In the early 1950's, when the below photos were taken, the Pensacola Work Train included the following:

99023: 60 ton steam wrecker
102918: Bunk Car. ex-40' box car #123890
102292: Dining Car. ex-40' box car #?
105063: Tool Car. ex-40' box car #126628
105064: Derrick pins. ex-43' flat car #93934
105902: Water Car. ex-locomotive tender
101864: Rail Car. ex-43' flat car #94620

"Pensacola" Wrecker #99023, April 14, 1951.
Elliott Kahn collection

Pensacola Work Train awaiting its next assignment, April 14, 1951.
Shown from left to right: Bunk Car #102918, Dining Car #102292,
Tool Car #105063, Derrick Pin Car #105064, & Rail Car #101864.
Elliott Kahn collection

Pensacola Tool Car #105063, April 14, 1951.
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Pensacola Rail Car #101864, April 14, 1951.
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When the **Muscle Shoals, Birmingham, & Pensacola Railway Co.** purchased the **Gulf, Florida, & Alabama Railway Co.** in April, 1922, they inherited twelve locomotives, eleven passenger cars, and 262 pieces of freight equipment, twenty two of which were sitting on the bottom of Pensacola Bay!

While attempting to dock during a June, 1920, storm at the G.F. & A. company's Pier No. 3, the steamship John Adams plowed through the dock, dragging down the outboard part of the dock containing thirteen cars of lumber, nine cars of export coal, three parallel tracks on the outboard part of the dock, and 500 feet of rail on the trestle part of the approach to the outboard dock.

The ship also sank several small vessels which happened to be in its path during the rampage and damaged Pier No. 2, finally going ashore near the Baylen St. wharf.

The ship was coming into the docks for 12,000 tons of coal and caused the damage in docking due to there being such a hard rain that objects could not be seen but a few feet ahead. The accident occurred at 9:00 p.m. the night of June 18, 1920.

The freight cars rested at the bottom of Pensacola Bay for seven years. In July, 1927, these *Treasures From The Deep* were raised with the good and usable materials recycled into six new cars, as follows: **MSB&P 3000, 3001, 4000, 4001, 5000, 5001.**

Built shortly after 1900, the Frisco docks at Pensacola were sold to the Pensacola Port Authority in 1957. On December 17, 1966, they were completely destroyed by fire, as shown in the photo below.
### Gulf, Florida & Alabama Ry. Co.

**“Deep Water Route.”**

**JOHN T. STEELE, Receiver.**

**REPORTING MARKS—“D W R”**

**GENERAL OFFICERS.**

John T. Steele, Receiver... Pensacola, Fla.  C. W. Thacker, Traffic Manager... Pensacola, J. C. Query, Car Accountant... Pensacola, W. C. Vinson, General Agent... Pensacola, Howard Hemphr... Chief Engineer... Pensacola.

GENERAL OFFICES, PENSACOLA, Fla.

Miles of road operated, 151. Gauge, 4 ft. 8 1/2 in. Locomotives, 12. Limit of load allowed to pass over this line in excess of marked capacity, 10 per cent.

### Freight Equipment.

**The freight cars of this Company are marked “D. W. R.” and numbered and classified as follows:**

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### Muscle Shoals, Birmingham & Pensacola Ry.

**W. B. Harbison, Receiver.**

**REPORTING MARKS—“M S B P”**

**GENERAL OFFICERS.**

W. B. Harbison, Receiver... Pensacola, Fla.  J. C. Query, Car Accountant & Claim Agent... Pensacola, Fla.

GENERAL OFFICES, PENSACOLA, Fla.

Miles of road operated, 186. Gauge, 4 ft. 8 1/2 in. Locomotives, 12. Limit of load allowed to pass over this line in excess of marked capacity, 10 per cent.

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Pensacola Motive Power - Steam

Frisco steam line-up, 4-6-2 #1050, 2-8-2 #4030, & 2-8-2 #1353, September 14, 1950. G. Roberts photo

Frisco 0-6-0 switcher #3749. R.W. Floyd collection

Frisco 2-8-0 #1290, July 2, 1950. G. Roberts photo

Frisco 2-8-0 #1311, February 9, 1952. Elliott Kahn collection

Frisco 2-8-2 #4030, September 4, 1950. G. Roberts photo
While most evidence of the Frisco in Pensacola is now in the annals of history, one shining example of its presence in southwest Florida is located on the median of Garden St., south of downtown Pensacola. It is steam locomotive #1355, The Pride of Pensacola.

No. 1355 began its tenure of service on the Frisco in 1912, as #1318, one of forty 2-8-0 Consolidation type locomotives built by the Schenectady Locomotive Works, builder’s No. 51817.

When first placed in service, the 1300 class were primarily assigned to the Eastern Division, Springfield to Mouett, MO and on the Southern Division, Springfield to Thayer. They provided motive power for heavy local service, yard transfers, and thru freights.

Between November, 1943, and March, 1946, seven of the 1300 series Consolidation locomotives were rebuilt in the West Springfield Shops as 2-8-2 Mikado engines, series 1350-1356. In February, 1945, 2-8-0 #1318 entered the shops and in October, emerged as a 2-8-2, #1355. In March, 1946, #1356 was completed, the last in the series of 1300 Mikado conversions and the last steam locomotive to be rebuilt in the Springfield facilities.

When returned to revenue service, the 1300 rebuilds, including #1355, were assigned to service on the River Division between St. Louis and Memphis, and the Southern Division from Amory to Pensacola. According to our records, No. 1355 operated on the River Division until June, 1948, when it was transferred to service on the Southern Division.

In May, 1952, #1355 was officially dismissed from service and placed in storage at Memphis, TN. In the fall of 1956, it was refurbished and donated to the City of Pensacola. On March 4, 1957, the deed to #1355 officially changed hands in ceremonies held at the Coyle & West Garden St. location.

Time and the elements quickly began to take their toll on the engine and although efforts to maintain it were initiated over the years, by the spring of 1990 it was in a sad state of repair. Fortunately, something was done about it!

In the fall of 1991, the Naval Brig Staff of the Pensacola Naval Air Station took on the refurbishing of #1355 as a community service project. After over 600 hours of labor by thirty volunteers, the newly restored locomotive was dedicated on April 28, 1992.

The Frisco Railroad Museum Inc. Research Service provided historical, technical, and photographic resources to aid in the project and the museum’s president, Alan Schmitt, was one of many speakers at the April 28 festivities. The following is a portion of his comments:

... Pensacola has something to be proud of in locomotive 1355.
It is by far one of the premier static restoration efforts that I have seen. ...the many folks who committed their time and efforts to the project stand as a shining example of Navy pride, community involvement, and historic preservation. ...You folks have done a first class job and on behalf of Frisco fans throughout the country, I congratulate you and I thank you!

No. 1355’s service spanned over forty years and 1,000,000 miles on Frisco rails. Today, she is one of many Frisco survivors and proudly stands as a silent tribute to the Frisco in Florida!

Steam locomotive #1355 is indeed...

The Pride of Pensacola
April 28, 1992
Pensacola Motive Power - Diesel

Whitcomb 44 ton switcher #3, May 25, 1951. G. Roberts photo

GP-7 #582, October 19, 1951. G. Roberts photo

VO-660 #600, May 26, 1950. G. Roberts photo

VO-1000 #208, August 26, 1950. Elliott Kahn collection

VO-660 #60, ex-#600, December 4, 1951. G. Roberts photo
Thanks!

...and a tip of the Frisco hat to Frisco Folk Jim T. Martin, and Steve Panzik, founder & Director of the West Florida Railroad Museum, Inc. for providing many of the photos featured in this Special Edition Frisco in Pensacola All Aboard!

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