

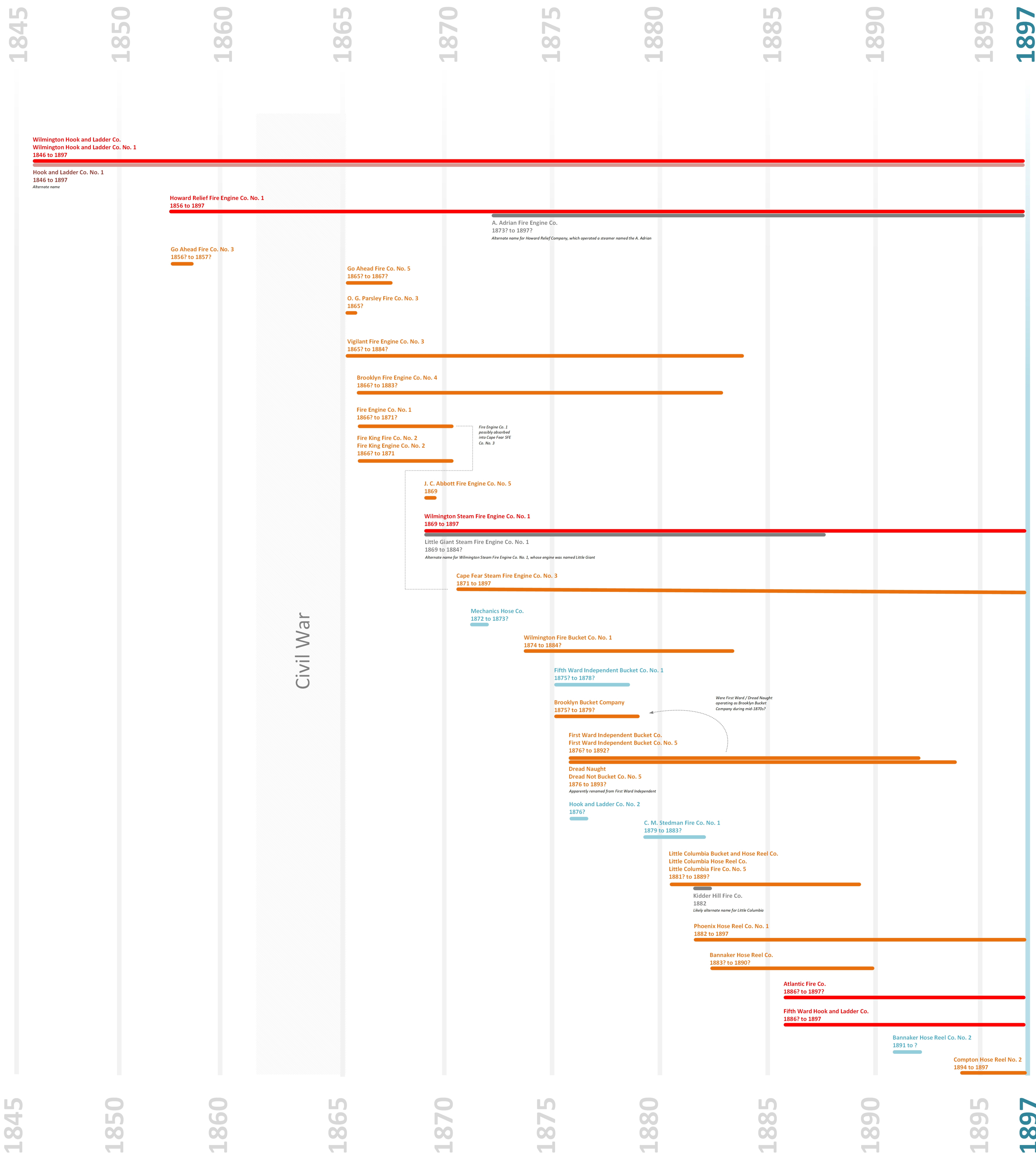
WILMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORY

Volunteer Fire Companies – 1846 to 1897

White Company

Black Company

Demographics TBD



Civil War

Career Fire Department Created

Early Milestones

- 1745 - First tax for fire equipment
- 1754 - First fire engine purchased
- 1759 - First designated fireman
- 1791 - First fire company incorporated
- 1806 - Fire wardens appointed
- 1810 - First major fire
- 1841 - Fire department reorganized, with Fire Chief and Asst. Chief added
- 1856? - First black fire company
- 1869 - First steam engine
- 1879 - First fire alarm system
- 1884c - First fire horses
- 1887 - First fire boat, Marie
- 1891 - First NCVFA convention in town
- 1893 - First NCSFA convention in town
- 1897 - Career department created, integrated
- 1898 - Wilmington Insurrection, all black firemen fired
- 1907 - New Station 1, Station 3
- 1907 - Atlantic I, new fire boat
- 1912 - First motor apparatus
- 1914 - Atlantic II, new fire boat
- 1915 - New Station 2
- 1917 - First aerial ladder
- 1927 - First drill tower
- 1931 - Station 5 opened
- 1942 - Station 6 opened
- 1949? - Atlantic III, new fire boat
- 1952c - Station 3 closed, Engine 3 to Sta 1
- 1954 - Station 4 opened, at old Station 3
- 1954 - New Station 1
- 1956 - Station 2 closed, Engine 2 to Sta 1

Line of Duty Deaths

- 1868 - Richard Merrick
- 1868 - Robert Bellamy
- 1880 - William A. Ellerbrock
- 1893 - Joseph B. Willard
- 1932 - Willie P. Monroe
- 1933 - Charles Schnibben
- 1935 - Raymond D. Core
- 1941 - Emmett A. Williamson
- 1956 - Oscar D. Willis
- 1972 - Burleigh A. Scotton
- 1987 - Harold L. Sandlin
- 2014 - Eric D. Laceywell