

North Carolina State Firemen's Association

Credential Committee Report 1899

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TOWNS HAVING WATER WORKS:

NAME OF TOWN.	PRESSURE.	
	Fire.	Dom'tic
Henderson, N. C.	90	50
Wilson	150	48
Concord	75	25
Asheville	94	56
Fayetteville	90	90
Raleigh	50 to 75	50 to 75
Salem		40
Wilmington	125	40
Goldsboro	50	40
Salisbury	70	45
Greensboro	40	
Charlotte	85	45
Winston	125	
New Bern	100	50
Greenville	80 to 110	
Tarboro	75	60
Durham	65	65

TOWNS HAVING FIRE ALARMS:

Asheville, Fayetteville, Raleigh, Salem, Wilmington, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Winston, New Bern, and Durham—Gamewell System.
Charlotte—Richmond System.

HENDERSON DEPARTMENT.

Chief, W. M. Young, elected by County Commissioners; term expires June 30th, 1900.

Three Companies, Volunteer.

Nelson Hose Company, Hose Reel, 17 men (white); Foreman, W. M. Young; Secretary, J. P. Hayden.

Enterprise Hose Company, Hose Reel, 20 men (colored); Foreman, Lewis Hughes; Secretary, N. N. Artis.

Red Wasp Hook and Ladder Company, 17 men (colored); Foreman, W. H. Reaves; Secretary, Jas. Hart.

One reel and 500 feet of hose in reserve.

No. Hand Hose Reels	3
" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" Feet Rubber Hose	2,000

Value of real estate used for fire purposes \$1,000

Water works, gravity and direct pressure; owned by private company.

Number pounds pressure required for fire service, 90; domestic 50.

SALEM DEPARTMENT.

Chief, F. C. Meinung, elected by the Company; term expires December 31st, 1899; Assistant, W. C. Grunert; Secretary, J. W. Schott.

Two Companies, Part Paid.

Rough and Ready, Button Steamer, 22 men (white); Foreman, F. H. Vogler; Secretary, J. W. Schott.

Eagle Hose Company, Hand Reel, 18 men (white); Foreman, James Farley; Secretary, Rufus Shore.

No. Hand Hose Reels	1
" Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	1
" Horse Hose Wagons	1
" Feet Rubber Hose	700
" Feet Cotton Hose (rubber lined)	700

Value of real estate used for fire purposes \$2,500

Value of all other property, apparatus, etc. 5,000

Total \$7,500

Water works, gravity pressure; owned by private company.

Number pounds pressure required for domestic service, 40 lbs.

Gamewell Electric Fire Alarm System.

Number of fire alarms from January 1st, 1898, to January 1, 1899, 2 in Salem; 12 in Winston.

One case sickness.

Days loss to business, 81.

There are 56 hydrants in use in this town at present. To get an adequate idea of our system of fire protection the report from Winston should be incorporated with ours; there is only a 60-foot street dividing the towns. Our water works systems can be and often are connected. We have the use of their companies and appliances, and *vice versa*. Many of the hydrants can be used for the benefit of either town.

WILMINGTON DEPARTMENT.

Chief, Charles Schnibben, elected by Board of Aldermen; term expires April, 1900; Assistant Chief and Secretary, W. P. Monroe.

Five Companies, Paid.

Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Rumsey Truck, 7 men (white); Foreman, W. P. Monroe; Secretary, J. Wannemaker.

Steamer Company, No. 1, Silsby Engine, 8 men (white); Foreman, B. R. Russell; Secretary, W. A. Canady.

Chemical Company, No. 1, Champion, 4 men (white); Foreman, P. Frick; Secretary, H. L. Kidd.

Hose Company, No. 3, Rumsey Cart, 6 men (white); Foreman, L. Freimuth; Secretary, T. M. Trent.

Engine Company, No. 2, Silsby Engine, 8 men (white); Foreman, M. F. Dowling; Secretary, J. T. Yates.

Apparatus not in use: Button engine, reserve reel, two hook and ladder trucks.

No. Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	3
" Horse Hose Wagons	1
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	3
" Feet Rubber Hose	200
" Feet Cotton Hose	5,200
Value of real estate used for fire purposes	\$12,500
Value of all other property, etc	28,575
Total	\$41,075

Amount of insurance on property destroyed	\$22,008.19
Amount of loss over and above insurance	250.00

Water works, both direct and gravity; owned by private company; for fire service 125 pounds pressure; for domestic service, 40.

Gamewell Electric Fire Alarm System.

One hundred and fifty-three fires from January 1st, 1898, to January 1st, 1899.

Accidents, 5, but none serious; 60 days loss of time.

Danger in Calcium Carbide, which is used by bicycle dealers. Five pounds would destroy most any building in our city.

GOLDSBORO DEPARTMENT.

Chief, T. H. Bain, elected by Board of Aldermen; term expires May 1900; Assistant and Secretary, F. M. Miller.

Three Companies, Volunteer.

Eclipse, No. 1, Steamer and Hose Wagon, 14 men (white); Foreman, F. W. Hilker; Secretary, H. Nash.

Goldsboro Horse Hose Wagon, No. 1, 17 men (white); Foreman, W. O. Gattis; Secretary, H. L. McCall.

Electric Reel Company, Hand Reel, 17 men (white); Foreman, H. A. Brown; Secretary, W. D. Creech.

Apparatus not in use: One chemical engine, two reels.

No. Hand Hose Reels	1
" Horse Hose Wagons	2
" Feet Cotton Hose	3,000
Value of real estate used for fire purposes	\$6,000
Value of all other property, etc	13,000
Total	\$19,000

Loss per year \$500.00, all covered by insurance.

Water works, both direct and gravity pressure; owned by private company.

Fifty pounds pressure required for fire service; for domestic service, forty pounds.

Gamewell Electric Fire Alarm System.

Ten fire alarms from January 1st, 1898, to January 1st, 1899.

WILSON DEPARTMENT.

Chief, Doane Herring, elected by Aldermen; term expires June, 1900; Assistant, O. P. Branch; Secretary, David Woodard.

Three Companies, Volunteer.

Wilson Fire Company, No. 3, Horse Hose Wagon, 22 men (white); Foreman, J. L. Hare; Secretary, David Woodard.

Red Hot Fire Company, Hand Hose Reel, 21 men (colored); Foreman, Tom Day; Secretary, Joe Davis.

Hose Company, No. 1, Hand Hose Reel, 19 men (colored); Foreman, Ed. Pool.

Apparatus not in use: One Silsby Fire Engine, one Hand Hose Reel, one Hook and Ladder Truck.

No. Hand Hose Reels	3
" Horse Hose Wagons	1
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" Feet Cotton Hose	2,000

Gravity and direct water pressure. Number pounds pressure for fire service, 150; domestic 48.

Water supply owned by city.

ELIZABETH CITY DEPARTMENT.

Chief, A. K. Kramer, appointed by Aldermen; term expires every two years; Assistant, W. C. Sawyer; Secretary, L. M. Mann. Two Companies, Volunteer.

Albemarle Fire Company, Silsby Engine, 20 men (white); Foreman, A. K. Kramer; Secretary, L. M. Mann.

Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company, Hand Hook and Ladder Truck, 30 men (colored); Foreman, E. Overton; Secretary, A. Stark. Apparatus not in use: 1 hand reel; 1 hand pump.

No. Hand Hose Reels	1
" 2-Horse Carriages	1
" 1-Horse Hose Reels	1
" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" Feet Rubber Hose	300
" Feet Cotton Hose	1,900
Value of real estate used for fire purposes, about	\$ 5,000
Value of all other property, apparatus, etc., about	3,000
Total	\$ 8,000

No electric fire alarm system. Use court house bell. Number of fire alarms from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899, 18, but only 4 fires.

As to accidents to men—several of our men were hurt slightly, but I do not remember, and I do not know the number of days they lost, but do not think they all amounted to more than 40 or 50 days.

ASHEVILLE DEPARTMENT.

Chief, Jas. P. Sawyer, elected by City Council; term expires June 1900; Secretary, L. W. Jeanneret.

Three Companies, Volunteer.

Hose Company, No. 1, 2 Hose Carriages, 22 men (white); Foreman, H. C. Fagg; Secretary, L. W. Jeanneret.

Rescue Hook and Ladder Company. No. 1, 1 2-horse Truck, 18 men (white); Foreman, J. S. Fullam; Secretary, W. A. Ward.

Hose Company, No. 2, 1 Hand Reel, 5 men (white); Foreman, G. F. Poor; Secretary, G. F. Poor.

Apparatus not in use: Two hand reels and 3,000 feet of hose.

No. Hand Hose Reels	5
" 2-Horse Hose Carriages	1
" 2-Horse Reels	1
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" Feet Rubber Hose	4,200
" Feet Cotton Hose	2,300
Value of real estate, used for fire purposes	30,000
Value of all other property, apparatus, etc	3,500
Total	\$33,500

Amount of insurance on property destroyed 5,800
 Amount of loss over and above insurance 450

Water works, gravity pressure; owned by city. Number pounds pressure for fire service, 94.5; domestic, 56.

Gamewell Electric Fire Alarm System.

Number of fire alarms from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899, 26.

During the fall of 1898, the quarters for men at the apparatus building have been enlarged and made comfortable and now eight firemen sleep at headquarters and are thus prepared to start at the first sound of the alarm at night.

CONCORD DEPARTMENT.

Chief, A. M. Brown, elected by ballot; term expires January, 1900; Assistant, H. G. Ritz; Secretary, R. H. White.

Two Companies, Volunteer.

Concord Hose and Reel Company, 17 men (white); Foreman, R. L. Watthall; Secretary, R. H. White.

Concord Hook and Ladder Company, 26 men (colored); Foreman, Giles Miller; Secretary, John Farrier.

No. Hand Hose Reels	1
" Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	1
" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" Feet Rubber Hose	400
" Feet Cotton Hose	1,000

Value of real estate used for fire purposes \$2,000

Value of all other property, apparatus, etc 1,100

Water works, gravity pressure; owned by private company.

Number pounds pressure for fire service, 75; domestic, 25.

Number of fire alarms from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899, 9.

KINSTON DEPARTMENT.

Chief, J. D. Taylor, elected by Company; term expires January, 1900;
 Assistant, J. A. Harvey; Secretary, J. T. Medyette.
 One Company, Volunteer.
 Kinston Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 1, Silsby Engine, 43 men
 (white); Foreman, Geo. B. Webb; Secretary, J. T. Medyette.
 No. Hand Hose Wagons 2
 " Feet Cotton Hose 2,000
 Water supply, wells and reservoir.
 Number of fire alarms from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899, 2.

FAYETTEVILLE DEPARTMENT.

Chief, Jas. D. McNeill, elected by City Council; term expires May
 1900; Assistant, C. D. Elliott; Secretary, Jas. S. McNeill.
 Three Companies, Volunteer and Paid.
 Chicoro Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 1, 1 Silsby Steamer, 1
 Horse Hose Wagon, 10 men (white); Foreman, J. D. McNeill; Sec-
 retary, J. S. McNeill.
 Hose Company, No. 1, Hose Reel, 12 men (white); Foreman, E.
 T. Watson.
 Hose Company, No. 2, Hose Reel, 12 men (white); Foreman, R. H.
 McDuffie.
 Apparatus not in use: Bucket truck and hand engine.
 No. Hand Hose Reels 2
 " Horse Hose Wagons 1
 " Feet Cotton Hose 2,500
 Value of real estate used for fire purposes \$ 2,500
 Value of all other property, apparatus, etc 4,500
 Total \$ 7,000
 Water works, direct and gravity pressure; owned by private com-
 pany.
 Number of pounds pressure for fire service, 90; domestic, 90.
 Number of fire alarms from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899, 28.
 Firemen injured to the amount of \$122; days loss to business, 61.

RALEIGH DEPARTMENT.

Chief, L. A. Mahler, elected by Board of Aldermen; term expires
 May 4, 1900; Assistant, W. Woolcott; Secretary, L. A. Mahler.
 Four Companies, Paid and Volunteer.
 Rescue Company, No. 1, 2-Horse Hose Wagon, 22 men (white);
 Foreman, R. E. Lumsden; Secretary, W. A. Faucett.
 Capital Company, No. 3, 2-Horse Hose Wagon, 25 men (white);
 Foreman, J. R. Ferrall; Secretary, Alex. Kreth.
 Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, 2-Horse Hook and Ladder
 Truck, 16 men (white); Foreman, W. W. Parrish; Secretary, E. A.
 Alderson
 Victor Company, No. 2, 2-Horse Hose Wagon, 27 men (colored);
 Foreman, John Hardie; Secretary, S. J. Hawkins, Jr.
 Apparatus not in use: One steamer, held in reserve.
 No. Horse Hose Wagons 3
 " Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks 1
 " Feet Cotton Hose 4,000
 Value of real estate used for fire purposes \$ 8,400
 Value of all other property, apparatus, etc 21,850
 Total \$30,250
 Amount of insurance paid on property destroyed 1,197
 Amount of loss over and above insurance 47
 Water works, direct and tower; owned by private company.
 Number pounds pressure for fire purposes, 50 to 75.
 Gamewell Electric Fire Alarm System.
 Number of fire alarms from March 1, 1898, to March 1, 1899, 36.

REIDSVILLE DEPARTMENT.

Chief, J. Frank Stultz, elected by Board of Aldermen; term expires
 February 6th, 1900; Assistant, G. W. Burton; Secretary, W. H. Baker.
 One Company, Paid.
 Reidsville Fire Department, Silsby engine, 10 men (white); Fore-
 man, J. Frank Stultz; Secretary, W. H. Baker.
 No. Hand Hose Reels 2
 " Feet Cotton Hose 1,600
 Value of property \$2,000
 Water supply, one cistern.

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT.

Chief, J. G. Chauncy, elected by Board of Commissioners; term expires May 1, 1900.

Four Companies, Volunteer.

Ocean, Steam Fire Engine, 50 men (white); Foreman, J. F. Thomas; Secretary, G. Rumley.

Salamander, Hand Fire Engine, 75 men (colored); Foreman, Chas. Blackledge; Secretary, A. Brown.

Volunteer, Hand Fire Engine, 35 men (white); Foreman, F. W. Hoyt; Secretary, R. Handy.

Phoenix Hook and Ladder, 45 men (white); Foreman, W. H. McDevett; Secretary, T. F. Brown.

No. Hand Hose Reels	4
" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" Feet Rubber Hose	2,500
" Feet Cotton Hose	400
Value of property, apparatus, etc.	\$10,000

Water supply, five cisterns; owned by city.
 Number pounds pressure for fire service, 130.

TARBORO DEPARTMENT.

Chief, John A. Weddell, elected annually; term expires June 1st, 1900; Assistant, J. T. Vines.

One Company, Volunteer.

Tarboro Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Hook and Ladder Truck, 2 Hand Reels, 37 men (white); Foreman, Louis Arnheim.

No. Hand Hose Reels	2
" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" Feet Rubber Hose	1,250
Value real estate used for fire purposes	\$ 3,000
Value all other property	1,500
Total	\$ 4,500

Amount insurance on property destroyed \$ 25

Water supply: Hendricks Creek.

Water works, both direct and gravity pressure; direct pressure for fire; owned by city.

Number pounds pressure for fire service, 75; for domestic service, 40.
 Six fire alarms from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899.

MONROE DEPARTMENT.

Chief, Dr. S. J. Welsh, elected by City Aldermen; term expires 1900; Assistant, Dr. W. B. Houston; Secretary, B. Williams.

Two Companies, Volunteer.

Monroe Steam Fire Co., Silsby engine (white); Foreman, Dr. W. B. Houston; Secretary, B. Williams.

Hook and Ladder Co. (colored).

No. Hand Hose Reels	3
" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" Feet Rubber Hose	1,500

Water works, in course of construction; owned by city.
 One fire alarm from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899.

GREENSBORO DEPARTMENT.

Chief, J. Henry Phipps, appointed by Mayor; term expires May 1st, 1900; Assistant, O. D. Boycott; Secretary, E. L. Clarke.

Six Companies, Volunteer.

Eagle Hose Company, No. 7, 1-Horse Wagon, 25 men (white); Captain, F. N. Taylor; Secretary, Harry Poetzolt.

Greensboro Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 1, 2-Horse Wagon and La France Engine, 14 men (white); Foreman, W. W. Bain; Secretary, Harry Lewis.

Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, Babcock Truck, 18 men (white); Foreman, Jos. J. Stone; Secretary, Lee Wharton.

Southside Hose Company, 1-Horse Wagon, 20 men (white); Foreman, Geo. W. Pritchett; Secretary, W. L. Guthrie.

West End Hose Company, Hand Reel, 20 men (white); Captain, G. W. Malcom; Secretary, J. E. Gray.

Excelsior Hose Company, Hand Reel, 20 men (colored); Foreman, John Patterson; Secretary, J. W. Jones.

Apparatus not in use: One chemical engine, three hand reels.

No. Hand Hose Reels	3
" Horse Hose Wagons	3
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" Feet Rubber Hose	500
" Feet Cotton Hose	3,500

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Value real estate used for fire purposes	\$ 5,500
Value other property, etc	30,000
Total	<u>\$35,000</u>

Amount insurance on property destroyed	\$ 3,270
Amount loss over and above insurance	745

Water works, standpipe, 40 pounds pressure; owned by private company.

Fifty pounds pressure required for fire service.

Gamewell Electric Fire Alarm System.

Twenty fire alarms from January 1st, 1898, to January 1st, 1899.

No accident to firemen.

No loss of time to business.

CHARLOTTE DEPARTMENT.

Chief, W. B. Glenn, elected by City Council; term expires May, 1901; Assistant, J. H. Wentz; Secretary, J. P. Beatty.

Two companies, Volunteer and Paid.

Charlotte Fire Dept., No. 1, two steamers, hose wagon, truck, 24 men (white); Foreman, E. F. Creswell; Secretary, J. P. Beatty.

No. Hand Hose Reels	2
" Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	1
" Horse Hose Wagons	1
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" Feet Cotton Hose	4,000

Value real estate used for fire purposes	\$ 5,860
Value all other property	6,650
Total	<u>\$12,500</u>

Amount insurance on property destroyed	\$ 6,000
Amount loss over and above insurance	3,500

Water works, direct pressure; owned by city.

Pounds pressure for fire service, 85; for domestic service, 45.

Richmond Electric Fire Alarm System.

Forty-three fire alarms from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899.

Loss of ninety days from work.

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NEW BERN DEPARTMENT.

Chief, A. E. Hibbard, elected by Board of Officers of Fire Department; term expires January, 1900; Assistant, Geo. P. Janer; Secretary, Fred Aulphine.

Six companies, Volunteer.

New Bern, No. 1, Engine and Hose Wagon, 64 men (white); Foreman, L. A. Taylor; Secretary, J. B. Congdon.

Atlantic, No. 1, Engine and Hose Wagon, 65 men (white); Foreman, Fred Richardson; Secretary, J. C. Scales.

Fifth Ward Reel Co., Hand Reel, 15 men (white); Foreman, C. J. McCarthy; Secretary, V. Hassell.

Rough and Ready Hook and Ladder Co., Hook and Ladder Truck, 40 men (colored); Secretary, Horace Bryan.

Fourth Ward Reel Co., Hand Reel, 20 men (colored); Foreman, Sam Richardson.

Sixth Ward Reel Co., Hand Reel, 25 men (colored); Foreman, Isaac Webb; Secretary, Bill Pool.

No. Hand Hose Reels	1
" Horse Hose Wagons	2
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" Feet Cotton Hose	3,500

Value real estate used for fire purposes	\$ 5,000
Value all other property	10,000
Total	<u>\$15,000</u>

Water works, direct pressure; owned by private company.

Number pounds pressure for fire service, 100; for domestic service, 50 pounds.

Gamewell Electric Fire Alarm System.

Thirty fire alarms from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899.

LA GRANGE DEPARTMENT.

One Company, Volunteer.

Relief Fire Company, No. 1, Hand Pump, 20 men (white); Foreman, C. P. Bunn; Secretary, — Hudger.

No. Feet Cotton Hose	300
Value real estate used for fire purposes	\$ 150
Value all other property	570

Total	<u>\$ 720</u>
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Water supply, five cisterns.

SALISBURY DEPARTMENT.

Chief, M. V. B. Capps, appointed by Aldermen; term expires June 1, 1900; Assistant, C. H. Swink; Secretary, Bismarck Capps.
Two Companies, Volunteer.

Hose Reel Co., No. 1, Hand Reel, 8 men (white); Foreman R. L. Julian.

Hose Reel Co., No. 1, Hand Reel, 8 men (white); Foreman, W. B. Howard.

Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Hand Hook and Ladder Truck, 8 men (white); Foreman, W. L. Miller.

Neptune Hose Co., Hand Reel, 12 men; Foreman, Frank Taylor.

No. Hand Hose Reels 4

" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks 1

" Feet Rubber Hose 300

" Feet Cotton Hose 1,500

Value of real estate used for fire purposes 5,100

Value of all other property, apparatus, etc 2,000

Total \$7,100

Amount of insurance on property destroyed \$14,500

Amount of loss over and above insurance 1,100

Water works, direct pressure; owned by private company.

Number of pounds pressure required for fire service 70; domestic 45.

Number of fire alarms from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899, 13.

The Salisbury Fire Department is in good shape and enjoying a period of unusual harmony. We have purchased, in addition to the above, 500 feet of cotton hose, which we expect in a few days.

WINSTON DEPARTMENT.

Chief, J. W. Hanes, elected by Board of Aldermen; term expires annually; Assistant, H. L. Riggins; Secretary, James Dunn.

Four companies, Volunteer and Paid.

Winston Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1, 20 men (white); Foreman, A. J. Gayles; Secretary, R. S. Westmoreland.

Winston Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 2, 20 men (white); Foreman, J. B. McCreary; Secretary, J. A. Holmes.

Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, 20 men (white); Foreman, R. C. Taylor; Secretary, J. W. Young.

Hook and Ladder Co., No. 2, 20 men; Foreman, Tom Hairston; Secretary, Sam. Hargraves.

No. Horse Hose Carriages and Carts 2

" Horse Hose Wagons 2

" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks 2

" Feet Rubber Hose 1,500

" Feet Cotton Hose 500

Value real estate used for fire purposes \$15,000

Value all other property 15,000

Total \$30,000

Water works, both direct and gravity pressures; owned by City.

Number pounds pressure for fire service, 125.

Gamewell Electric Fire Alarm System.

GREENVILLE DEPARTMENT.

Chief, A. J. Griffin, elected by Councilmen; term expires yearly.

Three Companies, Volunteer.

Hope Steamer, La France, 32 men (white); Foreman, W. F. Harding; Secretary, A. B. Ellington.

Rough and Ready, Truck, 35 men (colored); Foreman, Dennis Barnes; Secretary, — Marable.

Head Hawk, Hand engine made by Howe Pump and Engine Co., 25 men (colored); Foreman, Willis Clark; Secretary, A. Pender.

No. Hand Hose Reels 1

" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks 1

" Feet Rubber Hose 2,200

Value real estate used for fire purposes 4,200

Water supply, three cisterns.

Number pounds pressure for fire service, 80 to 110.

ENFIELD DEPARTMENT.

Chief, S. Meyer, elected by vote of Company; term expires February 1, 1900; Assistant, W. Burges; Secretary, S. Pearson.

One Company, Volunteer.

Enfield Fire Company, Hand Engine, 32 men, (white).

No. Hand Hose Reels	1
“ Hand Carriages	1
“ Feet Rubber Hose	450
Value real estate used for fire purposes	\$ 85.00
Value all other property	550.00
Total	\$ 635.00

Water supply, wells.

We had fifteen fire alarms since organized, and damage on all fires will not exceed forty (\$40) dollars in this town.

HICKORY—No organization; hand engine, hand hook and ladder truck, 250 feet rubber hose; water supply, one cistern; fire alarms from January 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899, 3; amount of insurance on property destroyed \$2,150; amount of loss over and above insurance, \$1,450. We have been very fortunate as to fires, and the few we have had have been excellently handled and controlled by volunteer service, which is always abundant.

PLYMOUTH—One hand engine; 300 feet rubber hose; water supply, river; value of property, \$800.

MT. AIRY—We have no organized department.

MILTON—We have no fire company here, though we have a hand engine, but not in use. We had an engine company here years ago, but the organization does not exist now.

MORGANTON—I am sorry to have to report that this town has no fire department.

LEXINGTON—We have no organization, no water works, in fact no protection against fire. I am sorry it is so.

SCOTLAND NECK—We have no regular fire company. We have a truck with ladders and buckets, worked in case of necessity by volunteers.

MOREHEAD CITY—We have no regularly organized Company, have a hand engine or pump. Use only 560 feet hose. All the work is voluntary.

BEAUFORT—We have a hand engine, but no organization. We once had one but it is defunct.

HIGH POINT—We have no water works nor fire department at this place. We hope to be in the ring before many years.

EDENTON—No fire company here. In times of emergency we form “Bucket Brigade” and fight fire.

ROCKINGHAM—Have no fire department. Hold an election, June 20th, to build system.

GASTONIA—No fire department; no fire protection; no water works; nothing of the kind here as yet.

WELDON—We regret to say we have no fire department. We have been extremely fortunate in escaping any serious fire up to now; how long our good luck will last we cannot say, but fear it will not continue.

LUMBERTON—Mayor, E. K. Proctor, Jr., elected by Board of Aldermen; term expires June, 1900; have two hand reels and 1,000 feet of cotton hose; have water works, direct and gravity pressure; pressure required for fire service 90 pounds, for domestic 50 pounds.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. TAYLOR, *Statistician.*

Moved and seconded that the report of the Statistician be received and placed on file. Carried.

Next thing in order was reports of different committees. None present but Finance Committee, and it was not ready to report.

President McNeill:

In my report I suggested that you have a committee appointed to revise your tournament rules, and that you also have a committee appointed to throw further safeguards around your applications for benefits. We have revised them at almost every meeting and are trying to get them perfect. But my experience is that they need more changes yet. There should be more safeguards thrown around them.

Mr. Daniels:

I move that a committee be appointed by the President to revise the rules governing races, and a committee also be appointed for the purpose of devising such safeguards as may be necessary.

Moved and seconded that the President appoint a committee of five to revise the Tournament Rules. Carried.