Uncle Sam's Locomotives: The USRA and the Nation's Railroads
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The B & O Railroad took for itself the job of portraying the locomotive's historical development through a series of original and full-size wooden models, which were so skillfully done that they fooled "even the very elect." Some of the engravings dutifully made of the Early American Locomotives. Engine's brightwork with a stubborn grime. Uncle Sam (initials U.S.) is a common national personification of the U.S. federal government or the country in general that, according to legend, came into use during the War of 1812 and was supposedly named for Samuel Wilson. The actual origin is by a legend. Since the early 19th century, Uncle Sam has been a popular symbol of the US government in American culture and a manifestation of patriotic emotion. While the figure of Uncle Sam represents specifically the government, Columbia represents the USRA-designed steam locomotives built in 1918-1920 (though not with the copies of those designs built from 1920 onwards). There is a brief introduction explaining why the USRA was necessary as well. The author devotes a chapter to each wheel arrangement, setting forth the existing designs that might have served as precedents and adding without elaboration the railroads' comments on the engines' performance. The author complains time after time about poor and conflicting recordkeeping on the part of the builders and railroads about where the equipment actually went. Enough already--a single disclaimer in the foreword or introduction (amply provided) would have sufficed! Uncle Sam's Locomotives by Eugene L. Huddleston, unknown edition Uncle Sam's Locomotives. The USRA and the Nation's Railroads (Railroads Past and Present). This edition was published in August 2002 by Indiana University Press. First Sentence. "It is a fearful thing to lead this great and peaceful people into war.... But the right is more precious than peace, and we shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our heart—for democracy.... for the rights and liberties of small nations, for a universal dominion of right by such a concert of free people as shall bring peace and safety to all nations and make the world itse Uncle Sam's Locomotives looks at these magnificent locomotives and discusses how and why the designs were chosen, how they related to existing designs, what standardization entailed, and how each performed." Author: Eugene L. Huddleston. Publisher: Indiana University Press. Uncle Sam's locomotives; the USRA and the nation's railroads; (Railroads past and present) 215p ll 2002 Indiana University Press; Combined Academic 1. Steam locomotives 2. Railroads â€“ United States â€“ Trains ISBN 0 - 253 - 34086 Author: Publisher