



Archival Collection Finding Aid

TITLE: Fair Lane Railroad Business Car Collection

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2010.72

CREATOR: Kughn, Richard P.

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1921-1986

QUANTITY: 15.4 cubic ft. (16 boxes, including 9 oversized)

LANGUAGE: English

ABSTRACT: In 1920, Henry Ford commissioned the Pullman Company to build the Fair Lane business car. Ford, and his family, used this private car until 1942, when the car was sold to the St. Louis Southwestern Line. In 1973, it was donated to the Cherokee National Historical Society, and 7 years later, was purchased by Richard Kughn, who restored the car and updated it to modern Amtrak specifications.

The Fair Lane Railroad Business Car Collection contains photographic prints; blueprints, assembly drawings and wiring diagrams; correspondence from 1957-1975 and 1980-1989; 3 wall plaques; a logbook dating from 1948-1971; expense and inspection reports, work orders, and mechanical logbooks from the 1980s; 36 record books from 1983-1984 noting mileage and destinations; parts and installation manuals; restoration paperwork; three 12" floppy disks; and newspaper clippings.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: The collection is open for research. Access to original electronic data is restricted. Researchers interested in this material should contact Research Center staff in advance at research.center@thehenryford.org.

FINDING AID PUBLISHED: September 2019

Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
20900 Oakwood Boulevard · Dearborn, MI 48124-5029 USA
research.center@thehenryford.org · www.thehenryford.org