Locating Records for Pullman Employees

The employee records of the Pullman Company at the Newberry are primarily for operating company workers (porters, maids, commissary attendants, conductors, shop workers, yard force, clerical, managerial), not manufacturing or town employees. Most personnel records are located in Record Group 06, Employee and Labor Relations Department.

Although 19th century personnel records are available, most date from the early 1900's.

Major exceptions (there are others) to the above statement include:

1. **Microfilmed payroll records for other categories of employees dating from the 1880's.**

    -General office, 1888-1950
    -Town of Pullman and Laundry, 1887-1908
    -Pullman Car Works, 1887-1924

2. **Employee Service Records (06/02/03) for Pullman Car Works, quit date 1918-1929.**

The great majority of *Pullman Car Works* employee service records are held by the *South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society*. The following is their contact information:

> South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society
> 3000 W. 170th Place
> Hazel Crest, IL 60429-1174
> (708) 335-3340

Access to Employee Records:

To consult the Pullman Archives, you need to complete two forms. First, the "application for use of manuscript collections" and the "Pullman Access Statement".

Information needed to conduct a search for a Pullman Company Employee:

1. Employee's full name.
2. District where individual worked.
3. Job title.
4. Service dates (at least decades).

*If you do not know the district, dates, or job title, you can consult the following records first: RG: 06/03/04,06/02/01, 06/02/02(applications only) 06/03/01, and 06/03/06. These record groups are arranged alphabetically.

The following is a list of the most useful records to consult to locate a former employee of the Pullman Company (refer to the Guide for fuller descriptions these record groups.) Always remember to include the box, folder or volume for each item requested.

1. **RG:06/02/03-Employee Service records, ca. 1890-1960 (bulk 1920-1950), pages 549-570.**

    > -Arranged with Central Office files *preceding* service records.
    > Service records arranged by state, district, agency or shop, and type of Employee.

    Information included in this record group: Employee name, birth date, race, address, next of kin, service commendations and warnings, furlough, resignation and retirement dates.

2. **RG: 06/03/04- Social Security Account and Railroad Retirement Board Registration Files, 1937-1960, pages593-594.**

    > -Arranged alphabetically by employee name.

    Information included in this record group: Employee name, address, date of birth, nationality, race, address, and parents' names.

3. **RG: 06/02/01-Employee Indexes and Registers, 1875-1946. Page 541.**

    > -Arranged by type of register or index, then chronologically.

    Information included in this record group: Employee names, date of birth, nationality, race, and service dates.

4. **RG: 06/02/02-Application and Service Files, 1906-1964, page 541 for registers.**

    > -Applications arranged alphabetically.

Information included in this record group: index volumes list employment date, District, and application number, 1909-1933. Individual files contain applications, photographs, references, physician reports, disciplinary records etc.

5. **RG: 06/03/01-Group Insurance Application Records, 1929-1970, pages 591-592.**
-Arranged alphabetically.

Information included in this record group: lists employee name, address, race, occupation, work location, employment date, terminations and reinstatements, beneficiary's name, address and relationship to employee.

6. **RG 06/02/06-Discharge and release records, 1880-1957, bulk 1880-1931, page 573.**
-Arranged by job title and then chronologically.

Information included in this record group: employee name and number, occupation, division, district, dates of release and reason for discharge.

7. RG: 06/03/06-06/03/07-Retired with Pension Files, 1916-1980 and deceased Employee Prior Service Files, 1926-1976, pages 595-600.

-Arranged by type of record. Individual pensioner files arranged by file number; record cards grouped by death date and then arranged alphabetically; registers arranged chronologically.

Information included in this record group: Employee name, occupation, location, and death date.

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