

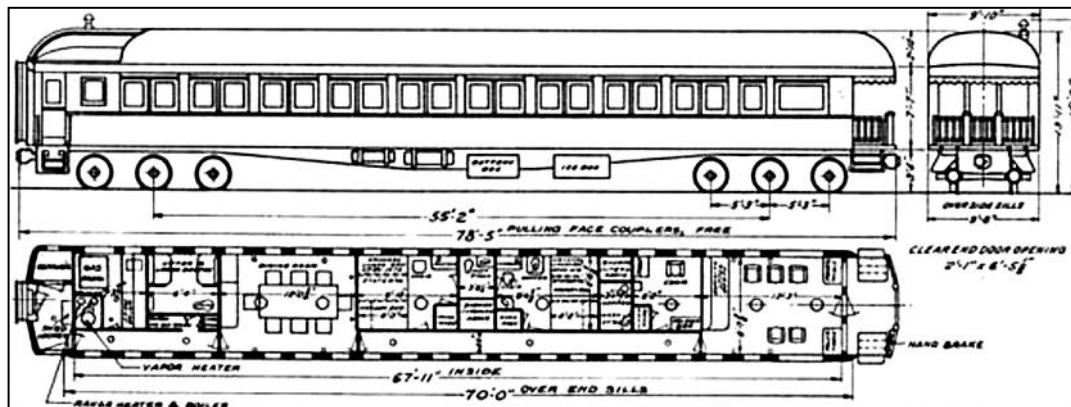
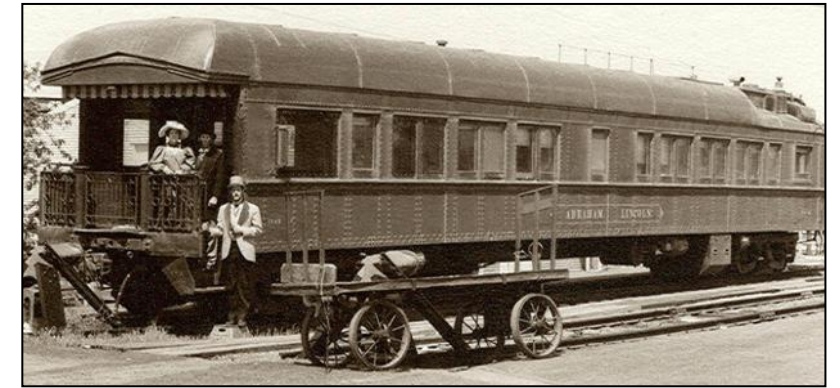
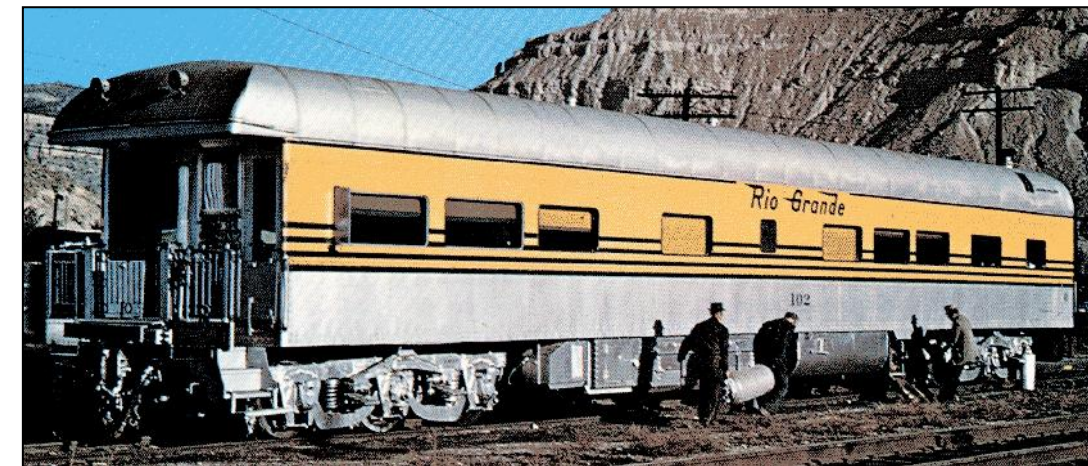
D&RGW BUSINESS CAR #102

In 1910, the Denver & Rio Grande Western ordered 51 steel coaches from the Pullman Company for itself and subsidiary Western Pacific. Within a dozen years, all of the cars were on the Rio Grande. WP 893 and 895 became D&RGW 924 and 926. As the need for coaches diminished, the cars were rebuilt at

the railroad's Burnham Shops in Denver in 1929 as business cars 102 and 101.

The 102 was fitted with six-wheel trucks, the interior tastefully arranged into two elegant staterooms, dining and observation rooms, all lined in natural-finish red gumwood. Air-conditioned in 1941, the 102 was used principally by the Transportation and Engineering departments. It was further modernized in the 1950s with addition of sealed windows. Both cars were retired in 1964.

The 102's sister car, 101 (*photo at right*), did not get the sealed window treatment and was restored for charter service starting in 1983 as the "Abraham Lincoln," commemorating Lincoln's son Robert Todd Lincoln's presidency of the Pullman Company at the time the car was built. As the nation's oldest operating private railroad car, it is on the National Register of Historic Places. Meanwhile, the 102 ended up on display in Minnesota for many years, and after a succession of owners was acquired by the CNY NRHS from the Iowa Pacific railroads in 2013.



LENGTH: 78' 5"
WEIGHT: 180,100 pounds
BUILT: 1910 – Pullman Company

