



1836 Pennsylvania Railroad passenger car photograph 1969.006

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Summary Information

Repository:	Audiovisual Collections
Creator:	Unknown
Title:	1836 Pennsylvania Railroad passenger car photograph
ID:	1969.006
Date:	circa 1893
Physical Description:	2 item(s)
General Physical Description:	1 cyanotype : 6.25 x 4.25 in. 1 photographic copy print : b&w ; 8 x 10 in.
Physical Location:	GL Box 1
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Founded in 1846, Pennsylvania Railroad Company (PRR) was a leading industrial and transportation force throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This collection features a cyanotype and a photographic copy print of an image depicting the first passenger car created for PRR, most likely taken in 1893 in relation to Chicago World's Columbian Exposition.

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Historical Note

Founded in 1846 with headquarters in Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company (PRR) was an American Class-1 Railroad that pervaded early American culture. As a chief source of employment and transportation, the PRR served as a national symbol of America's progress as a leading industrial nation. By 1881, the PRR was the world's largest privately-owned company. In 1968, the PRR merged with its New York rival to form the Penn Central Transportation Company. Two years later, the company declared bankruptcy and was incorporated into Conrail, Norfolk Southern Railway, and Amtrak companies.

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Scope and Content

The image depicts two men posed in front of the first completed Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) passenger car. This photograph was presumably taken in 1893 in relation to Chicago World's Columbian Exposition at the Pennsylvania Shops at Edgemoor. Plaque on train car reads: "Pennsylvania Railroad/Company Passenger Car/As Constructed/Camden & Amboy Railroad Company/1836".

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Controlled Access Headings

- cyanotypes (photographic prints)
- Railroads -- Rolling stock
- Exhibitions
- World's Columbian Exposition (1893 : Chicago, Ill.)
- Pennsylvania Railroad

General note

Donor did not put pencil notation on back of cyanotype; cyanotype reinforced with adhesive

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