

Early Charlotte Fire History - Research Notes

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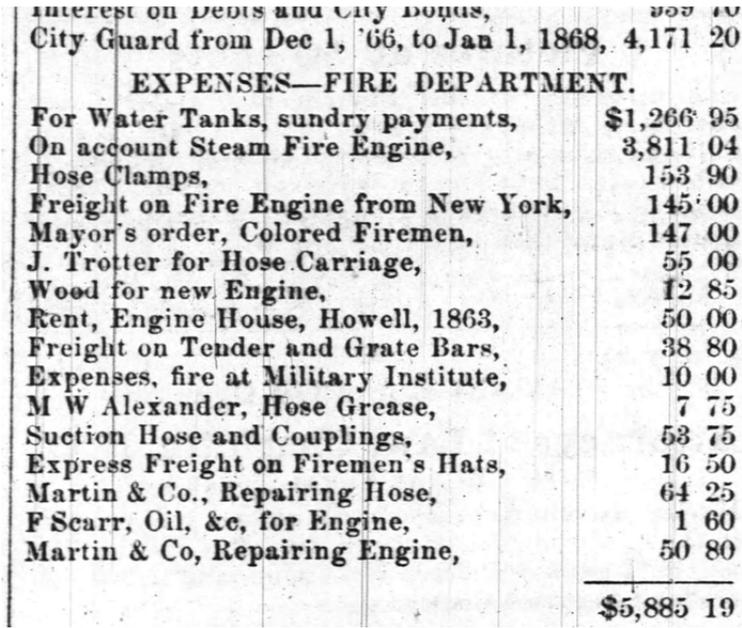
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| 1830 | First fire engine. Court approved \$100 for purchase. | Need source |
| 1832, Jan 14 | Charlotte Fire Engine Company incorporated. The legislative act also exempts members from militia duty. Bill was passed on December 23, after being presented by "Mr. Massey." | NC Session Laws, 1831-32, Chapter 155, page 130. Charlotte Journal, Jan 4, 1832 |
| 1834, Jan 13 | Legislative act passed for better regulation of Charlotte Fire Department, including the maximum size of the fire company, and other regulations. | NC session laws 1833-34, Chapter 180, page 192 |
| 1834 | Major fire identifies problems in fire protection. Also, recommends special recognition for the black community and their efforts to help extinguish the fire, especially the women. | Need source |
| 1834, Sep 26 | Meeting notice. Members of the Charlotte Fire Company requested to meet at the courthouse on Saturday, October 4, for the purpose of "working the engine." | Charlotte Journal, Oct 4, 1934 |
| 1835 | Repeal of legislation that exempts firemen from militia duty. | NC session laws, 1835. Chapter 154, page 113 |
| 1841, Mar | Newspaper account of a fire at the stables behind the Mansion House and the Jeffersonian and County Court Clerk's offices, mentions fire engine. | Mecklenburg Jeffersonian, April 5, 1842 |
| 1842 | Newspaper editorial note asking, why doesn't the town provide fire hooks for emergencies, and with criticism of the fire company. | Mecklenburg Jeffersonian, Mar 22, 1842 |

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| 1845 | Snapshot. Charlotte has a hand engine that's manned by "fire masters" who are paid on on-call basis. Fire bell was hung at the town square at Trade and Tryon. When a fire was discovered, the person who found the fire would ran to the square and ring the bell. The volunteer firemen, alerted by the ringing bell, ran to the square to learn of the fire's location. Some then ran to the location of the fire, while others ran to the fire station, at North Church and West Fifth streets, to get the engine, and pull it to the fire. Also, with the nearby railroad, train engineers often spotted fires. They used their engine's steam whistles, and a special signal, to alert the community. | CFD |
| 1845, May | Charlotte Fire Company re-organized, at a meeting of citizens. Officers were elected for the "ensuing year." Company has about 50 members. | Mecklenburg Jeffersonian, May 16, 1845 |
| 1848, Jul 12 | Newspaper editorial about the fire company, critical of the town's preparations for fire, noting the need for an organized system for keeping "the engine and other fixtures" in order, citing a fire last fall, when the engine was "out of fix" and wouldn't be used, suggesting the incorporation of a fire company, with duties including taking care of the engine, and a "bonafide membership," etc. | Mecklenburg Jeffersonian, July 12, 1848 |
| 1849, Jan 29 | Charlotte Fire Engine Company incorporated (again). | NC session laws 1848-49, chapter 140, page 289 |
| 1850s | Starting in that decade, the black community petition the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor's Office for a colored fire company. Also during these times, slave owners were requested to allow their slaves to participate in firefighting activities. (And, at least one and likely on a regular basis, the owners were compensated for that action. See 1863 below.) | CFD |
| 1854, Feb 24 | News report about a fire on February 16, and editorial remarks about the "necessity and importance of organizing a fire company" and for the town to obtain a new and larger engine. | Western Democrat, Feb 24, 1854 |
| 1854, Dec 7 | U.S. Branch Mint catches fire, but blaze is caught before "it had done any serious damage." Notes news story "we hope this will be a warning which will be improved by hastening the formation of a Fire Company." | Western Democrat, Dec 8, 1854 |
| 1856, May 27 | Major fire, blasting used to control. Mentions that "both of the corporation fire engines" were used. And water from pumps and wells were insufficient. | Western Democrat, Jun 3, 1856 |

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| 1856, Jun 7 | <p>Public meeting held for the purpose of “devising a more efficient organization of the fire department.” Town officials directed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint three men as Superintendents of the Fire Department, and with the authority to direct the actions of the fire companies and volunteers. • Pass an ordinance requiring all buildings between Third, Sixth, College, and Church streets to be built of brick or stone, and covered with metal or other indestructible material. • Purchase a second fire engine, and have the current fire engine “put in a good state of repair.” <p>Also</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two fire companies be organized. • Water pipes be laid from each of the public pumps on Tryon Street, and digging two new wells on Trade Street. • Quantity of hooks and ladders be purchased for the town. | Western Democrat, Jun 17, 1856 |
| 1856 | New hand engine delivered, named/later named “Crazy Hannah”. Bought by the city for \$450 from Agnew & Co. of Philadelphia. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Sep 22, 1875 |
| 1857, April | Snapshot. Charlotte Fire Company has 51 men. Elected officers on April 4, 1857. | North Carolina Whig, Apr 7, 1857 |
| 1857, Dec | <p>New engine house built by this time, city finance report December 29, 1857, noting \$10 received from sale of old engine house.</p> <p>Also city finance report in December 15, 1857 newspaper noting “Order in favor of J. L. Shelby to the use of John Townly (balance on contract for Engine House) due 23d Sept., 1857, \$100. Also mentions balance due on fire engine, \$500.</p> | <p>Charlotte Democrat, Dec 15, 1857</p> <p>Charlotte Democrat, Dec 29, 1857.</p> |

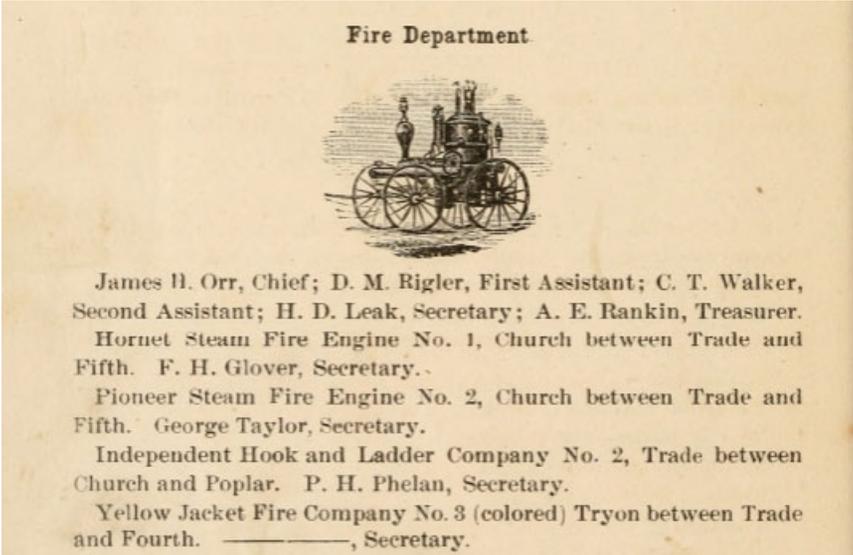
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| 1858, December | <p>Charlotte Fire Company disbands and town officials organize a company of slaves “for the purpose of working the engine and hose.” The uniforms and “other goods” are delivered to the town officials on the condition that all debts due by the company are “liquidated.”</p> <p>On Dec. 4, the Board of Commissioners passes a resolution that S. A. Harris, Solomon Cohen, H. M. Phelps, John Wiley, and Francis Scarr be appointed “Fire Masters” and are instructed and empowered to immediately form a company of slaves, for working the hose and engine. They are authorized to pay the slave owners 50 cents for each and every half-day’s work by the slaves, except in cases of fire. They are required to exercise the engine at least once a month, or as often as the Fire Masters “deem prudent.”</p> | <p>Western Democrat, Dec 14, 1858</p> <p>Charlotte Democrat, Dec 7, 1858.</p> |
| 1859, December | <p>Town officers give a Report of Intendant and Commissioners that includes “the street pumps have been put in good working order; the cisterns are in good condition; the fire engines are ready for service with a full company well organized.”</p> | <p>Charlotte Democrat, Dec 6, 1859</p> |
| 1861, April | <p>Charlotte Hook and Ladder Company organized by this time, and published fire safety instructions in a newspaper.</p> | <p>Western Democrat, Apr 30, 1861</p> |
| 1858, Dec 6 | <p>Cisterns have been installed by this time, as referenced in a town report.</p> | <p>Charlotte Democrat, Dec 6, 1859.</p> |
| 1863, Jan 23 | <p>Notice in newspaper, owners of slaves belonging to fire company requested to have their servants attend a meeting on Saturday. Also, because the “number of hands enrolled” is “far too small” to work the engines, all citizens who own or have boys, are requested to have them attend and enroll in the company.</p> | <p>Daily Bulletin, Jan 23, 1863</p> |
| 1863, December | <p>Financial report published in newspaper, for year ending December 1, 1863, notes \$49.50 paid to several slave owners for services of slaves in fire company.</p> | <p>Charlotte Democrat, Dec 8, 1863</p> |

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| 1865, Dec | <p>Annual financial statement includes disbursements to the fire department for:</p> <p>\$104.00 – P. Berryhill for buckets</p> <p>\$10.00 – Williams for engine work</p> <p>\$71.50 – Koopman & Phelps for buckets</p> <p>\$2.50 – J. H. Carson fire ticket</p> <p>\$75.00 – Cash for cleaning engine</p> <p>\$500.00 – A. J. Orr for rent engine house, 1864</p> | Charlotte Democrat, Dec 12, 1865 |
| 1866 | <p>New hand engine delivered to Hornet company, built by William Jeffers & Company of Pawtucket, R.I. CFD Purchased from Agnew & Company of Philadelphia for \$450.</p> <p>First drawn by hand, with as many as “a dozen strong men” required to “draw it over streets which were none too smooth at the time.”</p> | <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, Sep 22, 1875</p> <p>Charlotte Observer, Nov 24, 1916.</p> |
| 1866, May | Letter to newspaper mentions fire protection, that the city has two fire engines, one of them “a first rate engine,” but asks “suppose we had a steam fire engine.” | Western Democrat, May 22, 1855 |
| 1867, January | First steamer delivered, 1866? Clapp & Jones. Bill of Sale for Clapp & Jones Steam Fire Engine, 455 Water Street, New York, to City of Charlotte, dated January 16, 1867. Paid in full on January 26, 1867. \$4500. [TL]. Delivered by January 29, 1867. [WD] | <p>Western Democrat, Jan 29, 1867</p> <p>Tom Link</p> |
| 1867, spring | Hornet Fire Company organized. CFD They are named in an April 1867 news story, about a fire at Mecklenburg Female College in late March, and thus had been organized by that date. Full name Hornet Steam Fire Engine and Hose Col. No. 1. | <p>Western Democrat, Apr 9, 1867</p> <p>Western Democrat, May 18, 1869</p> |

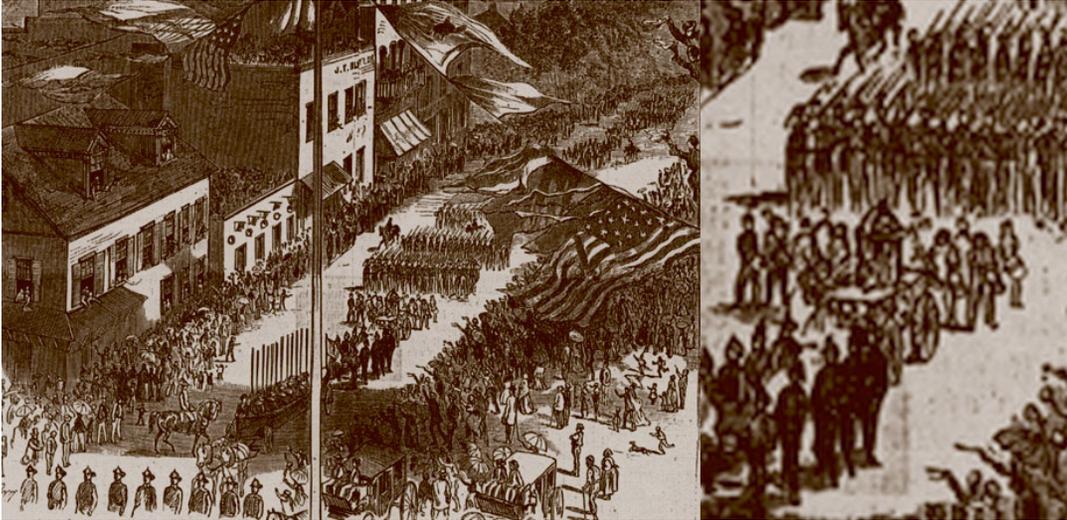
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| 1867, May | Newspaper advertisement for Firemen's Inauguration Ball – Charlotte, May 20, 1867 – The Hornet Steam Fire Engine and Hose Company will give a Grand Ball at the Mansion House, on the evening of the 20 th instant – Tickets can be procured at Dr. McAden's Drug Store, and from the following [committee members] | Daily Carolina Times, May 16, 1867 |
| 1868 | Independent Hook and Ladder Company organized. | CFD |
| 1868 | Yellow Jacket Fire Company (or plural Yellow Jackets) (colored) organized. Later renamed Neptune Fire Company. (Some citations say Neptune was organized in 1868, but the company was named Yellow Jacket at that time.) | CFD |
| 1868, Feb 11 | <p>Annual expense report printed in newspaper, includes fire department expenses:</p>  <p>interest on debts and city bonds, 357 40 City Guard from Dec 1, '66, to Jan 1, 1868, 4,171 20</p> <p>EXPENSES—FIRE DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>For Water Tanks, sundry payments, \$1,266 95 On account Steam Fire Engine, 3,811 04 Hose Clamps, 153 90 Freight on Fire Engine from New York, 145 00 Mayor's order, Colored Firemen, 147 00 J. Trotter for Hose Carriage, 55 00 Wood for new Engine, 12 85 Rent, Engine House, Howell, 1863, 50 00 Freight on Tender and Grate Bars, 38 80 Expenses, fire at Military Institute, 10 00 M W Alexander, Hose Grease, 7 75 Suction Hose and Couplings, 53 75 Express Freight on Firemen's Hats, 16 50 Martin & Co., Repairing Hose, 64 25 F Scarr, Oil, &c, for Engine, 1 60 Martin & Co, Repairing Engine, 50 80</p> <hr/> <p>\$5,885 19</p> | Charlotte Democrat, Feb 11, 1868 |

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| 1869, Sep | Newspaper editorial why the Independent Fire Company has no hose, and why the Hornet Fire Company, which has over 1,000 feet of new and good hose, has no way to carry more than 300 feet at a time. This in response to a news story about a fire “of Saturday last.” | Daily Observer, Sep 26, 1869. |
| 1870-71 | “Crazy Hannah” hand engine disposed to Neptune Fire Company. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Sep 22, 1875 |
| 1871, Jan 21 | Independent Hook and Ladder Company Number Two incorporated. | NC private laws 1870-71, chapter 9, page 37 |
| 1871, Nov 17 | Fire found in rear of dry goods store on Trade Street. It spreads to one building adjoining on the east side. The building on the west side is “blown up” to prevent the flames from spreading. | Charlotte Democrat, Nov 21, 1871 |
| 1872, Jan 18 | Legislative act exempts members of Hornet Steam Fire and Hose Company No. 1, Independent Hook and Ladder Company No.2, and Colored Fire Company No. 3 from public duties, including jury duty, serving in the militia, and working on public highways. | NC private laws 1871-72, chapter 37, page 54 |
| 1872, February 8 | Hornet Fire Company Number One incorporated. | NC private laws 1871-72, chapter 91, page 135 |
| 1873, October | City officials are requested by the fire committee to purchase a new hose reel for the Yellow Jacket company. The request is approved. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Oct 29, 1873 |
| 1873, fall? | Second steamer delivered, 1873? Harrell & Hayes. Delivered by October 22, 1873. | MJL |

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| 1874, July/August | <p>Pioneer Steam Fire Engine and Hose Company organized. They appeared for “parade and exercise” for the first time with their engine on August 17, 1874</p> <p>They formed after the Hornets sold their old “Captain Jones” steam engine to a junk dealer in 1874. Several youths saw a chance to form a fire company, with fixed ages of eligibility from 16 to 21. A young “Irishman named Greeson” who was a mechanic assisted with reconstructing the engine. The company soon had 100 members. And citizens were impressed with their performance at their first/early fires and “subscribed money” for their equipment, and the company soon had a two-wheeled hose reel and horses to pull the engine. (Charlotte Observer, Jan 12, 1925)</p> | <p>CFD</p> <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, Aug 18, 1874</p> |
| 1874, Sep 12 | <p>Snapshot. News report of a morning fire that destroyed three stores and “nearly all of the goods in each.” “The Yellow Jacket Company, always prompt, was first at the fire and first to put a stream in the burning building.” The Pioneer company were “next to turn water on the fire.” They were “soon followed by the Hornets” and whose “splendid steam they did nobler service,” and “did more to stay the progress of the flames than any of the steamers.” The “double stream which they threw from the top of another building did their work, and called for enthusiastic plaudits from the crowd.” The “Hook and Ladder men were not idle for a moment” and exhibited “promptitude in putting up their ladders and doing their whole duty in every other respect.”</p> | <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, Sep 13, 1874</p> |
| 1874, Oct 9 | <p>News reports that at meeting on Tuesday night, Independent Hook and Ladder Fire Company voted to “not go into the proposed fire organization.”</p> | <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, Oct 9, 1874</p> |
| 1874, Oct 9 | <p>News reports that at meeting on Tuesday night, Pioneer Company resolved that any member who sprays water at anything other than a fire will be fined or expelled.</p> | <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, Oct 9, 1874</p> |
| 1874, Oct 12 | <p>News reports that Pioneer company has receives their new uniforms.</p> | <p>Southern Home, Oct 12, 1874</p> |
| 1874, Nov 18 | <p>News reports that the last Alderman meeting included fire committee directed to meet with Hornet Company, to see if their new steamer has met the agreed upon tests, and if they have agreed to accept the engine. Also, that the committee examine the new hose reel for the Pioneer Company, to ensure that it’s in the proper condition. Also referenced is a brick building previously ordered for the fire company and possibly located in the rear of the guard house, and that a second story be added to same.</p> | <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, Nov 18, 1874.</p> |

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| 1875 | <p>Snapshot, from city directory:</p>  | |
| 1875, Feb 20 | <p>News editorial about the engine house needing to be enlarged. Notes that the hose and hose reels of the Hornet and Pioneer companies are in the Courthouse lot, in the rear of the engine house, and exposed to the weather. And the outdoor storage is also a risk for vandalism.</p> | <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, Feb 20, 1875</p> |
| 1875, Apr 16 | <p>Major fire at cotton platform at railroad station, along with many other buildings. Steam engines (plural) referenced in news accounts.</p> | <p>Southern Home, Apr 19, 1875</p> |

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| 1875, May 17 | <p>Formal Charlotte Fire Department formed, comprised of Hornet, Pioneer, Yellow Jacket, and Independent companies. They each have quarters provided by town and within the fire limits of the city, with these (then) addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hornet 808 E. Trade Street • Pioneer 704 N. Church Street • Yellow Jacket 207 W. Sixth Street • Independent 628 N. Tryon Street <p>Note on dates. CFD history says May 20 as start date. News records May 17 as date of Board of Alderman meeting, when a statement of organization of the fire department, with constitution and by-laws, was adopted.</p> | <p>CFD</p> <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, May 23, 1875</p> |

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| 1875, Aug | <p>Yellow Jacket Fire Company (colored) reorganized, becomes Neptune Company No. 3. They obtain a better hand engine and upon delivery and testing, ship their old “Crazy Hannah” engine to Richard Harrel in Patterson, New Jersey. Because the new engine falls 20 feet short of throwing the required distance of 200 feet, \$200 is deducted from the price of the purchase owed to the seller. The fire company gets \$800 for the sale of their old engine.</p>  <p>Artist's rendition of centennial parade on May 19, 1875, and showing what appears to be one of the hand engines. From Harper's Weekly, June 12, 1875, via https://www.cmstory.org/exhibits/mecklenburg-declaration-independence-celebration-timeline/harper%E2%80%99s-weekly-6121875-p-476</p> | <p>Charlotte Observer, Aug 15, 1875</p> <p>Charlotte Observer, Sep 22</p> <p>Harper's Weekly, June 12, 1875</p> |
| 1876, Mar 20 | <p>Board of Alderman hear report from Fire Chief that a “fund had been subscribed by citizens” to buy horses for the Hornet Company, and a committee had been appointed by the company to purchase same. The company now requests the Board provide “suitable stables” near the engine house, for keeping the horses, and recommend the rooms now used as a “Guard House and for the Pioneer engine” would be the ideal location, and that another location be found for the Pioneer engine.</p> | <p>Charlotte Observer, Mar 21, 1876.</p> |

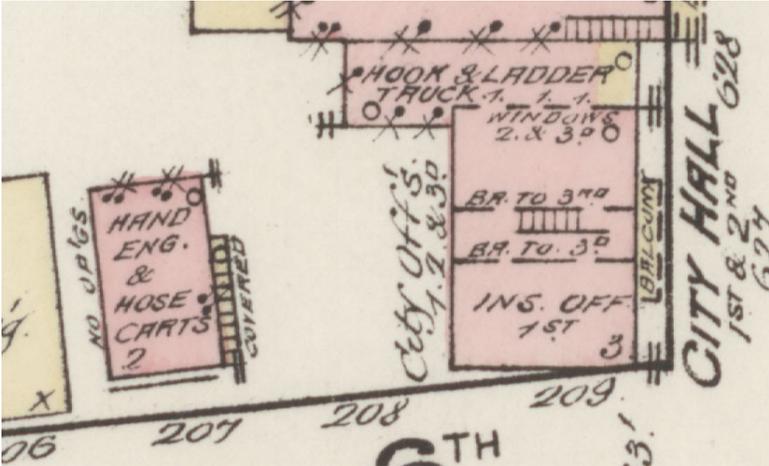
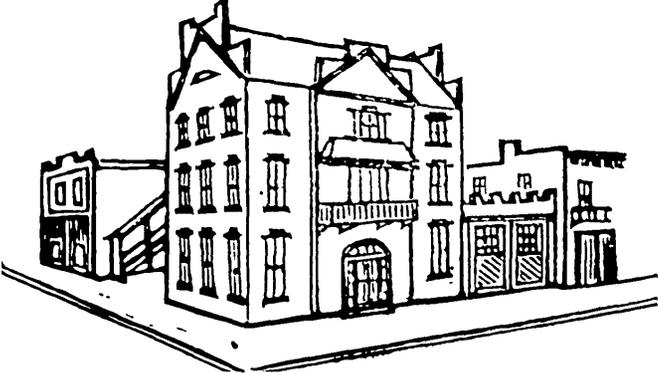
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| 1876, Apr 24 | Delegates from the fire companies met at the Independent Hook and Ladder Company hall and participated in an election that re-elected James H. Orr as Chief of Fire Department. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Apr 25, 1876 |
| 1876, July 17 | Board of Aldermen meeting, committee from Hornet Company reports that they do not wish to leave their present hall, so that a new engine house can be created for either of the two steam engine companies. Converting the Market House was discussed, but neither of the companies “was willing to come down there” nor were there any “funds on hand” for building a new engine house. The Mayor explained all this and that the Market House was intended as a location for a new fire hall. Also, the fire chief reported on the price and location of five “brick [water] tanks” and two “wooden tanks,” which the Board had already authorized to be built. | Charlotte News, July 18, 1876 |

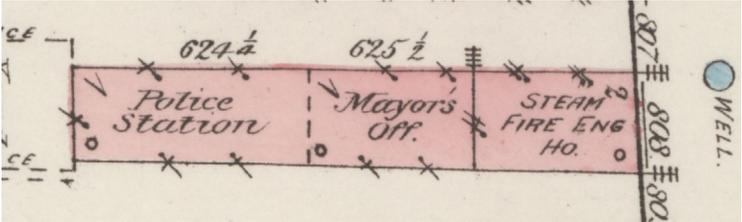
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| 1876, Dec | <p>Newspaper mentions that the Market House to be “altered and changed into a guard house, an engine house, Mayor’s house, etc.</p> <p>News reports Hornets expect to move into new quarters before first of January. (DCO)</p> <p>Market House history:</p> <p>1862, Nov 8 – Notice in Evening Bulletin, call for proposals for building a Market House.</p> <p>1866, Feb 6 – Editorial in Charlotte Democrat, praising town officials considering building a Market House.</p> <p>1869, May 4 – Charlotte Democrat reports on vote taken, with majority favoring building a Market House.</p> <p>1869, Sep 7 – Editorial in Charlotte Democrat, commentary on choice of property for Market House.</p> <p>1869, Sep 14 – Editorial in Charlotte Democrat, more comment on Market House plans.</p> <p>1870, Jun 28 – Notice in Charlotte Democrat, call for sealed proposals for building a Market House.</p> <p>1870, Jul 19 – Another call for proposals in Charlotte Democrat.</p> <p>1870, Aug 9 – Charlotte Democrat reports Richard Grimes has received contract to build Market House.</p> <p>1871, Jan 24 – Charlotte Democrat publishes list of recent city finances, including \$2,500 for purchase of Market House lot, and \$2,969.84 for building, etc. Plus \$7,812.50 received from sale of bonds for project.</p> <p>1871, Mar 14 – Advertisement in Charlotte Democrat from business located “opposite the New Market House.”</p> <p>1871, Sep 19 – Charlotte Democrat with short note about how the Market House is “providing quite a convenience to our citizens.”</p> <p>1876, Jan 17 – Charlotte Democrat editorial recommending selling the Market House as a public safety service, due to the “den of thieves” in the rear of the building.</p> <p>1876, Dec 04 – Southern Home reports that Market House will be “altered and change into a guard house, an engine house, Mayor’s office, etc.”</p> | <p>Southern Home, Dec 4, 1876</p> <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, Dec 14, 186</p> |
| 1876, Dec | <p>Newspaper reports that the Hornet Company has purchased two horses for their engine and, in a few day, will put a “dray wagon” [hose wagon?] on the streets.</p> | <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, Dec 14, 1876</p> |
| 1877, Jan 22 | <p>Hornet moved engine into new engine room at the [old] market house building.</p> | <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, Jan 23, 1877</p> |

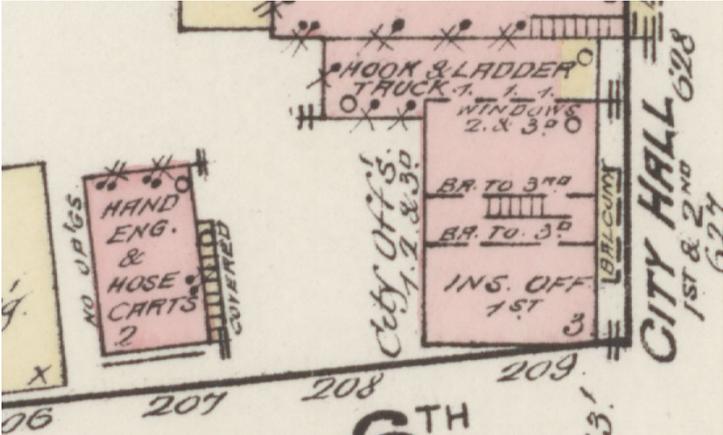
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| 1877, March 12 | Pioneer Steam Fire Engine and Hose Company, Number Two incorporated. | NC private laws 1876-77, chapter 90, page 726 |
| 1878, Aug 19 | <p>Board of Alderman adopts ordinance that the Chief and first and second chiefs of the fire department are “invested with all the powers and duties” that were “conferred upon fire masters” under the charter of the city. [Why was this done? As administrative housekeeping?]</p> <p>This board’s action is met with prompt disapproval from the fire companies. Due to “personal matters and a different of opinion” with regard to the “rights and powers of the fire department,” the fire companies turned over their engines to the city on August 20. This resulted in a large number of citizens assembling the next night at the courthouse, to organize a fire companies. The temporary fire company was organized and officers were elected.</p> <p>The fire companies sent a letter to the board, printed in newspapers on August 29, and disagreeing with the resolution, and referring to an action of the board on May 17, 1875, that previously defined/entrusted duties to the FD.</p> | <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, Aug 20, 1878</p> <p>Southern Home, Aug 23, 1878</p> <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, Aug 29, 1878</p> |
| 1879, Mar 7 | News reports that the Pioneer company has raised enough money to buy a pair of horses. | Charlotte Democrat, Mar 7, 1879. |
| 1879, Mar | Fire companies pass resolutions honor the fire chief, James Orr, after his death. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Mar 15, 1879 |
| 1879, Oct | Newspaper reports on tour of the city water tanks, and the water levels in each. The sink of two additional cisterns will also be recommended, it notes. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Oct 8, 1879 |
| 1880, Jan | By this time, the Pioneer Company has an engine house. It was undergoing repairs that month. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Jan 17, 1880 |
| 1881, March 10 | Legislative act, firemen exempt from jury duty. | NC sessions laws 1881, chapter 271, page 497 |

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| 1881, April | <p>Snapshot</p> <p>the any ase or- act the and oad ew the hat by oad t of of The ates pre- oad its and oad ich, fect sla- ase ved ome fall sla- oli- the ted, om-</p> <p>Annual Inspection of the Fire Department.</p> <p>The mayor and fire committee of the board of aldermen, and chief of the fire department and his assistants visited the different engine houses and halls of the several companies yesterday afternoon, in accordance with the annual custom of inspecting the department. The condition of the department briefly stated was found to be as follows: Hornets—30 members, engine house in good condition and the company needing new uniforms. Pioneers—30 members, engine house, engine horses, hose, etc., all in good condition, and the company needing new uniforms. Independent Hook and Ladder company—34 members, hall, truck house and apparatus in good condition and some of the members needing new uniforms. Neptunes—84 members, engine in good condition, engine house needing some repairs, as also their hall.</p> <p>After the inspection the Hornets and Pioneers had a satisfactory practice, the former throwing water from the tank in front of the Charlotte Hotel and the latter from the one in front of D. M. Rigler's store.</p> <p>Meeting of the Magistrates.</p> | Daily Charlotte Observer, Apr 5, 1881 |
| 1882 | First hydrants, municipal waterworks operational. Before the hydrants, underground fire cisterns were used, that collected rainwater. Before the cisterns, regular wells and pumps were used as water for firefighting. | CFD |

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| 1882, May 22 | E. D. Latta Hose Company No. 1 organized at a meeting of 15 to 20 young men. The company is re-organized at a meeting on May 30, and named "E. D. Latta Hose Company No. 6." Officers are also elected. On June 5, 1882, the Pioneer Company agrees to let the company use their hall, until they get their own. On the Monday before June 23, they petition the Board of Alderman for hose and a reel. | Daily Charlotte Observer, May 23, 1882; June 1, 1882; June 7, 1882; June 23, 1882. |
| 1882, May 25 | <p>Harrison Watts Hose Co. No. 4. (colored) organized at meeting of young men at the Mayor's Hall. Officers are also elected. On the Monday before June 23, they petition the Board of Alderman for hose and a reel. On July 19 and 20, the company holds a "bazaar" to raise money. By November 24, reports the news, the company decides to disband, having never received any aid from the town.</p> <p>The following year, the company has apparently re-formed and petitions the Board of Alderman for a hose reel.</p> | <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, May 26, 1882; June 23, 1882; July 12; 1882; Nov 24, 1882.</p> <p>Charlotte Democrat, June 15, 1883</p> |
| 1882, June 5 | At the regular meeting of the Pioneer Company, steps are taken to create a team for tournament participation. They also agree to let the new E. D. Latta Company use their hall, until the new company gets one of their own. | Daily Charlotte Observer, June 7, 1882. |

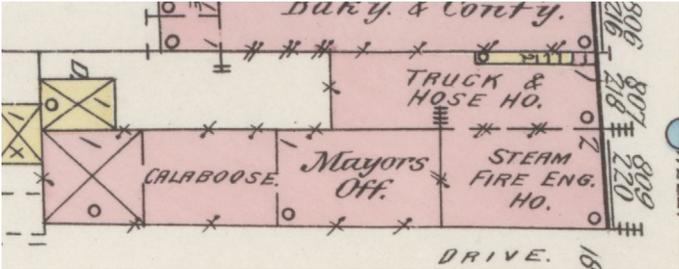
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| 1883, spring | <p>New City Hall building and fire station opens. Located on corner of Tryon and Sixth, with engine houses facing Sixth Street (Neptune) (1) and Tryon Street (Independent) (2). Plus a second floor hall for the Hook and Ladder company. The building formerly served as the county jail, but had been “transformed by architects.” The Independent Hook and Ladder Company truck is moved to the new quarters on March 2, 1883 And the space is dedicated on May 23, 1883, at an event that featured “banqueting and speech making.”</p>   | <p>Daily Journal Observer, Apr 3, 1883</p> <p>Daily Observer Journal, May 27, 1883</p> <p>Daily Journal Observer, May 24, 1883</p> |

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| 1883, April | Snapshot. Reports the Secretary at the annual meeting of the fire department on April 30, there were eleven alarms of fire during the past twelve months, and five fires. Captain Charles F. Harrison was re-elected as Chief of Department. | Daily Journal and Observer, May 1, 1883 |
| 1883, May | Newspaper reports that the Independent Hook and Ladder Company truck is “being touched up in brilliant red, with black and gold trimmings.” | Daily Journal and Observer, May 15, 1883 |
| 1883, Nov 17 | Major fire. Several homes. After the leather, brass-riveted hose failed, the volunteers petitioned the Board of Aldermen for new hose and new hose reels. | CFD |
| 1883, Oct 16 | Deceased Firemen’s Monument in Elmwood Cemetery was dedicated. Honoring the volunteers, the monument was funded by monies raised the fire department’s ladies auxiliary. It was the purportedly the first firemen’s monument in the state and one of the first in the south. | CFD |
| 1883, Dec 14, Monday before | Board of Alderman hears report that fire committee has drying racks for fire hose ordered to be built, one at each engine house. And the purchase of 1,000 feet of new hose. | Charlotte Home and Democrat, Dec 14, 1883 |
| 1885 | <p>Sanborn snapshot: 150 men, 2 steamers, 1 hand engine, 3 hose carts, 1 ladder truck, 2000 feet new hose, 2000 feet old hose, 76 hydrants.</p>  | |

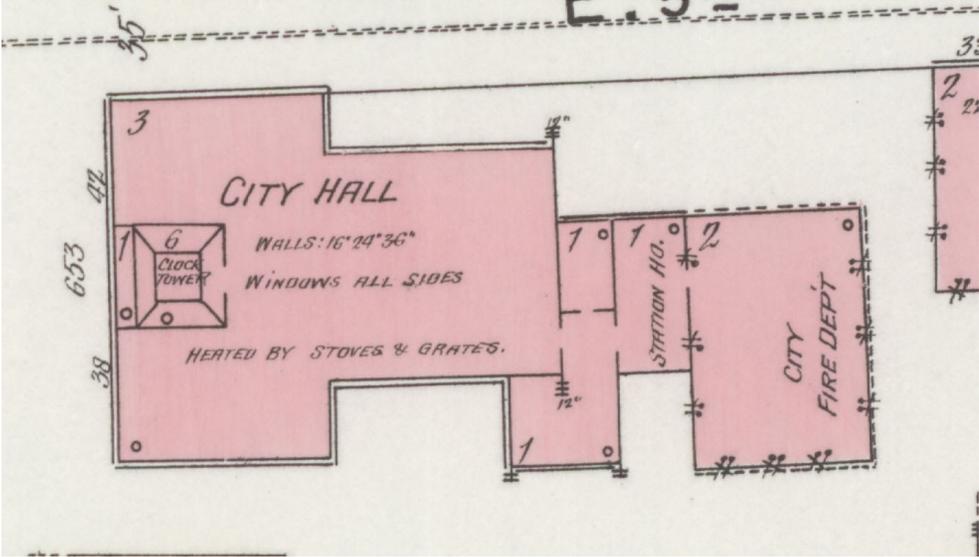
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| <p>1885, June 5, Monday before</p> | <p>Fire committee reports to board that the Pioneers need a new engine house as the present one is unsafe. Also, the fire department is in ‘good condition.’</p> <p>Also a proposed ordinance that the waterworks company be required to keep pressure at all times capable of throwing water 75 feet from five hydrants at the same time.</p> | <p>Charlotte Democrat, June 5, 1885.</p> |
| <p>1885-86, circa</p> | <p>Pioneer engine house replaced. Wooden structure removed and larger brick structure erected on same site.</p> | |
| <p>1887, Apr 4</p> | <p>Board of Alderman receives petition from Hornet company for (a.) changes to their engine house and (b.) 18 uniforms and shirts for May 20 event. Referred to fire committee to act.</p> | <p>Charlotte Daily Chronicle, Apr 5, 1887</p> |
| <p>1887, summer</p> | <p>Career FD created, after a “complicated and controversial process” involving the Board of Alderman’s decision to hire a full-time fire marshal, and subsequent request by three of the four volunteer companies to give Fire Chief John Bixby a salary instead. The Board declined and hired O. F. Asbury as fire marshal.</p> <p>But first firefighters not hired until 1888? Which may explain occasional citation of 1888 as end year for those companies.</p> | <p>CFD</p> |

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| 1887, July 1 | <p>Pioneer company, at regular meeting, adopts resolution that members will “stand by the old organization” and “recognize no authority except that of the chief of the fire department, and his assistant.”</p> <p>Also, a meeting of the FD is held, to take action to propose appointment of a fire marshal. After short discussion, action/matter postponed until next Monday night.</p> | Charlotte Chronicle, July 2, 1887 |
| 1887, July 4 | <p>Board receives fire committee report that recommends (a.) retire the Pioneer engine and offer for sale, (b.) election of a fire marshal, chosen from city firemen, and that his election occur with that other city officials, (c.) that the marshal have the same power and take the same oath as policemen, (d.) that his duties are being present at all fires in the city, visit each day the “rooms” of the fire companies and ensure that they’re in order; take charge of the property and hose of the companies, and dry them in twelve hours after being used; have fire apparatus ready at all times; keep a record of each company; have general supervision over the department. The report was adopted, the committee directed to suggest a person for the office, the salary fixed at \$40 per month, and a \$500 bond required of him.</p> | Charlotte Home and Democrat, July 8, 1887. |
| 1887, July 11 | <p>Board receives a “communication” from the four fire companies “suggesting a reconsideration of the recent action in regard to the Fire Marshal, and asking that the salary and the duties be assigned to the Chief of the Fire Department.” Referred to the fire committee, to report back to Board at next meeting.</p> | <p>Charlotte Chronicle, July 12, 1887</p> <p>Charlotte Democrat, July 15, 1887.</p> |
| 1887, July 14 | <p>In July 1887, the Board appointed Police Chief W. F. Griffin as Acting Fire Chief.</p> | Charlotte Chronicle, July 15, 1887 |
| 1887, July 15, Weds. Before | <p>Fire Chief sends official notice to the three white fire companies, instructing them to “tender to the city” all property belonging to the city. On July 14, at 10:00 a.m., city officials received all of all the hose, reels, engines, etc. The Chief of Police was directed to take charge of the keys to the engine houses and serve as Chief of Fire Department until further notice. The Neptune Company will not disband and remain fully equipped and respond to all emergencies. And special patrolmen have been sworn in, and will stay at the engine houses each night, until “the new organizations are strongly and fully perfect.” Many business and young men have also agreed to respond (former volunteers?).</p> | Charlotte Chronicle, July 15, 1887 |

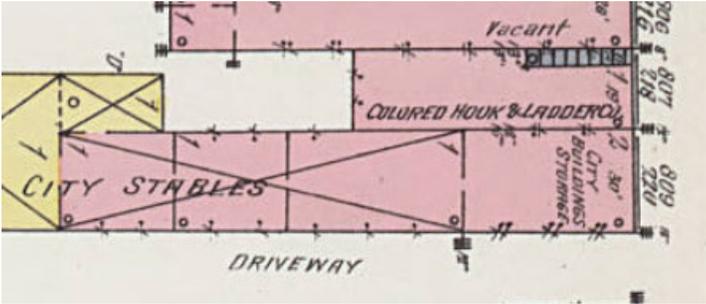
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| 1887, July 15 | <p>The three fire companies, “feeling their services were unappreciated,” gave their equipment to the Mayor on July 15, 1887, and the Hornet, Pioneer, and Independent companies disbanded.</p> <p>Town officials named special patrolmen to stay at the fire stations and respond in the event of fire. Many others volunteered to respond, if needed, until the Board could establish a paid department. The Neptune company remained in operation, as well.</p> | Charlotte Chronicle, Jul 15, 1887 |
| 1887, Aug 1 | <p>On August 1, 1887, the Board voted to accept recommendations of the fire committee, recommending the “thorough organization of a paid fire department, the proper housing of the engines, reels and trucks, and the establishment of an electric alarm system.”</p> | Charlotte Democrat, Aug 5, 1887 |
| 1887, Aug 16 | <p>Board of Aldermen, fire committee, and the former fire companies attempt to divide the property of the companies, after having given them notice to vacate their halls. The Hornets “surrendered” carpet and several tables, but “kept a wardrobe, forty chairs, and other articles of furniture.” That division “seemed to be satisfactory.” However, the city and Pioneer company disagreed on their possessions and which belonged to whom. Attorneys were contacted to arbitrate the issue. The Independent company claimed everything except an old stove.</p> | Charlotte Chronicle, Aug 17, 1887. |
| 1887, Aug 17 | <p>Newspaper editorial note mentions that the “Honorable Fire Committee” wants to purchase a new hook and ladder truck.</p> | Charlotte Chronicle, Aug 17, 1887 |
| 1887, Aug 19 | <p>The “old” Independent Hook and Ladder reported as having rented the upper story of a building occupied by George Hall’s beef market for their “hall” and have moved into their new quarters. Was dedicated on Aug 18, 1887.</p> | Charlotte Chronicle, Aug 19, 1887 |
| 1887, Aug 20 | <p>Hornet company holds first meeting “under the new order of things” and holds elections to fill vacancies for foreman, asst. foreman, and secretary.</p> | Charlotte Chronicle, Aug 21, 1887 |
| 1887, Sep 6 | <p>Pioneer company olds meeting at the “Pioneer” hall, with secretary and treasurer elected, and steps taken to “keep up its organization” independent of the new paid FD, and continue regular monthly meetings.</p> | Charlotte Chronicle, Sep 7, 1887 |

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| 1887, Oct 3 | Old fire cisterns all filled by the fire marshal, using hose from hydrants, in preparation for the disruption of hydrant service due to the city having “given up its contract” with the water works company. | Charlotte Chronicle, Oct 4, 1887 |
| 1887, Oct 12 | Construction has started on a new engine house, some days ago, beside the Hornet engine house on E. Trade Street, for use as a “truck and reel house” for the FD. The site is a former alley. | Charlotte Chronicle, Oct 12, 1887 |
| 1887, November | <p>First fire alarm system. Designed by Thomas Edison, who came to the city to supervise its installation. Started operating in November 1887, with 20 [?] boxes, which were locked, with keys distributed to the four closest houses.</p> <p>On Oct. 11, an “agent of the Richmond Electric Fire Alarm Company” arrived in the city, and started work on installing the system. The system would be complete and “in thorough working order within ten days.” (CC, Oct 12, 1887)</p> | Hirst’s 1889 city directory. CFD |
| 1887 | <p>Charlotte Fire Department created. [Later adds four full-time firefighters and eight on-call members.] The first fire station is 220 and 218 E. Trade Street.</p> <p>Sanborn 1890:</p>  | |
| 1888, Jan 20 | News reports that a “Seth Thomas regulator” has been installed at the Hornet engine house, and it’s connected to the alarm system. The device “breaks the circuit” at noon daily, and causes the “big bell on the fire tower” to “give out one stroke.” | Charlotte Chronicle, Jan 20, 1888 |

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| 1888, Feb 17 | Snapshot. News account of an “alarm of fire” notes that the hook and ladder truck is pulled by two horses. There’s also a horse-drawn hose reel on the roster. | Charlotte Chronicle, Feb 17, 1888 |
| 1888, May 2 | Old Independent company meets and re-elects old officers. | Charlotte Chronicle, May 3, 1888 |
| 1888, May | First aerial ladder delivered. The “extension ladder” can reach a height of 50-feet and is “worked by means of a crank.” Likely/certainly built by Hayes, from 1896 Sanborn map description. | Charlotte Chronicle, May 23, 1888 |
| 1888, Aug | Editorial note in newspaper at the Charlotte’s old Market House [where? When?] is now used as an “engine house, horse stable, etc.” | Charlotte Democrat, Aug 31, 1888 |
| 1888, December 31 | Snapshot. During the year 1888 there were 26 alarms in the city and two serious fires. | Daily News, Dec 31, 1888 |
| 1890 | Sanborn snapshot: paid FD, 14 men plus chief, plus colored company of 60 men, with one hand engine and two reels. Plus two steamers, two horse-drawn reels, one hook and ladder truck, 3000 feet of hose, 130 hydrants. | Sanborn |
| 1890, Jan 23 | News report on Hornet company disagreement settled, involving seven members accused of violating their obligation to the company by joining the paid FD, but the members claiming that they were not expelled, etc. | Charlotte Chronicle, Jan 23, 1890 |
| 1890, Feb 5 | News report that the old Pioneer engine is being overhauled and repaired, and “put in condition for service.” And “a crew” will be put in the “Pioneer house” and double the capacity of CFD. ^ Thus, the creation of second fire company and first Station 2. | Daily News, Feb 5, 1890 |
| 1890, May 15 | Sale notice appears in newspaper, listing old city hall at Tryon and 6 th Street for sale. Notes adjacent to the store on Tryon Street is a “room suitable for a small store,” e.g., the former hook and ladder company quarters. Also offered for sale is the quarters of the Neptune Company on 6 th Street. | Charlotte Chronicle, May 15, 1890 |

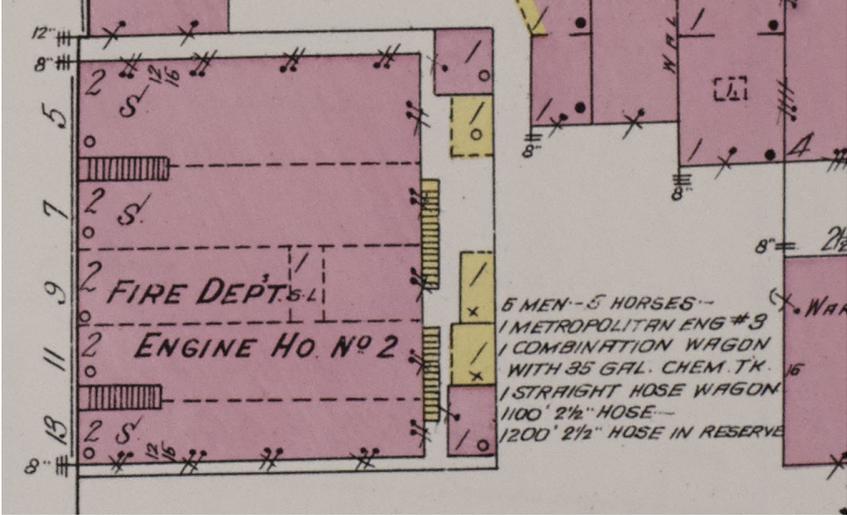
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| 1890, Jun 10 | Pioneer company holds annual election of officers. | Charlotte Chronicle, Jun 11, 1890 |
| 1891 | <p>New City Hall completed at N. Tryon and E. Fifth streets. Quarters for fire department are in the back of the building, with apparatus bays facing fifth street. The fire station on E. Trade Street is given to the Neptune Company.</p> <p>Sanborn 1896:</p>  | |
| 1891 | Neptune company's 1866 Jeffers hand engine sold. When did the Hornet company give the engine to the Neptune company? TBD | CFD |
| 1891, Dec 13 | News reports that repairs have been completed at the Hornet engine house, and the engine was "returned to the fire hall." | Charlotte Chronicle, Dec 13, 1891 |

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| 1892, Feb 6 | Auction held, with “last belongings of the old Hornet Fire Company” are sold, consisting of seven pictures and a mirror. The action is the “winding up of the affairs of the company” and has caused it to virtually disband. | Charlotte Chronicle, Feb 7, 1892 |
| 1892, Mar/Apr | Dread Naught (Dreadnaught) No. 4 Fire Company organized. Reports Charlotte News on March 22, 1892, the Neptune company “has outgrown its membership” and an “auxiliary company” is established. They will use the reel named “Our Pet” and the engine of the old Pioneer Company, and the old fire hall “by the Lawyer’s building.” | Charlotte News, Mar 22, 1892; Daily Charlotte Observer, Mar 30, 1892 |
| 1892, Mar 25 | Notice appears in Daily Charlotte Observer: “We write this in regards of our company. There was a communication in Monday’s News in regard to a new colored fire company. The News said the Neptune fire company had outgrown their number. The president of the new company was elected captain of the Neptune company, and a majority did not think he was competent to fill the place, so they asked him to resign.” | Daily Charlotte Observer, March 25, 1892 |
| 1893, July 30 | Logan Stroud injured, running with the Dreadnaught company during practice. He strikes the wheel of the hose reel and is severely injured. He died on August 4. Though not a member of the company, he was practicing to run with the team at the upcoming tournament. The fire company paid for his funeral expenses. | Charlotte News, Aug 4, 1893. Charlotte Observer, Aug 6, 1893. |
| 1893, Aug 8 | Annual convention of the state colored firemen’s association opens in Charlotte. The two-day event includes a street parade and reel races. Visit companies come from Raleigh, Greensboro, and Henderson. | Charlotte News, Aug 8, 1893 |
| 1893, Oct 25 | News reports that the Neptune company is getting ready to move into the old fire hall on East Trade Street. They have occupied their W. 6 th Street station for over 12 years. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Oct 25, 1893 |
| 1894, Feb 21 | News reports that the Neptune company will receive a “four-wheel jumper” hose reel in two weeks. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Feb 21, 1894 |
| 1894, Apr 21 | News reports that the Neptune company now has a horse, but no reel, as their reel has “gone to pieces.” | Daily Charlotte Observer, Apr 21, 1894 |

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| 1894, Aug 4 | News reports that the Neptune company has swapped horses with a Mr. Scott, because they were too fast for his uses. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Aug 4, 1894 |
| 1895, Mar 27 | Gin house burns at Trade and Brevard. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Mar 28, 1895 |
| 1895, May 7 | News reports that the Neptune company will present a petition at the next meeting of the new Board of Alderman, requesting that Mr. Jetton be chosen as Chief of Department. | Daily Charlotte Observer, May 7, 1895 |
| 1895, Oct 16? | Major fire on Sixth Street, with seven buildings that burned including the auditorium. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Oct 17, 1895. |
| 1895, Nov 8, Mon before | News reports that the Neptune company asked the Board of Alderman for an additional horse for their reel. Also, the “new truck” has been received, and 500 feet of new hoses has been purchased. | Charlotte Democrat, Nov 8, 1895 |
| 1896 | Sanborn snapshot: paid FD, 16 men including chief, plus colored company of 60 men, 9 trained horses, Gamewell alarm system with 27 boxes, one Clapp & Jones 1st class steamer, one Hayes & Harrell 1st class steamer, two hand hose reels, two horse hose reels, one Hayes hook and ladder extension truck, 3500 feet of hose, 140 hydrants. | Sanborn |
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| 1896, circa | Gamewell fire alarm system installed, replaces earlier electric alarm system [?]. | Charlotte News, May 21, 1906 |

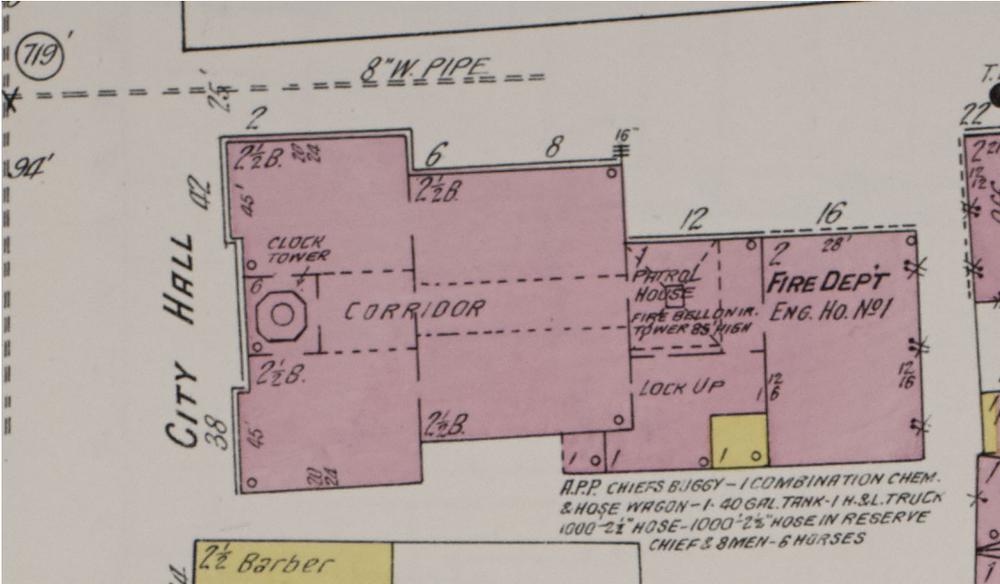
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| 1896, Feb 1 | News reports that the Neptune company received their new horse yesterday. It was requested at Board of Alderman meeting on January 6, 1896. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Feb 1, 1896; Jan 7, 1896. |
| 1896, Feb | Old engine house in the rear of the old city hall, the fire station that fronted Sixth Street, referenced in news stories, being converted into a “model residence.” | Mecklenburg Times, Feb 13, 1896 |
| 1896, Jan 7, Mon before | Board of Alderman meeting, sale of old City Hall confirmed. Also, chairman of FD asks that a new horse be purchased for the Neptune company. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Jan 7, 1896 |
| 1896, Feb 8 | News reports that the Neptune company has divided itself into two squads, and they included eight new call men. They also have acquired a “harness” and their reel is adapted for two horses. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Feb 8, 1896 |
| 1899, Feb 12 | News reports that the Neptune company will have a telephone, due to the company going to the wrong alarm boxes several times. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Feb 12, 1899. |
| 1896, Apr 22 | News reports that the old Pioneer engine has been overhauled. With a 200 pound (pressure?) limit, it can throw a stream 15 feet higher than the (height of the?) standpipe. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Apr 22, 1896 |
| 1899, Mar 12 | New Silsby hose reel delivered. Carries 800 feet of hose and up to six men. Cost \$800. Now “in place” at the “Hornet [?] engine house.” | Daily News, Mar 13, 1899. |
| 1900, by | Station 2 opened at 704 N. Church Street. Note: CFD 2000 history says opened in 1902 | Sanborn, 1900 |
| 1902, Jan 6 | Board receives request from call firemen, asking that electric gong be placed in their homes, to ensure that they “reach every fire.” Mention of fine for not attending fires was previous 50 cents, but is now \$2. Referred to fire committee, to report back. | Charlotte News, Jan 7, 1902. |

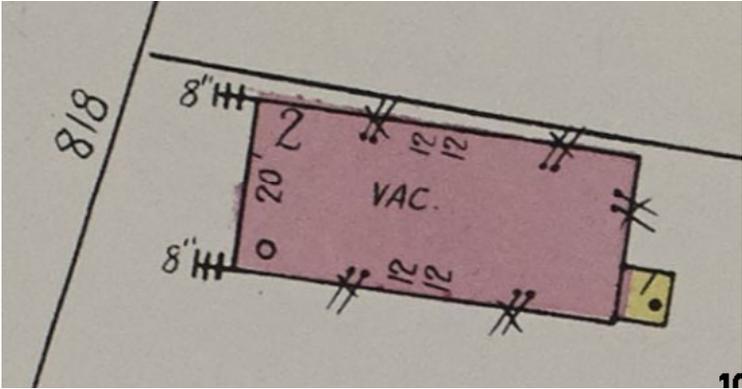
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| 1902, Jan 6 | <p>Board receives letter from insurance agent, with summary of recommendations from an [underwriters?] inspection on Nov 26, 1901.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need for additional fire company: one captain, one steamer engineer, two drivers, four horsemen, furnished with steam engine, combination chemical/hose wagon, at least 800 feet of hose, to be centrally located in business district. 2. Additional 12-inch main extension is needed. 3. Ordances should be enacted about the construction of all buildings. 4. Building inspector selected. 5. Strongly enforce fire escape laws, especially in hotels. | Charlotte News, Jan 7, 1902. |
| 1902, Jan 6 | Board hears about “urgent need for new engine house for Church street firemen” and how the present house is “entirely inadequate” and the “splendid new engine” should not be placed in the present quarters. Suitable building could be erected for \$1,600 and cost to repair present building would be almost as much. Referred to building committee, to determine cost of repairs. | Charlotte News, Jan 7, 1902. |
| 1902, Jan/Feb | Third steamer delivered, 1902 American, “Old Sue.” Shipped January 1902. | Charlotte Daily Observer, Jan 17, 1902 |
| 1902, Feb | <p>News reports that the Church Street engine house is being remodeled. (DCO) And a “new brick front” is being added. (CN)</p> <p>Funding for repair of the station referenced in Board meeting on Dec 2, 1901. (CN) Discussion of need for improved engine house on January 6, 1902, see above. Board approves repairs, with \$600 funded, on February 3, 1902.</p> | <p>Charlotte News, Dec 3, 1902.</p> <p>Charlotte News, Feb 4, 1902</p> <p>Charlotte News, Feb 11, 1902.</p> <p>Daily Charlotte Observer, Feb 13, 1902</p> |
| 1904, circa | <p>New Station 2 opens in existing building in 0 block of N. Church Street and occupies the 9-11 addresses of the five-section building.</p> <p>Sanborn Maps of 1905 showed Station 2 on North Church Street still occupied, but listed as “to be removed.” Perhaps 1905 is the better year for opening?</p> | |

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| | <p>Sanborn 1911:</p>  | |
| 1905, May 25 | News reports the Pioneer company is raising money for a new reel, to take place of one broken in the championship race last Wednesday. | Charlotte Chronicle, May 25, 1890 |
| 1905, May-June | Neptune Fire Company ceases operation, the city's last volunteer firefighters. Note: Cited as 1907 in CFD histories. | Charlotte News, May 23, 1905 |
| 1905, Jun 2 | Fire and police commission meets. The Neptune company is abolished—members “seemed to think that the negro company was a dead expense to the city [and] had become inefficient”—and two new firemen are elected for Station 2 on Church Street. | Daily Charlotte Observer, Jun 3, 1905 |
| 1905, June 13 | Demolition starts on old Station 2 on North Church Street, for new Highlands Hotel. | Charlotte Observer, June 14, 1905 |

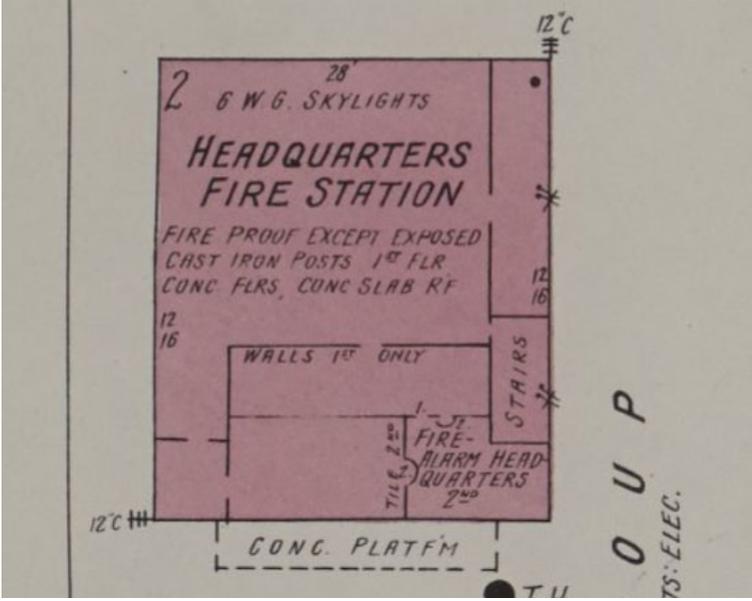
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| 1906, May | <p>Snapshot from news:</p> <p>Chief W. S. Orr Asst. Chief W. S. Charles Foreman at Station 1, 5th Street – J. H. Wallace Foreman at Station 2, S. Church Street – W. B. Glenn With 18 regular firemen and 12 call men. One large combination chemical/hose wagon, 1000 feet of hose – Station 1 One hook and ladder truck – Station 1 Hose wagon – Station 2 Steam engine – Station 2 Gamewell fire alarm system, installed ten years ago, with control systems located at Station 1 on second floor.</p> | Charlotte News, May 21, 1906 |
| 1907, Apr | <p>City receives report of National Board of Fire Underwriters, several weeks after they visited and investigated the city's fire department and fire hazards. They recommend the installation of additional water mains, staffing levels for engine, ladder, and hose companies, moving Company #2 to somewhere near Morehead and Tryon, adding a ladder truck for the Dilworth area, and adding a hose company near Ninth and Brevard, with equal equipment to Company #2.</p> | Charlotte News, Apr 11, 1907 |
| 1907 | <p>On-call system ended, which requires hiring additional full-time firefighters.</p> | CFD |
| 1907, Aug | <p>Newspaper reports American LaFrance chemical hose truck has been ordered. Will carry 1,000 feet of hose and equipped with a 50-gallon chemical tank. It will have rubber tires. It costs \$2,250. To be delivered with 60 days. Also ordered was a "chemical automobile" with a 50-gallon tank.</p> <p>Also, committee appointed to find a site near South Graded School and "let the contract" for the new Dilworth fire station.</p> | Charlotte Observer, Aug 13, 1907. |
| 1908, Mar 5 | <p>News reports that the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Alderman is investigating need for fire station in Dilworth community in southern section of the city.</p> | Charlotte Observer, Mar 5, 1908. |
| 1908, Nov 7 | <p>News reports that board of public safety is looking over plans and specifications for a proposed fire station in Dilworth. The site was purchased several days ago.</p> | Charlotte Observer, Nov. 7, 1908 |

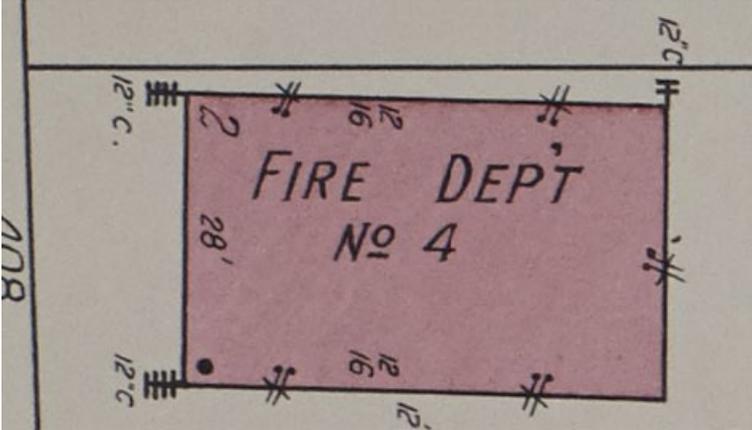
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| 1909, Mar 24, by | <p>Dilworth fire station opened at 1008 South Boulevard, following development of Charlotte's first suburban community. By March 24 it was operational, but "not calls have yet been made."</p> <p>Sanborn 1911:</p>  | Charlotte Observer, Mar 24, 1909. |
| 1909, Apr 17 | Dilworth station responds "uptown" for the first time, fire at Black's Stables. | Evening Chronicle, Apr 17, 1909. |
| 1910, Feb 14, Sunday on/before | Worst fire in years destroys \$75,000 worth of property, in multiple buildings. | Evening Chronicle, Feb 14, 1910 |
| 1910, Apr 7 | Three fires destroy ten homes. | Charlotte News, Apr 7, 1910 |

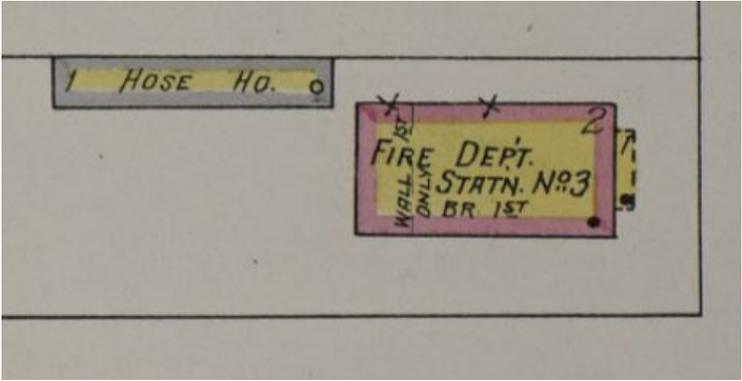
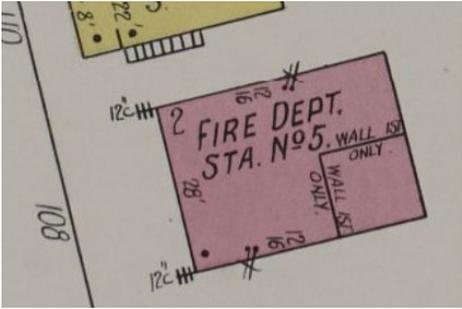
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| 1911 | <p>Snapshot.</p> <p>See Station 2 in 1911, shown above.</p> <p>See Dilworth station in 1911, shown above.</p>  | |
| 1912, April 1 | First motor truck purchased, combination chemical hose wagon. | CFD |
| 1914, Mar 18 | News reports on planning for remodeling of Station 1, and changing the building so both Station 1 and Station 2 can be merged. | Evening Chronicle, Mar 18, 1914 |
| 1914, July 1 | First line of duty deaths, Chief Wallace and Captain Glenn killed in a dynamite explosion at a barn fire. | CFD |
| 1914, July 30 | Station 2 on South Church Street closed. Personnel and equipment moved to temporary Station 1 in "old Casino building" behind City Hall. | Charlotte News, July 30, 1914. |

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| 1914, Aug 19 | Remodeling of Station 1 completed by this date. Companies return from temporary quarters in the "old Casino building." Remodeling took six weeks and included both interior and exterior work. Apparatus bay was expanded and the second story living area was greatly expanded. Apparatus consists of a chemical hose car, two triple combination pumpers, one hook and ladder truck, and one steam engine. | Charlotte News, Aug 19, 1914 |
| 1916, Nov 24 | <p>News reports that the old Hornet steam engine, housed at the Dilworth station, has been sold for \$105, and will be "scrapped" for its brass and copper parts. The engine has "passed its usefulness" since the recent purchase of a "big motor truck" for the Dilworth station, as well as "further extension work" [on water mains?] by the city.</p> <p>Which steamer was this? The story says it was built by the Paterson SFE Company in Patterson, N.Y, in 1869, and brought to Charlotte in 1870. This information conflicts with existing information.</p> | Charlotte Observer, Nov 24, 1916. |
| 1917 | With the new motor apparatus so successfully, all horse-drawn apparatus is retired. With a complete change to motor trucks, Station 2 on Church Street is closed, and Station 3 on South Boulevard (Dilworth) is renamed Station 2. | CFD |
| 1917 | <p>Station 3 opens 818 Louise Avenue.</p> <p>Sanborn 1929:</p>  | CFD |

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| 1917 | 1902 steamer leased to Army, for use at Camp Greene. The camp operated until 1919. | MJL |
| 1917, Jan 5 | News reports new auto truck for the Dilworth Station will be delivered within the next 48 hours. The chemical hose wagon is built on a White chassis with a body by Charlotte Wagon and Auto Works. The Dilworth Station presently has two horses and one hose wagon. | Charlotte News, Jan 5, 1917 |
| 1917, Sep 1 | First aerial ladder ordered/delivered. Board approved payment on that date for the American LaFrance tractor-drawn aerial ladder. | CFD |
| 1919, Oct 1 | Two-platoon system started. Required hiring eight additional personnel and brought total CFD employees to 43. | CFD |

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| 1925, Oct 28 | <p>New Station 1 opens at 125 S. Davidson Street, behind new City Hall building at 600 E. Trade Street. Also houses Fire Alarm HQ.</p> <p>Sanborn 1929:</p>  | Charlotte Observer, Oct 29, 1925 |

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| 1926, Feb/Mar | Station 4 opens at 408 W. Fifth Street. Sanborn 1929:  | Charlotte Observer, Feb 23, 1926 |
| 1927, Sep 2 | News reports that Board to receive recommendation that a new fire station be erected to replace the Piedmont station. The city already owns the site, which is less than half a mile away, and the “present building is not considered safe.” Estimated cost \$10,000 to \$12,000. | Charlotte Observer, Sep 2, 1927 |
| 1927, Nov 18 | Contract signed for new Belmont fire station, cost \$9,659. | Charlotte Observer, Nov 19, 1927. |

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| 1928, Apr 4 | <p>Station 3 opens in 1200 block of Belmont Street. Placed in service at 6:00 p.m. and an open house and ceremony is held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ten firemen are assigned to the station, along with a 750 GPM “triple combination” truck.</p> <p>Sanborn 1929:</p>  | Charlotte Observer, Apr 4, 1928 |
| 1929 | <p>Station 5 opens at 224 Tuckaseegee Road, now Wesley Heights Way.</p> <p>Sanborn 1929:</p>  | CFD |
| 1929 | Station 6 opens at 249 S. Laurel Avenue. | CFD |

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| 1929 | Fire Prevention Bureau established. | CFD |

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