MS 613 RALPH L. BARGER PULLMAN COMPANY COLLECTION

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This collection is comprised of Pullman Company corporate records collected by historian Ralph Barger. Includes correspondence, blank forms, requisition forms, property ownership documents, car and equipment forms and other documents. These records were generated by several Pullman Company departments, including: the Office of the President, the Operating Department, the Office of Finance and Accounts, the Transportation Department and the Employee and Labor Relations Department. They focus primarily on the sale of Pullman property and cars in the late 1960s.

Arranged by Pullman Company department.

Record Group 1. Operating Department Sub-Group 1.1. Purchases and Stores Department Sub-Group 1.2. Superintendent of Transportation

Record Group 2. Employee and Labor Relations Department

Record Group 3. Office of Finance and Accounts
 Sub-group 3.1. Vice-President and Comptroller
 Sub-sub-group 3.1.1 Manager of Office Services
 Sub-group 3.2. Auditor of Receipts

Record Group 4. Office of the President

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION Ralph L. Barger was born in Putnam County, New York in 1929. As a child, he and his brother J.P. Barger, collected model trains. Their interest prompted Ralph Barger to write various railroads asking for information about famed passenger trains. During service in the Army beginning in 1948, he served as an instructor at West Point, then as a 2nd Lieutenant stationed in Germany, the Dominican Republic, and Vietnam.

In 1961, he began to collect passenger car prototype information and started to compile passenger equipment roster information on U.S. railroads. His interest in Pullman cars was piqued by Lucius Beebe's book MR. PULLMAN'S ELEGANT PASSENGER CARS. The works of John H. White, Jr., Arthur Dubin, William Kratville and Robert Wayner inspired him to assemble a compendium of all known Pullman cars.

Mr. Barger and his wife, Lois, who were married in the mid 1950s, have two daughters, Keven and Carol, and a son, Ralph III. His brother, J.P., continues to be interested in railroad history, with a focus on railroad photography. Mr. Barger belongs to numerous historical societies, including the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Historical Society. He has written two books, A CENTURY OF PULLMAN CARS (2 volumes) (1988; 1990)) and UNION PACIFIC BUSINESS CARS, 1870-1991: INCLUDING INSPECTION AND INSTRUCTION CARS (1992). He is presently working on a third volume of A CENTURY OF PULLMAN CARS as well as a roster of all operating Pullman cars.

The Pullman Company (incorporated in Illinois in 1867 by George M. Pullman as the Pullman Palace Car Company) led the United States and Canada in sleeping car construction and the provision of luxurious and comfortable cars for passenger railroad travel. By 1880, the company operated cars on 60,000 miles of track across the United States and Canada and its stock was worth over 6 million dollars. The Pullman Company built manufacturing shops at Detroit and the world's largest car plant in 1879 at Lake Calumet, Illinois, 14 miles south of Chicago. Adjacent land was purchased and developed as a company town. In 1881, 12,000 people lived in the town of Pullman. An economic downturn prompted layoffs and pay cuts which led to the unionization of Pullman workers and a strike at the shops in 1894 to try to force a rollback of wage cuts.

The Pullman Company, as it was renamed in December 1899, was very profitable, particularly in the 1920s. In the 1940s, an anti-trust lawsuit was brought against Pullman by the U.S. Department of Justice. As the result of an unfavorable ruling in 1943, Pullman was ordered to sell either its operating division, the Pullman Company or its manufacturing division, the Pullman-Standard Car Company. The Pullman Company along with its 256 parlor cars, over 600 sleeping cars and sleeping car leasing operations, were sold to a consortium of U.S. railroads on July 1, 1947. However, railroads continued to lease sleeping cars back to the Pullman Company.

A major downsizing of shops, laundries, and other real estate helped Pullman remain competitive, but business began to decline. The Pennsylvania Railroad, Penn Central and other railroads began to withdraw from Pullman service. In 1969, all railroads with Pullman service cancelled their contracts with Pullman. The company began to sell off its assets, including the inventory of equipment maintained on each car. Pullman retained a small staff to complete sales and settle lawsuits. The Pullman Company ceased to exist in 1981.

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Record Group 1. Operating Department is further divided: Sub-group 1.1. Purchases and Stores Department

- - Series 1. Withdrawal of equipment / Sale of protective stock
 - Series 2. Requisitions of forms and letterhead
- Sub-Group 1.2. Superintendent of Transportation

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Record Group 2. EMPLOYEE AND LABOR RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Employee and Labor Relations Department was created in 1951 from the merger of the Employee and Labor Relations departments and removing them from the supervision of the Operating Department. Departmental responsibilities included formulating basic employee relations policies, negotiating union contracts, defining procedures for employee selection, training and evaluation, administering benefit plans, salary matters, and safety and medical programs, and, in conjunction with the legal department, advising on laws and regulations governing employees. Material from April 1949 to July 1955 comes from General Manager A.H. Lobeck (1958-1959). Fred J. Boeckelman was the first Manager of Employee Relations, 1958-1961, and 1967-1969, during a period when there was labor unrest over job protection, particularly among the porters.

Material in this record group include a copy of an agreement between employees represented by the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and the Pullman Company, correspondence, handwritten notes, drafts of agreements, memos, statistics, separation allowances, circulars, copies of notices of termination of operating agreements, copies of ICC pooling of expense agreements, a legal complaint filed by the Order of Railway Conductors & Brakemen (ORC&B), and seniority rosters.

Subjects include the effect of the takeover of Pullman operations by various railroads (Canadian National, New York Central, New York, New Haven & Hartford, Pennsylvania Railroad) on Pullman employees, negotiations with various Pullman employee unions including the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and the Order of Railway Conductors & Brakemen, renewals of labor agreements after sleeping car takeover, employee severance, seniority, requests by employees for leaves of absence to work for railroads, protection of former Pullman workers, reduction in forces, abolition of positions, and rates of pay of remaining Pullman workers.

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1:3 Agreement between the Pullman Company and the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen, effective December 9, 1963, revision of July 1965, 1964-1967

1:4 Drafts of Employee and Labor Relations Department forms, 1960s

1:5 Memos concerning employee losses, personal injuries, complaints and claims, undated

1:6 Separation allowances, 1967-1968

Takeover of Pullman Company by Railroads [arranged by corporate name]

- 1:7 1:8 Canadian National Railway, 1958-1966
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1:21 Pennsylvania Railroad -- Conductors and brakemen civil action suit, 1964

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Record Group 3. OFFICE OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

The Office of Finance and Accounts was responsible for corporate accounting, payment of taxes, reporting to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and transactions relating to company property and other assets.

Record Group 2 Office and Finance Accounts is further divided:
Sub-group 3.1 Vice President and Comptroller
Series 1. Real estate records
Sub-sub-group 3.1.1 Manager of Office Services
Series 1. Record retention records
Sub-group 3.2. Auditor of Receipts

Sub-group 3.1 Vice President and Comptroller

The Vice-President and Comptroller supervised the Pullman Company's accounting practices and finances.

The Vice President and Comptroller records contains one series:

Series 1. Real estate records

Real estate records include inventories of equipment, deeds, leases, legal documents, tax bills, special assessments, correspondence. Subjects include negotiation of sales, purchase of laundry, shops land and equipment, and construction of buildings. Real estate records had been kept by the Secretary of the Office of the President during the 1910s-1940s. The name of J. F. Kane, Secretary to the President from 1918 to 1933, appears frequently in these files. In the 1940s, control of these records was ceded to the Vice President and Comptroller's Office by the Office of the President. Wayne Irwin, who was Vice President and Comptroller from 1953 to 1959, is signatory for documents related to the 1959 sales of various laundries.

Arranged alphabetically by location of shop or laundry.

Boxes 1-4 have been removed for preservation photocopying.

Sub-sub-group 3.1.1. Manager of Office Services

This department, supervised by the Vice President and Comptroller's Office, was responsible for retaining and disposing of company documents and ensuring that ICC requirements for document retention were being followed.

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Manager of office services material includes a company-wide 1948 inventory of old records covering 1875-1947, which appears to have been generated by the Assistant Vice-President and Comptroller's office. The Office Services Department controlled record retention and destruction and insured that the Interstate Commerce Commission rules were followed. Inventories also include correspondence notifying all Pullman company department heads of the record's existence and requestion permission to destroy them. Some of the notations are in pencil and they list the box number and content. There are stamps indicating which files have been destroyed. By 1960, there was a new form, indicating the boxes to be destroyed and noting that the ICC had given its permission. Organized chronologically.

Sub-group 3.2 Auditor of Receipts

The Auditor of Receipts office supervised general accounts, prepared general books and accounts, prepared income taxes, supervised ticket and revenue accounts, allocated earnings to railroads for contract settlement purposes and compiled and assigned revenue from special car movements. The Auditor also assembled reports that were used to determine whether the Pullman Company was viable or whether it should be sold. F.L Simmons was the first Auditor of Receipts for the Pullman Company in 1909. H.E. Hlavaty held the position from 1956 to 1968+.

In 1948, the Auditor of Receipts hired the engineering firm Coverdale and Colpitts to study the various factors effecting the "fairness" of car pooling operations shared among the Pullman Company and the various railroads leasing equipment back to Pullman. This study led to the Uniform Service Contract of 1949, which increased the number of factors considered when pooling expenses. A copy of the Coverdale & Colpitts report is included.

Reports and statements on income and earnings include original written copies of annual car statements with information about investments, depreciation, car days, rentals, ratio of increases and adjusted average per car day. Other documents include written copies of mileage for sleepers, grand capitulation reports with information about weighted units and actual costs, recapitulation of total adjusted annual expenses reports, report covering audit of annual contract settlements. Reports of revenue on parlor-coaches, reproduction room performance, revenue and service units (which break down revenue by standard tourist and slumbercoach sleepers), reports of cars in special service, special service assignment reports, memos, circulars, correspondence, accounting codes, bills to railroads for use of cars, telexes, and statistics about lightweight sleeper cars are also found in this material.

Subjects include information about special cars assigned to railroads for a particular trip, Pullman cars moving on freight trains, settlement procedures for movement of flight simulator cars, the results of a lightweight sleeper shop study summary, and methods of billing for government radar bomb score trains. Group insurance premiums and the effect of the New York Central Railroad takeover of service in the late 1950s on revenue are subjects of other files.

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