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THE FERNDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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A near disaster was responsible for the origin of the Ferndale Fire Department. The fire, occurring on December 14, 1882, brought about the purchase of the community's first engine and the subsequent formation of Engine Company One.

"Last night as Mr. A. Raebiger was closing up his saloon two oil lamps were accidently upset, setting fire to the counter and a wall," reported The Ferndale Enterprise. "Alone at the time, he gave the alarm and then grabbed a large cloth to try to smother the blaze. Having presence of mind, he did not attempt to extinguish the flames with water."

"Nightwatchman Baines and Mr. Roy Thompson arrived and the three succeeded in quelling the blaze with their coats.

"If it had not been for the efforts of these men Main Street would have been a mass of ruins this morning." ¹

One week later a community meeting was held to discuss the purchase of a public hearse. Because of the recent fire it was agreed to invest in a fire engine first. ² At the next public meeting (January, 1883) it was decided to purchase a second-hand engine, the cost to be shared by the property owners. ³ A Hunneman hand pumper was then ordered, reported in the San Jose Morning Times as follows:

"Yesterday afternoon (April 14, 1883), Mayor Martin, together with the Fire and Water Committee and Chief Engineer Brown, disposed of the

1. The Ferndale Enterprise, December 15, 1882.

2. Ibid, December 22, 1882.

3. Ibid, January 5, 1883.

old hand Engine... to the citizens of Ferndale, Humboldt County, through their representatives, Messrs P. F. Hart, D. J. Roberts and Charles H. Hart. ⁴

"It was... the Hunneman engine formerly used by the Franklin Company No. 3 that was sold to the citizens of Ferndale, Humboldt County. It was one of the best hand fire engines in California." ⁵

"Company 3 was the Howard, formed June 14th (1850) by Boston men under the guidance of F.E.R. Whitney... It was named in honor of W.H.M. Howard, who presented to it a Hunneman engine, just brought by his order..." ⁶

Upon arrival of the new engine in Ferndale men were assigned duties. There were two engineers, two pipe men, five engine couplers, two brakemen, four polemen and three suction hoseman. ⁷ In 1924 the Hunneman hand pumper was sold to a firm in Hollywood for use in movie scenes.

Ferndale's first fire company was organized in November 1884 to be responsible for operating the Hunneman engine. ⁸ C. M. Smith was elected chief, to be assisted by Foreman B. B. Nichols, Assistant T. A. Kennedy, President E. G. Eastman, Vice-President Jos. Kerfoot, Capt. of Hose Co. D. McGregor, Secretary H. Tyrell and Treasurer G. W. Dungan. ⁹

4. San Jose Morning Times, April 15, 1883.

5. Ibid, April 17, 1883.

6. Bancroft's Works, Vol. 23, 207.

7. "Engine Co. No. One Minutes," March 10, 1902.

8. The Ferndale Enterprise, November 29, 1884.

9. Ibid.

In that first year the company planned a Grand Ball on Christmas to benefit company funds for the purchase of more equipment. The Ball was held at Roberts Hall, the firemen marching in full uniform. Admission was three dollars for the dance and supper.¹⁰

Reports of earlier fire companies could not be verified. In Ferndale, written by Jan Young, it was reported "Ferndale's first volunteer fire department was organized in 1874." Upon checking her sources it is believed a copy error was made and that the date should have read 1884.¹²

At a meeting held February 10, 1897 the Ferndale Fire Department was permanently organized.¹³ Forty-five members were present to begin work on a constitution and by-laws and to select officers. The first chief was R.D. Dunn, assisted by C.H. Dungan, Foreman Kerfoot, Secretary I. M. Ring and Treasurer C.H. Bory.¹⁴

Business meetings were originally held on Saturdays. On ~~May 5, 1890~~ ^{May 3, 1900} they were changed from Saturday to the first Thursday evening of each month.¹⁵ The Fire Department has continued to meet on this evening to present days.

10. Ibid.

11. Jan Young, Ferndale, 37.

12. Mrs. Young stated that her date came from historical information secured by Judy Bertelsen and Betty Diehl for the Ferndale Art Festival CA. 1970. Contacting Mrs. Bertelsen, she suggested a copy error had occurred as she agreed with the 1884 date.

13. The Ferndale Enterprise, February 12, 1897.

14. Ibid.

15. "Ferndale Fire Department Minutes," May ^{3, 1900} ~~5, 1890~~.

The importance of drills on using the fire equipment was also realized. Drills were held at various appointed times, often several times each month. It was on May 4, 1937 that the third Thursday of each month was chosen for a general department drill.¹⁶

The Fire Department set eligibility requirements. Article X stated "No certificate of membership in the Department shall be issued to other than a male person over the age of eighteen years and a resident or employee of the City of Ferndale."¹⁷

Department finances were based on donations. Citizens often donated ten to twenty-five dollars for fire calls answered at their homes. Business subscribers donated one dollar per month to the organization. This money was used for minor purchases, social activities and paying officers. In May 1911 a firemens committee went before the Town Board and obtained an agreement for fifty dollars per month for general use.¹⁸ The Town Board continued to provide necessary equipment and facilities upon request.

In July 1898 a Department seal was ordered. It was affixed to notices, resolutions, membership certificates and on other official documents. (See document....).

The firemen also purchased necessary equipment: a megaphone, slicker coats, axes, nozzles, hose and ladders. In January 1899 a racing harness, two cut-off nozzles and siamese couplings were ordered for their use.

The necessity of a wagon to haul their ladders, weighing up to three hundred pounds each,¹⁹ became apparent. The first ladder truck was

16. Ibid, May 4, 1937

17. "Constitution and By Laws," January 1900, 18.

18. "Ferndale Fire Department Minutes," May 4, 1911.

19. Ibid, September 3, 1903.

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built in September 1898²⁰ and housed at Nevens Stable. Hook and Ladder Company was then formed to man the engine. When this truck was no longer servicable in 1939, the company disbanded and the wagon was retired.²¹ It is presently on display in the Fire Museum at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds.

Hose carts were also built for the new department. One of the first carts was built by Mr. Andreason in 1899. His successful bid was for \$150, the cart being paid for by the Town Board.²² Two other hose carts were also built for the departments use, forming three hose companys. Two of these carts are presently on display at the Fire Museum.

Early in 1905 Department plans were underway for the purchase of another engine for Engine Co. 1. A Waterous Gasoline Engine, a hand driven pumper, was added to the Department in September.²³ It was hauled on a boat from San Rafael to Eureka, then on Bill Crowley's wagon to Ferndale. Having served the community for thirty years it is now on display at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds.

The Department's first motorized truck, a Model T with chemical tanks, was purchased in February 1917.²⁴ A new company, Chemical 1, was formed to man the engine.²⁵ In April 1939 the engine was sold to Tony Gosselin of Eureka and the company disbanded.

20. Ibid, September 1, 1898.

21. Ibid, April 6, 1939.

22. Ibid, February 16, 1899.

23. Ibid, September 14, 1905.

24. Ibid, March 1, 1917.

25. Ibid, October 4, 1917.

Candy store - Sweets + yeast

Around 1920³ a fourth engine was purchased by the city. An American La France with a gasoline driven pumper, it was used until 1952. This engine was also placed in the Fire Museum following its service ability. The city replaced it with a Van Pelt on an International Chasis. The Van Pelt was sold by the city to the Ferndale Fire District when it formed. It continues to serve with Company No. 1 in the Ferndale Fire Department.

In 1923 a Dodge chemical truck was purchased by the city.²⁶ This engine used soda acid to extinguish fires. A new chemical company, Chemical No. 2, was formed to operate the engine.²⁷ The Ferndale Fire District retired the engine in 1937, its present whereabouts uncertain, and replaced it with an American La France pumper. The new pumper had a 330 gallon tank capacity.²⁸ It serviced with Company 2 until 1955 when the district sold it to Redway Fire District and purchased the present American La France.

In 1948 the men of the department built a new hook and ladder truck and reformed the Hook and Ladder Company. The Ferndale Fire District and the city shared the expenses of a Van Pelt on an International chasis.⁵ The truck was sold to College of the Redwoods in 1969. The District then purchased another Van Pelt on an International chasis,^{5/} which presently serves Hook and Ladder, Company No 3.

When the community was considering the purchase of a truck in 1883 the importance of a public water system was also discussed.²⁹

26. Ferndale Fire Department Minutes, July 1923.

27. Ibid, September 6, 1928

28. Ibid, May 6, 1937.

29. The Ferndale Enterprise, January 5, 1883.

Francis Francis had previously built tanks, and in 1876 built a reservoir and laid pipe to town.³⁰ At the 1883 meeting plans were made to utilize Francis Creek to supply more water, with two or three dams closed by gates. Dams were put in place by the city each spring (remaining until fall) to make pumping reservoirs. These were still being utilized in 1960.

Plans were also made in 1883 for cisterns (holding tanks).³¹ According to Norm Clough, two cisterns were in use by 1900. One was at the White Front (present Bank of America) intersection with a 9000 gallon capacity and the second at the Ivanhoe intersection with a 12,000 gallon capacity. These were useable until 1960 when they were filled in due to weakness and the construction of a new state road.

Hydrants were also provided by Mr. Francis. The town of Ferndale rented them from him in 1897.³² Certain firemen, known as hydrant-men, were assigned to operate them. In 1933 the hydrants, and all related equipment, were ordered by the Fire Underwriters to be changed to National Hose Thread.³³

The Fire Department recognized the need for a fire alarm in 1902. In June they met with the town fathers and made such a request.³⁴ A brass bell was soon ordered from San Francisco. Arriving in August, the bell

30. Wallace Elliott, History of Humboldt County, 201.

31. The Ferndale Enterprise, January 5, 1883.

32. "Centennial Supplement," Aug. 22, 1952, 25.

33. Ferndale Fire Department Minutes, June 1, 1933.

34. Ibid, June 12, 1902.

was hung in a wooden cupola above the White Front Store (present Bank of America). A code of signals were established and printed for use by the firemen.

During the 1906 earthquake the bell and cupola tumbled to the ground.³⁵ The bell was then hung in a pole in front of the firehouse. Norm Clough recalls the bell still in place at the end of World War II when local children rang the bell in celebration. In later years Mr. Clough made a replica of the original cupola and hung the brass bell in it, placing them above the Fire Museum.

In 1912 the fire chief reported that a steam whistle was to be placed on the Central Creamery plant (presently Yancey's Feed) in exchange for a siamese coupling for the company.³⁶ Fire victims were to phone the boiler room, from which the steam whistle was operated. Beginning in January 1921 it was also blown for the monthly meeting of the Ferndale Fire Department.³⁷ In 1938 the steam whistle was reported not working and subsequently replaced by an electric siren.

The first electric siren was purchased in August 1931.³⁸ This siren was placed above the firehouse and was wired to blow from the telephone office. At Joe Bognuda's suggestion it was decided to blow one continuous blast from this siren at 12:00 noon each day.³⁹

Fluctuating blasts continue to give the fire warning.

35. "Centennial Supplement," August 22, 1952, 18.

36. Ferndale Fire Department Minutes, January 4, 1912.

37. Ibid, January 3, 1921

38. Ibid, August 6, 1931.

39. Ibid.

Fire equipment was housed in local sheds and stables in the early days of the Department. In January 1899 the department and city began plans to build their own engine house. Boynton and Hall purchased the Giselman lot in March of that year and offered the Ferndale Fire Department the east half for such a structure.⁴⁰ Completed in February 1901, it housed the Hunneman engine and hose carts.⁴¹

Another engine house was secured in September 1908 to house the Waterous Gasoline Engine. The building was owned by a Mrs. Herri.⁴²

When the Model T chemical truck was purchased in 1918 it was put in an enclosed shed. The shed was located on the lefthand side of the Canfield building (554 Main Street).⁴³

In 1900 Fire Department meetings were held in the City Hall, located beside Larry Martin's current home. In the near vicinity was a house of prostitution, which caused many problems. Around 1909 this hall burned, the possibility of arson being suggested. ^{In 1918} The present Fire Hall was then constructed to house both the Ferndale City Hall and the Ferndale Fire Department and their equipment.⁴⁴ The city moved its operations to the Village Club in 1967, leaving the entire building to the Fire Department.⁴⁵

Local citizens realized the dangers of fire and took their own fire prevention steps. In 1890 Ira Russ constructed a large commercial bank

40. Ibid, March 2, 1899.

41. Engine Co. One Minutes, February 15, 1901.

42. Ferndale Fire Department Minutes, August 1, 1912.

43. Jan Young, Ferndale, 21.

44. Ibid, 37.

45. Ibid, 41.

(presently the Village Inn) considered "near fireproof." The structure was of thick redwood that appeared to resist combustion and merely char because it burned so slowly.⁴⁶ (Insurance companies recognized the fact that redwood framed buildings would resist combustion and hence charged much lower rates).⁴⁷ The bank also had an inverted roof which could be flooded in the event of fire.⁴⁸

Not only did the volunteer fire department offer Ferndale fire protection, but they also took an active part in social and civic functions. They were often responsible for the local fourth of July celebration, held at the site of the ninth District Fair in Ferndale in 1899.⁴⁹

Other celebrations were sponsored by the department in conjunction with the fair, Christmas and New Years. These celebrations included banquets and gala balls. The Christmas celebration was discontinued in 1931 when the firemen voted to use the money to pay for a new siren.⁵⁰ The department continued to be responsible for the Fair Ball until 1942 when World War II left the company in anything but a festive mood.⁵¹

The Fire Department secured uniforms by 1899 for their public appearances.⁵² Suits were trimmed, belts made, red neck ties purchased

46. Young, op. cit., 16.

47. Leign Irvine, History of Humboldt County, 116.

48. "Centennial Supplement," August 22, 1952, 32.

49. Ferndale Fire Department Minutes, May 15, 1899.

50. Ibid, ~~August 3, 1942.~~ Sept. 3, 1931

51. Ibid, August 3, 1942.

52. Engine Co. One Minutes, June 27, 1899.

and caps lettered. Ribbons were also procured for many occasions, including firemans funerals when the men marched in the procession.⁵³

In 1900 May first, also known as Dewey Day, was set apart in the department by-laws as the day for firemen's celebration.⁵⁴ Appearing in full uniform they held a parade and drill followed by an annual ball in the evening. As other companies joined Engine Co. One, the men began to compete in both dress and ability on this day.

In 1904 a baseball game was initiated.⁵⁵ A rotating cup went to the winning company in 1910.⁵⁶ Hose races continued with the incentive of a box of one hundred cigars. In 1912 the first water fights were reported. Rules were drawn, with four men on a team competing for a cash prize.⁵⁷

In 1913 the annual celebration was changed from May Day to the second Wednesday in June of each year.⁵⁸ In later years the competitive events were changed to Washington's Birthday, the banquet and dance being held the following Saturday evening. Except for several years during World War II these events have continued.

Following the formation of a baseball league within the department in 1912, the establishment of permanent ballgrounds was desired.⁵⁹

53. Ferndale Fire Department Minutes, December 7, 1899.

54. Constitution and By-Laws, 25.

55. Ferndale Fire Department Minutes, August 4, 1904.

56. Ibid, April 7, 1910.

57. Ibid, May 2, 1912.

58. Ibid, June 6, 1912.

59. Ibid, May 2, 1912.

Ferndale Fire Department began raising funds to invest in a park, complete with a dance pavilion and ball grounds. The park was to be located at the south end of Main and Berding Streets. Expenses listed were \$2,000 for labor, \$3,000 for lumber, \$5,000 for other expenses and \$238 for a cement bridge.⁶⁰

The park's pavilion was completed by the fireman in 1922. On September 22 the park was officially opened with a Grand Ball.⁶¹ Two months later the department decided to deed the land to the town, the deed to be held in trust.⁶² Recorded in department minutes on February 4, 1926 it was voted to transfer the property to the town, retaining a fifty year lease.

In April 1940 the department voted to install lights in the park for use at baseball games. It was decided to have six fifty-foot poles, with two lights on each.⁶³ The poles were to be taken down upon the completion of each baseball season.

Pavilion repairs and ground improvements occurred in 1941. Listed as a W.P.A. project more than \$2,000 in government funds were spent.⁶⁴

Located south of the park and fifty feet up the hillside is Ferndale's living Christmas tree. The original idea for a community Christmas tree belonged to Dave Cohan^e and John Lund who presented it at a meeting of the Ferndale Fire Department in 1931.⁶⁵

60. Ibid, September 7, 1922.

61. Young, op. cit., 44.

62. Ferndale Fire Department Minutes, November 1922.

63. Ibid., April 1940.

64. Ibid, February 5, 1941.

65. Ibid, September 3, 1931.

A towering Sitka Spruce, standing 110 feet high, measuring four and a half feet in diameter at the base, and fifty feet tip-to-tip of the lower limbs was selected.⁶⁶ After several tests the tree was officially lit December 14, 1934. It was illuminated by more than five hundred lights, a top star six feet wide, and a twelve foot tall cross at the base of the tree.⁶⁷ The men responsible for that first lighting were: Walter Bartlett, A.M. Ring, Viggo Eriksen, V.O. Givens, Dr. L. R. Codoni, Joe Bognuda, Everett Hull and F.M. Clover.⁶⁸ The fire department has lit the tree every year since that date, with the exception of the blackout years of World War II and in 1973 due to the national power crisis.

The Ferndale Fire Department is now entering its seventy-ninth year. At this time it consists of seventy active members equipped with five modern trucks: three pumpers, one water tanker and one rescue rig. Its volunteer firemen continue to offer Ferndale adequate fire protection while taking an active part in both civic and social functions.

66. Ferndale Enterprise, December 14, 1934.

67. Ibid.

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Carlo Ambrosini
Joe Bognuda
George Becker
Norm Clough
Les Fuller
Don Smith

FERNDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

	Chief	Assistant Chief	Secretary
1898	W.B. Barney	Fred Cruickshank	W. Niebur
1899	" "	" "	W.H. Daugherty
1900	Fred Cruickshank	Dr. S.P. Porter	" "
1901			
1902	G.L. Collins	T.J. Lewis	L.M. Smith
1903	" "	C.A. Bartlett	" "
1904	Fred Cruickshank	Gus Waurich	" "
1905	" "	Chas. Rackliff	" "
1906	" "	W.A. Bartlett	G.W. Snively
1907	W.A. Bartlett	S.V. Morrison	" "
1908 - 12	E.C. Mills	Geo. Haywood	A.M. Dinsmore
1913	Geo. Haywood	Chas. Grinsell	" "
1914	Chas. Grinsell	R. Rasmussen	" "
1915	" "	Chris Hansen	" "
1916 - 17	" "	Walter Gomes	" "
1918 - 20	W.A. Bartlett	W. Boyd	" "
1921 - 22	" "	Thos. Boyd	R.A. Grinsell
1923	" "	H. Johnson	" "
2-7 1924	Fred Mills	W.A. Bartlett	E.P. Calanchini
7-12 1924	W.A. Bartlett	R.M. Poole	R.A. Grinsell
1925	" "	" "	" "
1926 - 27	" "	H.E. Codoni	" "
1928	R. Christensen	Al Dusek	" "
1929	Al Dusek	C.J. Olsen	" "
1930	C.J. Olsen	Geo. Heney	A.L. Early

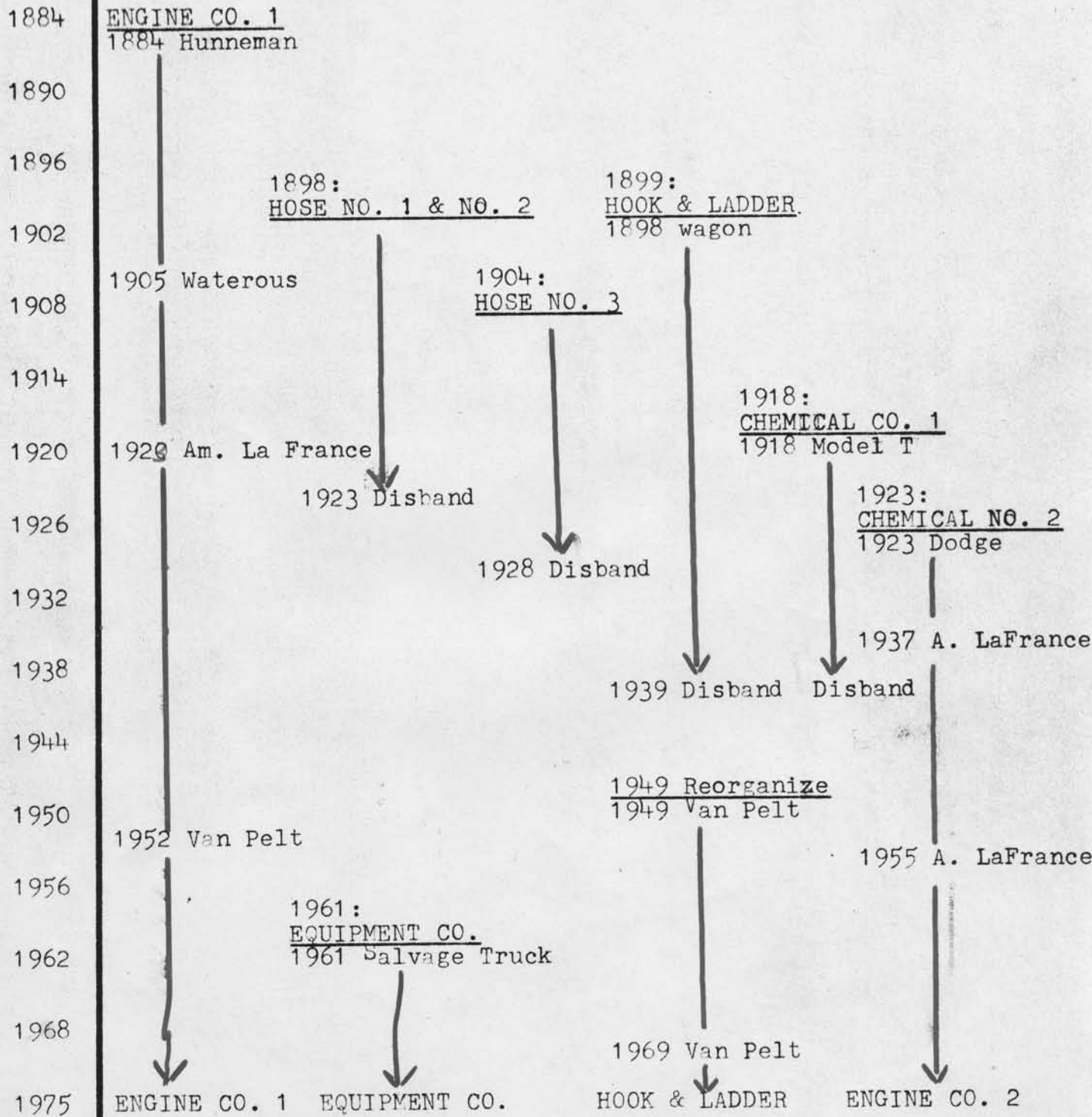
1931	C.J. Olsen	E. Pugh	A.L. Early
1932	Viggo Eriksen	Geo. Becker	" "
1933	" "	Ira McAllister	" "
1934 - 35	" "	Geo. Becker	" "
1936 - 38	" "	" "	C.J. Olsen
10/1938	Geo. Becker		" "
1939	" "	Jack Tipple	" "
1940 - 41	" "	E. J. Speiring	" "
1942 - 46	" "	Carl Helgested	" "
1947	" "	Norm Clough	Pat Goff
1948	Norm Clough	Ed Neilsen	" "
1949 - 54	" "	Clint Haywood	" "
1955 - 56	" "	" "	Darrell Martin
1957	" "	Randall Branstetter	" "
1958 - 59	" "	" "	Stan Jorgensen
1960 - 64	" "	Don Smith	" "
1965 - 67	Don Smith	Lino Mogni	" "
1968 - 69	Lino Mogni	M.J. Smith	" "
1970 - 71	" "	Lee Tomasini	" "
1972	" "	Stan Jorgensen	Bob Farley
1973	" "	Roy Renner	Bob Farley
1973 - 75 - 78	" "	Jack Shaha	" "

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Lee Tomasini

ORGANIZATION OF FERNDALE FIRE COMPANIES

1884 - 1975



Cor. Main St. and Shaw Ave.

Ferndale, Cal. Sept 18 1899

M. Hose Co, No 2.

TO AMERICAN HOTEL DR

.....ESKESEN & OLSEN.....

Three Stories High.

Bar and Barber Shop in Connection.

A Specialty Made of Entertaining the Commercial Trade

*I hereby tender my
resignation as a member
of Hose Co, No 2.*

H. C. Sithgow.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP.

Ferndale Fire Department

FERNDALE, HUMBOLDT CO., CAL. Mar. 14, 1907.

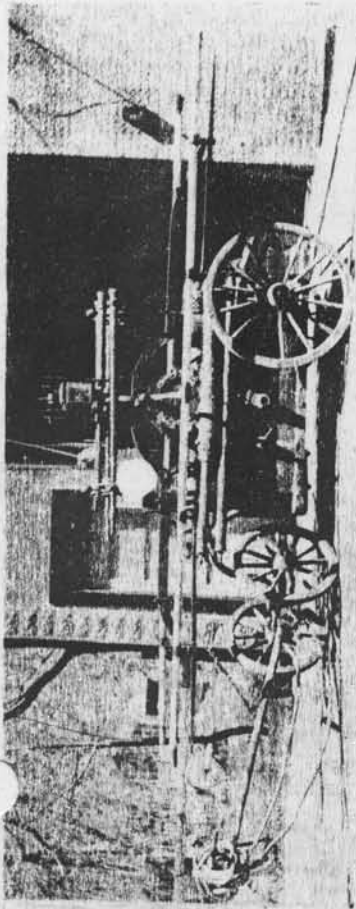
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT *Mr. Wm. J. Flowers Jr.*
IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF *Hose Co No 2 F.H.D.* AND ENTITLED TO
ALL THE PRIVILEGES GRANTED BY LAW TO VOLUNTEER FIREMEN.

SECRETARY

Bert Lewis

FOREMAN



Fire Engine "PAPEETE" bought by Columbia Engine Co. No. 1 in Fall of 1852. Built for the King of the Sandwich Islands by the Hunneman Co., Boston, Mass., in 1852. Due to the fact that the sailors deserted ship to go to the gold diggings, the engine was left in San Francisco. Later Columbia bought this engine.

SIMILAR TO HUNNEMAN ACQUIRED IN 1883

May. 2, 1902
 Dance Com. of F. F. Dept.

To Ferndale Sand Gravel Co.

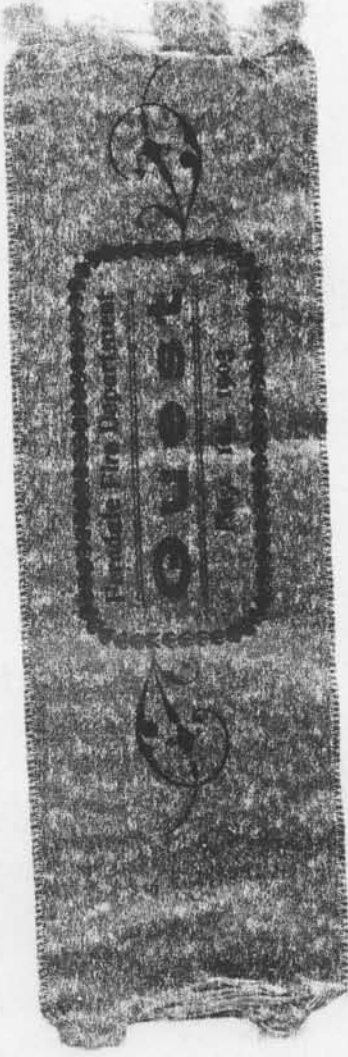
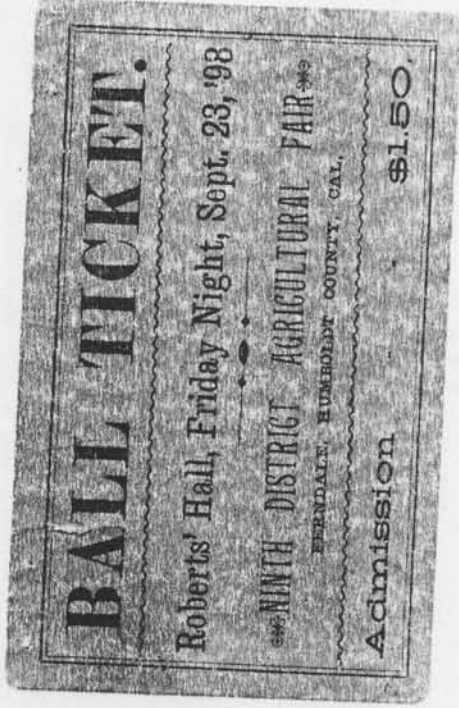
TERMS

May 1 Paying from

9 to 2:45 AM

\$40.50

W. F. Connelley



Ferndale, Cal., Mar 4th 1904

To the Officers and Members of Hose Co., No. 2, F. F. D.

I am desirous of becoming a member of your Company, and promise, if elected to membership, to conform faithfully to your Constitution and By-Laws.

Proposed by W. B. Miller Signed, C. R. Roberts
References T. C. Sutton
W. B. Boyd

The undersigned members of the Investigating Committee hereby report favorably on the above application.

Signed J. M. C. [unclear]
Low Northrup
W. B. [unclear]

FERNDALE FIRE DEPT. SEAL
STAMPED ON THIS CHECK



\$3⁰⁰

Ferndale February 3 1908

Ferndale Bank Pay to the
Order of Grinnell Bros
Three ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars

Value received, and charge the same to account of Ferndale Fire Dept.

To J. M. [unclear] Secy. W. B. Bartlett Chief
No 242

American Fire Engine Co.,
Seneca Falls, N. Y., and Cincinnati, O.
Chas. T. Holloway & Co.,
Baltimore, Md.
The Seagrave Co., Columbus, Ohio
Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Co.,
Boston, Mass.
Western Rubber Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.
Geo. C. Hale, Kansas City, Mo.
Vajen-Bader Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
Cairns & Bro., New York.
R. Beaumont, Kankakee, Ill.
John H. Clay, Philadelphia, Pa.

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CHAPMAN FIRE HOSE REEL
and General Contracting
FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEER

Late with San Francisco Fire Department
Member National Association of Fire Engineers

R. S. CHAPMAN

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FIRE DEPARTMENT MACHINERY, APPARATUS
AND SUPPLIES**

14 AND 16 FREMONT STREET

San Francisco, Cal., March 19, 1901.

Mr. C. G. Mathews,
Secretary Fire Department,

Ferrisdale, Humboldt Co., California.

Dear Sir:-

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of your recent inquiry concerning compressed air equipment for handling your fire alarm whistle. We are very pleased to hear from you as we are anxious to be in touch with the various fire department and municipal authorities within our territory and endeavor to make our place a source of general information of interest to all. The compressed air outfit, however, is a little out of our line, so we have taken the liberty of turning your inquiry over to the San Francisco agent for Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Co., 230 Kearny St. They have promised to write you direct and we trust that you will hear from them in due time, but will say that if for any reason you do not, if you will kindly advise us, we will take the matter up further with other parties.

Thanking you sincerely for your favor and soliciting a continuance of your valued inquiries, we are,

Yours very truly

R. S. Chapman

FREIGHT BILL.

(Form 1870 Regular.)

E.J.A.A. 12-04. 20M.

CONSIGNEE

Frank Bros

Wm W.T. Seignior

Singley June
 Freight Bill No. *285*

1905

Via *To San Francisco & Northwestern Railway Company, Dr.*

WAY-BILL

CAR

FROM

Original Point Shipment and Consignor

Date	Number and Series	Initials	Number	FROM	Original Point Shipment and Consignor
<i>6/27</i>	<i>391</i>		<i>48</i>	<i>Corona 654</i>	<i>Eureka</i>

FOR FREIGHT AND CHARGES ON

	WEIGHT	RATE	FREIGHT	ADVANCES	TOTAL
<i>10 D Gds</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>D-1</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>159</i>	<i>215</i>

LOCATION

DELIVERY

BY

Transfers (if any)

Received payment *Frank Bros* *1905*
F. C. Jones
 Agent

Switching
 Inspection
 Total Charges

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Under description of property, in separate sheets, show all car numbers appearing on way-bill, and care to enter correct initials and numbers, drawing pen through the numbers of cars transferred from.

Original paid freight bills should accompany all claims for overcharge, loss or damage. Changes payable in advance. Amount to be removed within the legal limit of time allowed.

San Francisco June 24 1905
Mr. A. T. Ferguson, Mendota, Cal.

To FRANK BROTHERS.

Dr.

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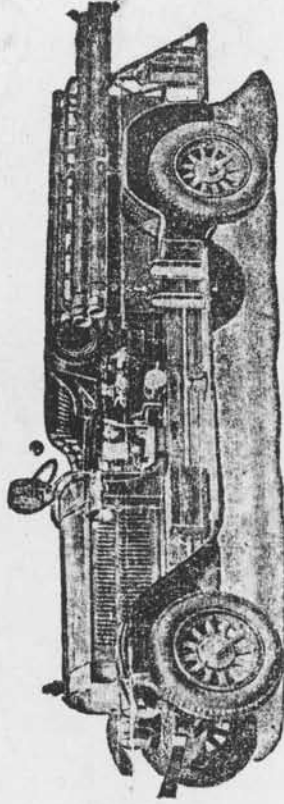
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CITY OF FERNDALE

HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

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Ordinance #70

Amending Sections 1,2,4, and 5 of Ordinance #52

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Ferndale Do Ordain as Follows:

Sec 1: A Fire department of the Town of Ferndale is hereby created which shall be known as the Ferndale Fire Department and which shall consist of a Chief, one Asst Chief, A Secretary, a Treasurer and all such regularly organized fire companies now or hereafter organized in said town, as shall be admitted to said Fire Department by the Board of Trustees of said town on recommendation of the Board of Control of the Fire Department and which shall comply with the provisions and requirement of this ordinance and other ordinances which may be hereafter passed by this Board; provided that there shall not be more than four companies in the town. Not more than sixty-five members shall be allowed to a y engine company or hook and ladder company and not more than twenty five members in any hose company.

Sec 2. The chief, Assistant Chief, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected on the first Thursday in February of each year by the members of the Fire Department and confirmed by the Board of Trustees and shall hold office only at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees.

Sec 4: The Sec shall issue certificates of Active Membership

Sec 5 The Treasurer shall take charge of and ~~keep~~ receipt for all moneys of the Fire Dept and Board of Control

Finally passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees 11 June 1900

CITY OF FERNDALE

HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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Ordinance # 104

Amending Section 1 of ordinance #52 of the town of Fdle,
establishing a Fire Dept

Sec 1:

Section 1 of Ordinance #52 of the Town of Ferndale is hereby amended
to read as follows:

Section 1. A Fire Department of the Town of Ferndale is hereby created which shall be known as the Ferndale Fire Department and which shall consist of A Chief, one assistant Chief, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and all such regularly organized fire companies now or hereafter organized in the said town, as shall be admitted to said Fire Department by the Board of Trustees of said town, on recommendation of the Board of Control of the Fire Department, and which shall comply with the provisions and requirements of this ordinance, and other ordinances which may hereafter be passed by this Board; provided, that there shall not be more than five companies in the town. Not more than sixty five members shall be allowed to any engine company or hook and ladder company and not more than twenty five members to any hose company

Adopted 6 June 1910

CITY OF FERNDALE

HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Ordinance no #148

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
SUnset 6-4225

Amended Section 1, (s amended by ordeinacne no 104) and section 18 of ordinance no 52 and repealing sections 3, 7 and 17 of said ordinance no 52 of the city of Ferndale relating to establishing of a Fire Department for said city.

The City Council of the City of Ferndale do ordain as follows:

Sec 1. A Fire Department of the City of Ferndale is hereby created which shall be known as the Ferndale Fire Department and which shall consist of a Chief, an Assistant Chief, A Secretary, A Treasurer, and all such regularly organized fire companies now or hereafter organized in the said city and which shall comply with the provisions and requirements of this Ordinance, and other Ordinances which may hereafter be passed by the Council of said City. Not more than sixty-five members shall be allowed to any engine company or hook and ladder company and not more than twenty-five members to any hose company

Sec 2:

Section 18 of Ordinance No 52 of said City of Ferndale is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 18: Any person aggrieved at any act or determination of any company belonging to said department may appeal therefrom to the city Council by filing a statement in writing of the grounds of appeal with the Clerk of said Council and serving a copy thereof on the Secretary of the company appealed from; whereupon it shall be the duty of said Council to appoint a time for hearing and to hear and finally determine said appeal

Sec 3

Sec 3, 7, and 17 of Ordinance no 52 of said city of Ferndale are hereby repealed.

Sec 4;

This ordinance and the amendments shall take effect and be in force 30 days after final passage and publication hereof

Passed and adopted 5 Dec 1932