

Bernie Loveless and Mr. Harris talk with Lester Burn in 1979 about the rail car Dolores.

Mr. Harris: We have outside of the station right now a car — half a car — that we resurrected from the Seat Pleasant Roundhouse. The car half that we have is half of the Dolores. Do you remember the Dolores car?

Mr. Burn: Yeah, I remember it.

Mr. Harris: What type of a car was that? Can you describe how you recollect?

Mr. Burn: If it's just like the other — they had about three of them, I think. I don't remember the other names, but, ah, they were just individual seats. Two on one side, an aisle, and two on the other. Parlor car seats.

Mr. Loveless: Each seat was separate?

Mr. Burn: Separate, yes.

Mr. Loveless: It wasn't built for two people in one seat? It was two separate —

Mr. Burn: Two separate seats. When they'd buy their parlor car tickets, they were entitled to a separate seat.

Mr. Harris: We see in the base of the car on the floor approximately an 8 to 12-inch circle. It looks like possibly a seat screwed down to the floor — approximately by each window. Would that just about describe what you recollect?

Mr. Burn: Yes, but there were two. I mean as I recall, they may have swiveled; I don't know that they did.

Mr. Loveless: The back let down, I guess. Some of those, did the back let down?

Mr. Burn: I didn't remember that they did.

Mr. Harris: What type of lighting would the car have had kerosene type fixture or —

Mr. Burn: As far as I know, it was just kerosene, yeah.

Mr. Loveless: Was there electricity — electricity was in this room?

Mr. Burn: I think it was because they had electricity on the boardwalk, see. And they had the power plant that furnished electricity for the boardwalk, But, after you got past the boardwalk, there wasn't any electricity. They just had oil lamps. That's what we had in our cottage, too.

Mr. Harris: The railroad car had a location that appears like it might be a toilet in there.

Mr. Burn: Yeah.

Mr. Harris: Do you have any recollection what the fixture would look like and what type of toilet facilities were for the station? Was it a little outhouse off to the side someplace? Do you remember where that might have been?

Mr. Burn: I've been trying to remember where the toilet to the station would have been, but I couldn't remember it.

Mr. Loveless: I can tell you about the cars. It just went out onto the track.

Mr. Burn: You're right on that.