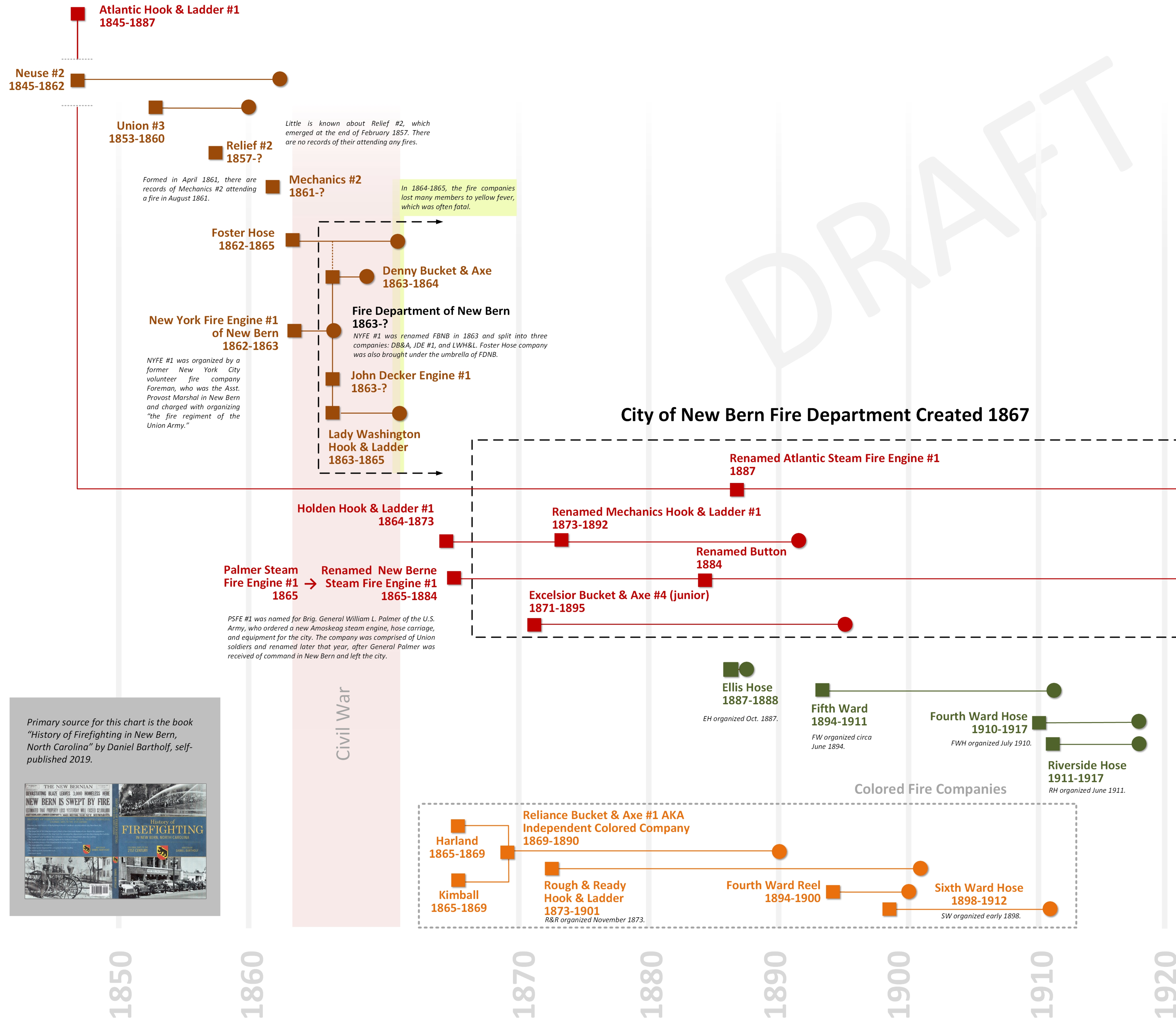
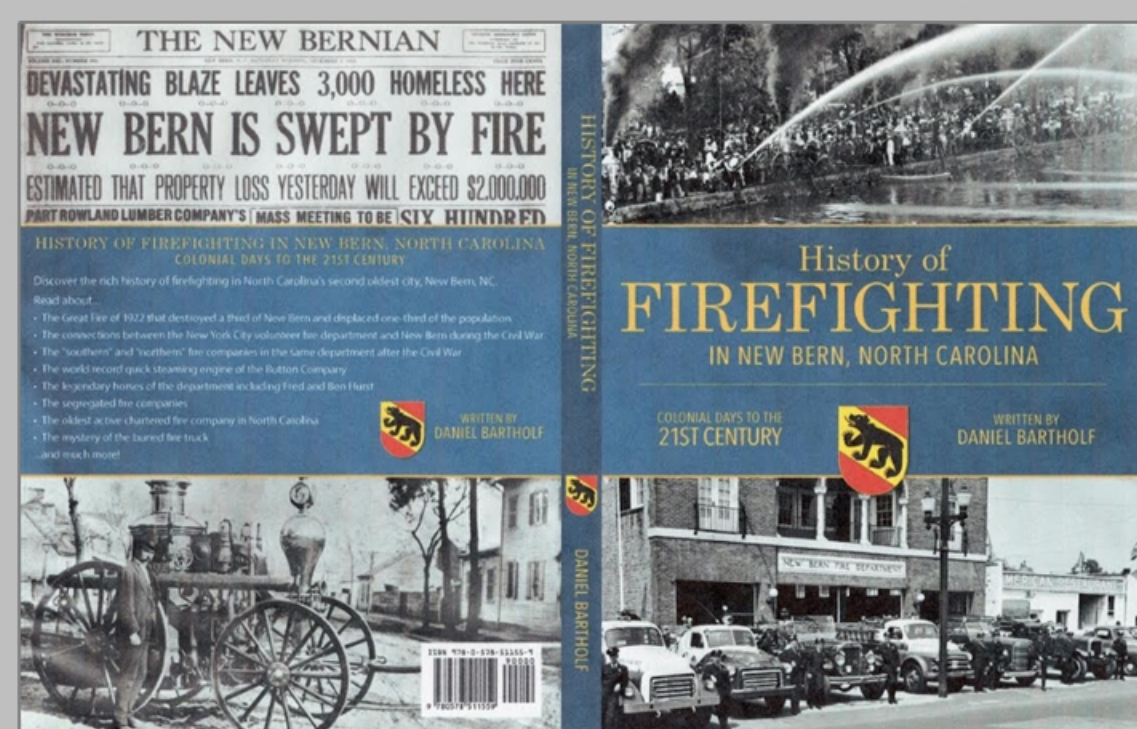


NEW BERN FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORY

Evolution of fire companies – 1845 to 1917



Primary source for this chart is the book "History of Firefighting in New Bern, North Carolina" by Daniel Bartholf, self-published 2019.



Milestones

- 1710 – Town founded.
- 1723 – Town named New Bern.
- 1794c – First hand engine.
- 1798 – First fire companies.
- 1865 – First steam engine.
- 1865 – First colored fire companies.
- 1866 – First fire horses.
- 1867 – New Bern Fire Department created.
- 1873 – Last hand engine.
- 1879 – Second steam engine.
- 1884 – Third steam engine.
- 1893 – First fire alarm system.
- 1893 – First fire hydrants.
- 1914 – First motor pumper.
- 1915 – Second motor pumper.
- 1922 – Great New Bern fire.
- 1927 – First motor ladder truck.
- 1928 – Station 1 on Broad Street opens.
- 1950 – New fire alarm system.
- 1950 – County fire unit activated.
- 1951 – Station 2 on Totten Drive opens.
- 1954c – First radios
- 1955 – Station 3 on National Avenue opens.
- 1957 – Retirement policy for firemen.
- 1962 – Rescue squad organized.
- 1964 – First aerial ladder.
- 1976 – Station 4 on Elizabeth Avenue opens.
- 1999 – Station 1 on Neuse Boulevard opens.
- 1999 – First aerial platform.
- 2000 – Station 4 renamed Station 3.
- 2002 – Station 2 on Thurman Road opens.

Source: Daniel Bartholf's Nbfd history book

Line of Duty Deaths

- 1894 – Guy C. Styron
- 1904 – John J. Gaskill
- 1931 – Edgar B. Elliott
- 1963 – Robert G. Broadstreet Jr.

Source: Mike Legeros fallen firefighter database