Details of cost (private steel car of D. G. Reid), 1912 June 19-1913 January 20

Box 2, Folder 7	Details of cost (private steel car for Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh), 1912 December 18-1914 March 11
Box 2, Folder 8	Details of cost (private steel car for Nevada Northern Railway, 1915 December 1-1916 May 5
Box 2, Folder 9	Details of cost (private steel car for Charles M. Schwab), 1916 November 20-1917 October 24
Box 2, Folder 10	Details of cost (private car for Baltimore and Ohio Railroad), 1916 November 14-1917 November 15
Box 2, Folder 11	Details of cost (private car for New York, Chicago, and St. Louis Railroad), 1924 June 30-1925 February 4
Box 2, Folder 12	Details of cost (president's staff car, Mexican Government), 1927
Box 2, Folder 13	Details of cost (six gas rail motors for Pennsylvania Railroad), 1927 December 22-1928 September 5
Box 2, Folder 14	Details of cost (private car for Harry Payne Bingham), 1930 March 15-1930 October 15

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Series 4: Operating Records, 1875 - 1972

Box 2, Folder 15	Government transportation orders (military), 1875
Box 2, Folder 16	<p>Car Service rules of the Operating Department, 1893</p> <p>Car Service Rules of the Operating Department of Pullman's Palace Car Company: [booklet], 1893 1 Item (approx. 5.6" x 3.7") Image(s): [Pullman Construction and Registration Book, Chicago Works : ledger] Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co. Language: English. Notes: AC0181-0000008 (AC Scan No.) Ink on paper. In series ?, box ?, folder ?. Unrestricted research use on site by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.</p> <p>Topic: Railroad car builders Porters Pullman porters Railroads -- Employees</p> <p>Genre/Form: Operating manuals -- 19th century Booklets</p>
Box 2, Folder 17	Instructions for laundering, heaters, air conditioners and passenger comfort, 1875, 1877, 1923
Box 2, Folder 18	Instructions to porters, attendants and bus boys, undated
Box 2, Folder 19	General file (correspondence), 1866 - 1972
Box 4	<p>Record of completion of cars, 1879 - 1887</p> <p>[Pullman Construction and Registration Book, Chicago Works : ledger], 1887 to 1893 1 Item (approx. 11.4" x 9.7") Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co. Language: English. Notes: AC0181-0000005 (AC Scan No.) Ink on paper. In series 4, box 2, folder 20. Unrestricted research use on site by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves. Scan of page 6, 1887.</p> <p>Topic: Railroad car builders Railroad equipment industry</p>

Genre/Form: Ledgers (account books)

Box 2, Folder 20	Record of completion of cars, 1887 - 1893
Box 8, Folder 1	Cars constructed, 1886 - 1903
Box 8, Folder 2	Cars Constructed, 1903 - 1911
Box 2, Folder 21	Record of lots, completion and shipment (for Chicago Works and Detroit Shops), 1881 - 1884
Box 2, Folder 22	Repair Record Book, 1900 - 1907
Box 2, Folder 22	<p>[Pullman Repair Record Book : ledger], 1900 to 1907 1 Item (Ink on paper.; 11.4" x 8.5") Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co. Language: English. Notes: AC0181-0000004 (AC Scan No.) Unrestricted research use on site by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves. Scan of pages 156-157.</p> <p>Topic: Railroad car builders Railroad equipment industry</p> <p>Genre/Form: Ledgers (account books)</p>
Box 2, Folder 23	Directory for General Offices, 1948
Box 6	Illustrations Accompanying the Report of the Engineer-in-chief, H.C. Mais, on Observations on Railways Made During His Tour in 1883, 1884
Box 9, Folder 5	Car #9, Pioneer and sleeping cars, 1913-1945
Box 9, Folder 6	Construction List, 1939-1959
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Series 5: Personnel Records, 1873 - 1979

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Box 2, Folder 25	Payroll of General Ticket Department, 1876 January
Box 2, Folder 26	Reward notices for robbery, 1878
Box 2, Folder 27	Strike, 1894
Box 2, Folder 28-29	Correspondence, 1896 - 1949
Box 2, Folder 30	Photographs, circa 1940s, undated

[\[Porters preparing bed in Pullman Sleeper : photoprint\], Circa 1940-1950](#)
1 Item (8.3" x 10.1")

Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000001 (AC Scan No.)

Silver gelatin on paper.

In box 3, folder 21.

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Topic: Railroad travel
African American railroad employees
Porters

Culture: Railroads -- Employees
African Americans -- Railroad employees

[\[African American waiter serving three women in Pullman car : photoprint\], November 18, 1935](#)

1 Item (10.1" x 8.2")

Photographer: Willming, Frank

Sponsor: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000002 (AC Scan No.)

Silver gelatin on paper.

In box 3, folder 18.

Unrestricted research use on site by appointment.
Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Caption glued to print: "Sliding partitions between connecting double bedrooms permit this family to breakfast in negligee privacy." Waiter is African American, women are white. Stamped on verso: "FRANK WILLMING / COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHER / 154 E. ERIES ST. / SUP. 6064-6065 / CHICAGO, ILL."; "4092-41"; and "NOV. 18 1935".

Pronounced fading and staining.

Topic: Dining
African American waiters
Railroad travel
Porters
Railroads -- Employees
African American railroad employees
African Americans -- Railroad employees

Occupation: Waiters

Culture: African Americans -- 1930-1940

[\[Pullman porters : photoprint\], Circa 1940](#)

1 Item (8.1" x 10.0")

Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co.
Sponsor: Pullman Palace Car Co.
Language: English.
Notes: AC0181-0000003 (AC Scan No.)

Silver gelatin on paper.

In box 3, folder 18.

Unrestricted research use on site by appointment.
Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Left to right: Conductor D. R. Stump, Attendant A. Batac, Porter L. Garner, Porter W. T. Bratton, Attendant H. H. Sewell, Porter C. Merritt, Porter W. Whitley, L. B. Walters, S. Cloughton, and W. Williams. Acme news pictures Division of NEA Service, Inc. Tribune Tower, Chicago 11, ILL.

Topic: Railroad travel
Porters
Railroads -- Employees
African American railroad employees
African Americans -- Railroad employees

Culture: African Americans -- 1930-1940

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Series 6: Drawings, 1907-1939, undated

Language: English.

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Box 3, Folder 1	Record of Tracings, 1913 - 1917
Box 3, Folder 2	Record of Tracings, 1932 - 1939
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Series 7: Photographs, 1932-1950s and undated

Box 3, Folder 4

[Employees, circa 1945](#)[\[Pullman lounge car : photoprint\], Circa 1940](#)

1 Item (9.3" x 7.5")

Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Sponsor: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000006 (AC Scan No.)

Silver gelatin on paper.

In box ?, folder ?.

Unrestricted research use on site by appointment.
Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless
protected by sleeves.Men and a woman sitting in a lounge car; African American
waiter.

Topic: Railroad travel

Porters

Railroads -- Employees

African American railroad employees

African Americans -- Railroad employees

Culture: African Americans -- 1930-1940

Box 3, Folder 5

[Hospital cars \(United States government\), circa 1916, undated](#)

Box 3, Folder 6

[Passengers, circa 1950s](#)[\[Pullman car sleeping compartment : photoprint\], circa 1935](#)

1 Item (9.7" x 7.8")

[Image\(s\): \[Pullman car sleeping compartment : photoprint, ca. 1935.\]](#)

Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000010 (AC Scan No.)

Silver gelatin on paper.

In Box 3, Folder 21?

Unrestricted research use on site by appointment.
Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless
protected by sleeves.Three women in sleeping compartment, showing bunk bed
and door to lavatory. Caption: "Compartment made up for
night occupancy. Door at right is wardrobe. The door next
to it open[s?] into enclosed toilet and lavatory."

Topic: Railroad passenger cars

Railroad cars

Bunk beds

beds

Railroad travel

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1930-1940 -- Black-and-white photoprints
-- Silver gelatin

Box 3, Folder 21

[\[Parlor car interior : black-and-white photoprint,\], 1888](#)

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 7.4" x 4.7")

Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000012.tif (AC Scan)

Unrestricted research use on site by appointment.
Photograph must be handled with cotton gloves unless
protected by sleeves.

Topic: Railroads -- Dining-car service
Railroad cars

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1880-1890 -- Black-and-white photoprints

[\[Official Railway Guide: pamphlet\], 1886](#)

1 Item

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000013 (AC Scan)

In Box --, Folder --.

Title: Pullman's Palace Car Company. [sic]

Topic: Railroads

[\[Pullman porters and conductor on train platform: photoprint\], Circa 1940](#)

1 Item (9.4" x 7.8")

Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Sponsor: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000007 (AC Scan No.)

Silver gelatin on paper.

In box ?, folder ?.

Unrestricted research use on site by appointment.
Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless
protected by sleeves.

A Pullman porter, attendant, and conductor standing on the
platform next to a train.

Topic: Railroad travel
Porters
Railroads -- Employees
African American railroad employees
African Americans -- Railroad employees

Culture: African Americans -- 1930-1940

[\[Man wearing a bathrobe in a Pullman sleeping car lavatory: photoprint\],
Circa 1945](#)

1 Item (8.9" x 7.0")

[Image\(s\): \[Pullman porters and conductor on train platform: photoprint\]](#)

Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000009 (AC Scan No.)

Silver gelatin on paper.

In box ?, folder ?.

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protected by sleeves.

A Pullman porter, attendant, and conductor standing on the
platform next to a train.

Topic: Railroad travel
Bathrooms
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1940-1950 -- Black-and-white photoprints
-- Silver gelatin

[Three women and a man playing cards in adjoining railcar
compartments: photoprint], Circa 1935

1 Item (9.1" x 7.2")

Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000011.tif (AC Scan No.)

Silver gelatin on paper.

In box ?, folder ?.

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protected by sleeves.

Topic: Railroad cars
Railroad travel
Card games
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1930-1940 -- Black-and-white photoprints
-- Silver gelatin

Pullman's [sic] Palace Car Company / Private cars for tourists,
sportsmen, theatrical people, etc.: [advertisement], 1886

1 Item (approx. 9.9" x 6.4")

Image(s): [\[Official Railway Guide: pamphlet\], 1886.](#)

Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000013.tif (AC Scan No.)

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In series ?, box ?, folder ?.

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protected by sleeves.

Includes listing of the general officers, division
superintendents and assistant superintendents. Describes
private car amenities and includes a floor plan.

Topic: Railroad car builders
Railroad travel
Railroad cars
Genre/Form: Advertisements

[\[Pullman U. S. Army Medical Dept rail car, exterior: photoprint\], Circa 1916](#)

1 Item (3.9" x 9.5")

Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000017 (AC Scan No.)

Silver gelatin on paper.

In box ?, folder ?.

Unrestricted research use on site by appointment.
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protected by sleeves.

World War I hospital rail car.

Topic: Railroad travel
Hospital trains
World War, 1914-1918Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white photoprints
-- Silver gelatin[\[Pullman Hospital rail car, exterior: photoprint\], Circa 1916](#)

1 Item (7.5" x 9.3")

Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000018 (AC Scan No.)

Silver gelatin on paper.

In box ?, folder ?.

Unrestricted research use on site by appointment.
Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless
protected by sleeves.

World War I hospital rail car.

Topic: Railroad travel
Hospital trains
World War, 1914-1918Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white photoprints
-- Silver gelatin[\[Pullman Hospital rail car, interior: photoprint\], Circa 1916](#)

1 Item (7.4" x 9.3")

Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000019 (AC Scan No.)

Silver gelatin on paper.

In box ?, folder ?.

Unrestricted research use on site by appointment.
Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless
protected by sleeves.

World War I hospital rail car with two rows of hospital beds

Topic: Railroad travel
Hospital trains
World War, 1914-1918

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white photoprints
-- Silver gelatin

[U. S. Army, Medical Department Train #1, cars 1-10: photoprint], Circa 1916

1 Item (4.1" x 10.0")

Creator: Pullman Palace Car Co.

Language: English.

Notes: AC0181-0000020 (AC Scan No.)

Silver gelatin on paper.

In series 4, box 2, folder 15.

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protected by sleeves.

World War I hospital train travelling in the distance.

Topic: Railroad travel

Hospital trains

World War, 1914-1918

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white photoprints
-- Silver gelatin

Box 3, Folder 7 Southern Pacific dining cars, 1929

Box 7 Album, 1875

Box 3, Folder 8 Miscellaneous, undated

Box 9, Folder 3 Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing Company, 1898-1919

Box 9, Folder 4 Pullman Palace Car Company Builders, undated

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