

## Gustavus Franklin Swift, 1839 - 1903.

Refrigerated Rail Car Inquiry Unit

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Thomas W. Goodspeed. "Biography of Gustavus Franklin Swift, 1839-1903." Reprinted from The University of Chicago Biographical Sketches, Vol. 1, 1922, 171-197. Accessed 8 Jan. 2018.

Goodspeed's biography of Swift offers insight into the beginnings of Swift & Company, the meat-packing industry, and the refrigerator rail car.

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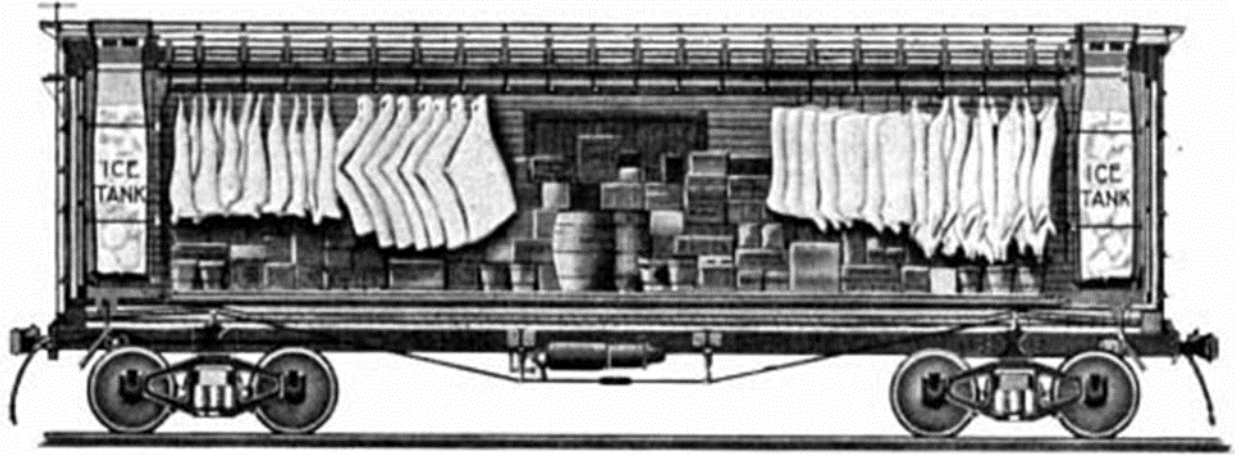
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*\*Note it is mentioned in the opening paragraph that Mr. Swift gave money toward the founding of the University of Chicago and contributed over \$1,000,000 to various needs of the University. In addition, both Mrs. Swift and their children have also provided philanthropic donations to the University of Chicago.*



## Early Refrigerator Car Design, ca. 1870.

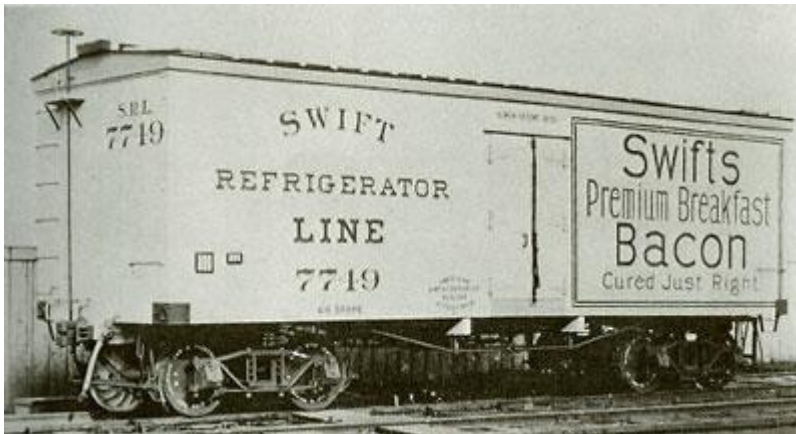


Hatches in the roof provided access to the ice tanks at each end of the car.

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## Swift Refrigerator Line rail car, 1899.



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