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Baldwin Locomotive #761 was a 2-8-0 “Consolidated” type. It was one of a group of 10 that was purchased from Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1900. This group carried numbers 759-768. The only other locomotive of this group that remains is #762 and is located in Santa Fe Park, Chanute, Kansas.

The Santa Fe system stretched from Chicago to the west coast, and this particular engine might have been used anywhere in between. When this engine was in service, typical railroad practice was to change the engine at every crew change point (roughly every 150 miles), so this engine would have never been put on a train at Chicago and run all the way to L.A. It also could have been used in yard switching duties, local short haul or branch line service.

The tender has two plates riveted on it that have the number “1973” on them. New Santa Fe locomotives generally had these plates on the tender and they corresponded with the locomotive number. Tenders did get swapped around from time to time, particularly when a fuel-conversion was done, but the numbers were seldom changed. #1973 would have been another 2-8-0 locomotive that was actually seven years newer than #761. #761 probably inherited the tender when #1973 got a bigger tender later in life.

Build date: 04/1900
Empty weight: 173,080
Weight on Drivers: 154,880
Tractive Effort: 39,500
Driver diameter: 57”
Cylinders: 21X30
Boilder pressure: 200 lbs

Scott Rogers, received 3/24/1955