SELMA

Business Car – Long term storage at Cheyenne

The Selma was built for Union Pacific by Pullman Standard in 1912 as business car No. 101. It is the oldest car in the Union Pacific Heritage Passenger Fleet. The car was sold to the Western Pacific, returned to Union Pacific’s roster with the merger in 1982, assigned to the Missouri Pacific and finally named Selma in 1987.

A typical Pullman-built business car of this era cost about $35,000. Pullman would customize the car to the buyer’s specifications, including types of wood to be used in the interior, ventilation, heating and cabinet hardware.

Selma has an observation room, three bedrooms, a secretary’s room, crew quarters, a dining room with seating for six, and a kitchen.

The rail car is named for Selma Hall, an antebellum mansion overlooking the Mississippi River and its surrounding farm, which came under Union Pacific ownership with the Missouri Pacific merger in 1982. Selma Estate and its principle building, Selma Castle, are used by Union Pacific for business meetings.

Configuration: Selma is a platform car with the average Business Car arrangement: a kitchen, a crew room that sleeps two, a dining room that will seat six, an exercise room and an observation room that seats six to eight. It has two bedrooms that share a bathroom. (Sleeps two guests and two crew)