

Are you the descendant of an American railroad worker?

Membership is eligible to all people who can prove lineal or collateral descent from a railroad worker who served between March 4, 1825 and December 31, 1950.

A "railroad worker" is defined as an individual who contributed to the building, maintenance, or administration of a railroad, commuter rail, or a street car system in the U.S., Mexico, or Canada. The qualifying ancestor does not have to be directly employed by a railroad company as long as there is proof of his/her contributions.

Acceptable service includes, but is not limited to:

- Baggage handlers/masters
- Brakemen
- Conductors
- Engineers
- Engine watchmen
- Express agents
- Firemen (who worked on board or in the railyards)
- Flagmen
- Hostlers
- Porters
- Railroad administration (officers, attorneys, accounting, etc. if employed by the railroad)
- Railroad laborers (as designated in the U.S. census)
- Railway mail clerks/agents (even if the U.S. Postal Service was their official employer)
- Section crew/gang
- Station agents
- Switchmen
- Telegraphers (employed by the railroad)
- Ticket agents
- Urban rail (including streetcars, subways and commuter rail, but not buses)
- Wipers

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**National Society Descendants of
American Railroad Workers**

1825-1950

About NSDARW

The National Society Descendants of American Railroad Workers was formed in 2021 by Amanda Morris and Christopher Bowen to honor and preserve the legacy of our ancestors whose hard work enabled the expansion and prosperity of our country. We accomplish those goals through genealogical documentation, educational programming and support for historical preservation efforts related to American railroad history.

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*The journey is just as important
as the destination.*

Objective and Purpose

To identify and honor the ancestors of members who were "railroad workers" or contributed to the building, maintenance, organization or administration of a railroad, commuter rail, or a street car system in the United States, Mexico, or Canada during the period between March 1, 1825 and December 31, 1950.

To collect and share records, documents, photographs, articles pertaining to the history and genealogy of "railroad workers" on the Members Only Society webpage.

To engage in related educational, charitable, historical, genealogical, patriotic, literary and social activities relating to the railroad and its employees.

Meetings

Currently the Society is meeting via Zoom.

Annual: Once per year, to be announced

Regular: Prospective members and guests may attend and a program given

Special: For members only, to address society business

Eligibility

People eighteen (18) years of age or older, a citizen of the United States of America and who are lineal or collateral descendants of a "railroad worker" employed within the U.S., Mexico, and Canada between March 1, 1825 and December 31, 1950, are eligible.

"Our life is a constant journey. The landscape changes, the people change, but the train keeps moving. Life is the train, not the station."

-Thomas Carlyle



www.NSDRailroad.com

Classes of Membership

Regular: Any member over the age of eighteen (18) years shall be classified as a regular member.

Junior/Youth: A member from birth through the age of seventeen (17), shall be classified as a Junior/Youth member.

Lifetime: No annual dues.

Learn More

If you are interested in more information about the National Society Descendants of American Railroad Workers, please visit the Society's website, where you will find an application and instructions to submit the application: www.NSDRailroad.com

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