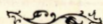


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Historical Record

NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION



THE year of 1846 saw the inception of the collection of the 2% tax from foreign fire insurance companies doing business in the State of New Jersey, the firemen of Essex County being the first to receive payment of the tax on insurance premiums. The Secretary of State at that time collected the money, but the method pursued in the disbursement of same was not satisfactory to the firemen, the opinion being that they were not receiving all they were entitled to.

An investigation was directed in 1873 by the Hon. Theo. Macknett, a member of the Assembly, which developed the fact that the cost in connection with the disbursement was excessive, and in 1876 the law was changed giving the local treasurer the right to collect, and the first year showed an increase. This stimulated the belief on the part of the firemen of the City of Newark that a State organization should be formed to protect their interests and it was then decided to hold a meeting to discuss the formation for that purpose.

The first meeting was held during the following year in the Firemen's Hall, Newark, and was attended by firemen from nineteen fire depart-

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ments, some without relief associations, but all deeply interested in the proposed organization. It was at this meeting that the New Jersey State Firemen's Association was organized and the following officers were elected to serve until the Convention was called:

President	Wm. H. Brown	Newark
Vice-President	Hon. John T. Dunn	Elizabeth
Vice-President	Charles McGill	Trenton
Vice-President	E. W. Henry	Jersey City
Vice-President	W. W. Slack	Burlington
Treasurer	Bird W. Spencer	Passaic
Secretary	Frank Tuite	Newark
Cor. Secty.	P. McGavisk	Hoboken
Fin. Secty.	W. H. Lambert	Dover

Those who attended the first meeting are as follows:

BURLINGTON

Chief Wm. M. Jeffries
Wm. W. Slack
H. H. Kelly

HACKENSACK

James Conklin
Peter L. Conklin
Richard Kirby

DOVER

Wm. T. Leport
John S. Gibson
Wm. H. Lambert

HACKETTSTOWN

Geo. T. Everitt
Geo. M. Titus
J. L. Smith

ELIZABETH

H. J. Ward
J. B. Clark
Hon. John T. Dunn

HOBOKEN

J. Harksen
P. McGavisk
R. McCague

HARRISON

William Tierney
William Bowers
James F. Pendergast

JERSEY CITY

E. W. Henry
John O'Brien
John Barry

LONG BRANCH

Elias L. Traux
J. O. Green

MORRISTOWN

Isaac G. Arnold
John M. Moore
L. M. Baird

NEWARK

A. James Payne
A. Reed Cook
David H. Garrison

NEWTON

Charles Crook
Henry C. Bonnell
Geo. Van Gilder

NEW BRUNSWICK

D. H. Chamberlin
M. McFadden
John Laurence

ORANGE

Chief Thos. Harrup
Chas. W. Banta
M. Barry

PATERSON

Chief Bartee Riley
Robert Birmingham
John McKiernan

PHILLIPSBURG

Geo. W. Wilhelm
Wm. A. Ashmore
W. W. Hunt

PASSAIC

Bird W. Spencer
John Kennell
Waldo E. Gibbs

SALEM

Albert Stiner
Abner D. Hall

TRENTON

Charles McGill
Louis Gautier
John Caminade

The object of the Association was to combine the efforts of the firemen of the State to bring about unity of action for the benefit of all concerned. It was felt that with close cooperation of all and knowledge of conditions, definite protection would result for the widow and orphan of the members and the firemen in general.

During the same year, in September, a Convention of the Association was called to meet in Trenton. It was at this Convention that Col. Bird W. Spencer presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

“RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this Association in Convention assembled that the Legislature of the State of New Jersey be requested to enact an amendment to the existing laws relating to Fire Department Relief Funds providing that the percent due on any premiums effected by agents in any given city of the State on property within the State but not within such given city shall be paid into the Benevolent Fund of the city in which such insurance agent resides and does business.”

The next Convention was held in the City of Paterson at which time Col. Bird W. Spencer was elected President of the State Association and has been reelected President each year since that time. Our Association has prospered under his able leadership. It is interesting to note the growth of the relief associations shown below by the receipts since the year of 1880 up to the present time:

	Receipts 1880	Receipts 1926	Total Assets 1926
Burlington.....	\$138.00	\$1,363.40	\$14,317.17
Camden.....	544.00	8,963.30	37,896.64
East Orange.....	135.00	5,900.56	25,252.10
Hoboken.....	443.14	10,833.36	42,000.09
Jersey City.....	1,200.00	30,043.85	88,397.64
Lambertville.....	35.00	1,363.99	13,280.34
Newark.....	2,000.00	75,213.76	172,366.81
New Brunswick....	252.88	6,658.78	23,294.30
Orange.....	294.00	3,389.11	19,273.48
Paterson.....	1,611.12	19,626.60	27,829.88
Passaic.....	100.00	8,673.75	35,451.03
Plainfield.....	236.00	5,223.52	16,517.66
Trenton.....	668.00	19,815.98	71,030.85
Westfield.....	13.00	2,159.99	19,715.72

A review of the above will give you an idea of the benefits derived through the formation of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association. Due to the untiring

efforts and loyalty of its officers, the Association has attained the position of being the largest and richest organization of its kind in the United States. When the State Association was formed, there were fourteen Firemen's Relief Associations represented. Today there are three hundred and eighty-nine organized Firemen's Relief Associations.

It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that we are able to call your attention to some of the leading men of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association who were very greatly interested in organizing our Association and who sacrificed much for the firemen of our State. We are happy in the realization that some of our officers are still with us, while we regret the passing of others who were highly esteemed by their comrades of New Jersey.

Great credit is due to William H. Brown of Newark, first President of the Association, for its formation. He was a man of pleasing personality, very successful in political and business affairs and held many offices, such as member of the Assembly, Sheriff of Essex County and Superintendent of the Newark Police Department. As an Assemblyman he had many privileges, politically, which were of great benefit to our Association. He was a member of the Legislative Committee and held this position until his death in 1903.

John McKiernan, of Paterson, was Treasurer of our Association from 1880 until the time of his death, March, 1905. He was born in Paterson in 1833, and was a gentleman of the old school; he held every office in the Fire Department of Paterson, including Chief of the Department. He was a Captain in the U. S. service in the War of the Rebellion and served his country well.

John S. Gibson, was one of the delegates from Dover to the first Convention of the Association and maintained his connection and interest with the Association until his death in 1914, at which time he held the position of Auditor.

John J. Lane, whose service to this Association commenced in 1891 as a delegate from his Local Association, Summit, became prominent through his great interest in the work. He served on the Legislative and other Committees faithfully and was elected Treasurer in 1905 at the 28th Convention. Upon the death of John S. Gibson, in 1915, Mr. Lane was appointed Auditor and served as such until his death in 1920. Comrade Lane was of genial disposition and if a friend he was whole-heartedly so. He was loved by all who knew him and greatly respected by his Comrades. In his passing, the Association lost a valuable official.



OFFICERS
of the
NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S
ASSOCIATION
*and description of their
services and activities*



General Bird W. Spencer, our President, has been identified with our Association since its inception. During the first year of its activity he was Treasurer and in the following year was elected President. He has been honored by reelection continuously to that position and if again so honored, will have served forty-nine years as our guide and counsellor. Under his special administration of the affairs of the organization we have prospered beyond all comparison. During the period of his occupancy of the office as President, he has exerted his influence and given his best efforts for the single purpose of benefiting the firemen of the State, their widows and orphans. President Spencer's paramount accomplishments have been the institution of the Burial Benefit and the establishment of the New Jersey Firemen's Home. During his long service as our President, he has always been keen in his judgment and kindly interested in all of his comrades. He approaches his golden anniversary as our beloved executive with what must be full consciousness of the high regard, great respect and love of all the firemen of New Jersey.





Bird W. Spencer
President



Our Secretary, William Exall, has been greatly interested in our Association since its inception and became a delegate to the Convention at Dover in 1883 as a representative from Newark. He was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee in 1887, made Assistant Secretary in 1888 and elected Secretary at the 25th Annual Convention at Atlantic City in 1902. He has been reelected each year and at the completion of this fiscal year will have served as such for twenty-five years, and will have completed forty-four years of active participation in the affairs of the Association. Secretary Exall served forty years in the Newark Fire Department and through competent service became a Battalion Chief. At the completion of his years of service in the Newark Fire Department, he was retired with honor. His worth as Secretary of our Association cannot be estimated—faithful in all his duties, companionable and a loyal friend, he is respected and loved by all his comrades.





William Exall
Secretary



George T. Everitt, Financial Secretary, represented as a delegate the Hackettstown local association at the first meeting and was elected Financial Secretary in 1890. His faithfulness as an officer of this Association has resulted in his reelection each year. During his business activities he has held many responsible positions, serving the D., L. & W. Railroad for fifty years, Mayor of his municipality for two terms and an executive of the Masonic Order for many years. His kindliness, genial disposition and warm-hearted interest in his comrades has earned for him the respect and love of all.



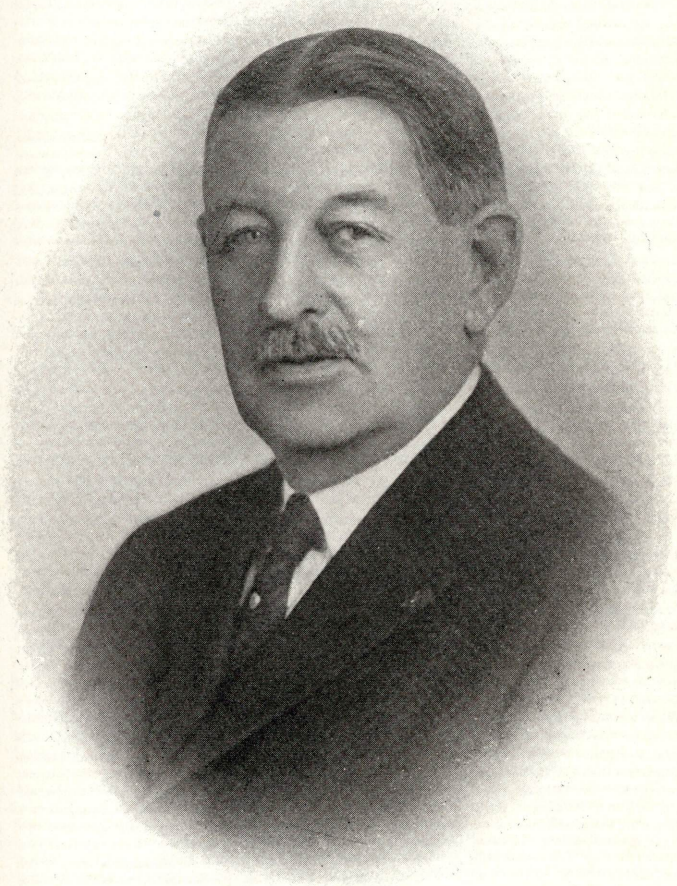


George T. Everitt
Financial Secretary



T. Howell Johnson, our Treasurer first became interested in the Association in 1887 as a delegate to the Convention in that year. He served on many committees and in 1898 was elected First Assistant Secretary, serving in that position until 1915, when he was elected Treasurer upon the death of John J. Lane. He has been active in all matters pertaining to the good and welfare of the firemen of the State in general and our Association in particular. Treasurer Johnson gives his almost undivided attention to firemanic affairs. His willingness to help his comrades and fairness in his dealings at all times has won for him the respect and honor that he now enjoys and, we hope, will continue to enjoy for many years to come.





T. Howell Johnson
Treasurer



Charles E. Burr has been identified with our Association since 1897, at which time he represented his Local Relief Association of Bordentown, as a delegate to the Convention of that year. He has held important assignments and served on many committees, and in 1920 was elected Auditor of this Association. His service has been of very great value and he is noted for his ability in financial affairs and for his sincerity in all the work that he undertakes. At the present time, Auditor Burr is Chairman of the Advisory Committee and performs the work imposed upon him by this position, plus the exacting requirements as Auditor. We take pleasure in stating that Mr. Burr has been present at every meeting of the Advisory Committee since its inception. His activities outside of the Association have been numerous, not only in firemanic affairs but in fraternal and beneficial orders. He is a member of the Masonic Order, Knights of Pythias, the Shrine, and is President of the First National Bank of Bordentown.





Charles E. Burr
Auditor



Evan F. Benners, of Moorestown, was a delegate to the 1896 Convention. He served on many important committees and in 1905 was elected Second Assistant Secretary and in 1915, First Assistant Secretary, which position he still occupies. Secretary Benners has been faithful to his trust and his great interest in the affairs of the Association has been helpful in bringing to fruition the many important matters accomplished for the good and welfare of the Association and its members. He is a member and Secretary of the Board of Managers of the New Jersey Firemen's Home, representing Burlington County on that Board. He has held many important positions outside of the Association and is now Post-master at Moorestown.





Evan F. Benners
Assistant Secretary

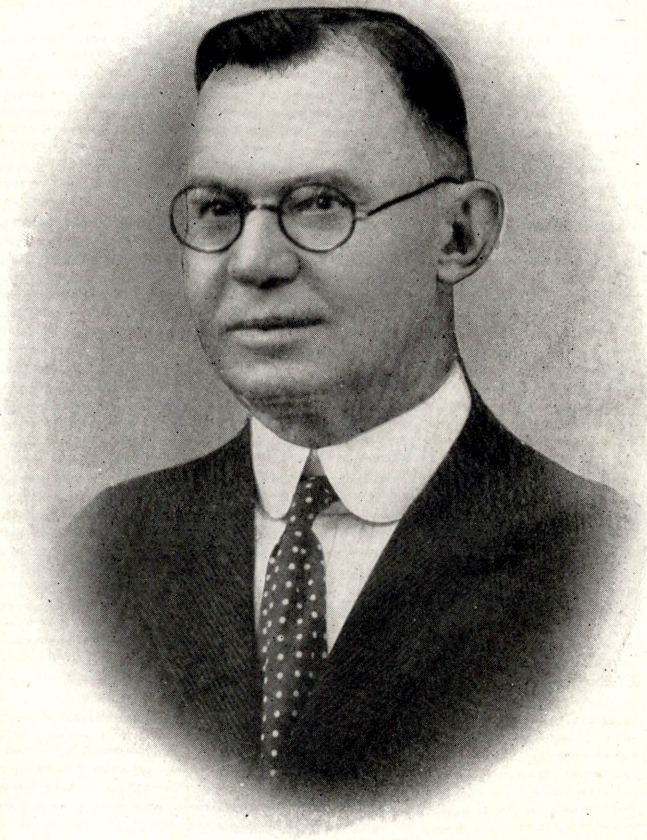


Ralph T. Holman became identified with our Association as a delegate to the Convention in 1901, representing New Brunswick. He has been exceedingly active in the affairs of the organization and has served on a number of committees. At the present time he is Second Assistant Secretary, being elected to that position in the year 1915. Mr Holman has been a loyal and energetic friend of the firemen of the State and has served them well for many years. He is very active outside of the affairs of this Association, being an ardent Mason, and he holds membership in a number of other fraternal orders. At the present time he is custodian of the City Hall at New Brunswick.



There are many other respected and able firemen of our Association who have served as officers and members of important committees very faithfully for many years, who deserve credit for their assistance in building up our Association and to whom we desire to pay tribute at this time.





Ralph T. Holman
Assistant Secretary

COLLECTION OF 2% TAX

BY an act of the Legislature of 1879 and again in 1885, provision was made to validate the collection of certain premiums for the funds of local firemen's relief associations from the agents representing foreign fire insurance companies doing business in any municipality of this State. The law provided that the monies to be paid shall be the sum of two dollars upon the hundred dollars and at that rate upon the amount of all premiums during the six months preceding the 31st of December and the 30th day of June in each year, or for such portion of said periods for which they may have acted as such agents. It also requires that the agent shall keep an accurate account of all business done by him and provides a penalty in case of fraud or dishonesty or any attempt on the part of any agent to fail to make return of the 2% tax to the local association and it provides further that a revocation of the license to act as agent may be had upon proper complaint being lodged with the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance and proof being rendered that the agent has not fully complied with the law.

Both laws spoken of above have resulted beneficially to the local relief associations and the return of the 2% tax on premiums written has resulted in a considerable increase in the funds of each local association.

Since the passage of the acts to validate the collection of the 2% tax, a large amount of money has been expended by the Local Relief Associations in compliance with the provisions of the 1885 act which allows such expenditures to be made for the relief and help of indigent firemen, firemen injured in the discharge of their duty and the families of such firemen. Untold good has been done through the medium of the fund created by the collection of the 2% tax, and the fund has been carefully managed.

EXTRACT FROM CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

THE Certificate of Incorporation of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, while not quoted in its entirety, indicates that at the Annual Convention held at Hoboken in September, 1884, there was a resolution passed authorizing the officers to incorporate the New Jersey State Firemen's Association in view of the fact that the Legislature had passed an Act which was approved by the Governor, March 25, 1885, which Act authorizes and provides for the organization, incorporation and conduct of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

It might be of interest to those now active in the affairs of this Association to realize that only one of the incorporators so named in the incorporation papers is still alive. The incorporators were as follows:

President	Bird W. Spencer
Vice-President	F. H. Beach
Vice-President	Andrew Beck
Vice-President	John T. Brady
Vice-President	Wm. T. Corlies
Vice-President	David Johnston
Vice-President	Wm. McGill
Vice-President	Reuten W. Merideth
Treasurer	John McKiernan
Secretary	Horace H. Brown
Fin. Secy.	Wm. W. Slack
Asst. Secy.	John P. Fisher
Asst. Secy.	Frank G. Tower

Wm. R. Weeks was at this time Counsel for the Association. The incorporation papers were signed by Bird W. Spencer, President, and Horace H. Brown, Secretary. These papers were executed on the 12th day of May, 1886, and filed in the office of the Secretary of State, June 1st of that year.

DEATH BENEFIT—BURIAL BENEFIT

BY an enactment of the Legislature in 1922, a law was passed authorizing the N. J. State Firemen's Association to establish a Death Benefit Fund. This law was signed by the Governor on March 11, 1922, and its provisions, with the addition of certain rules and regulations, were adopted by the firemen in Convention in September of that year. By a resolution passed at a subsequent Convention the name of the fund was changed to the N. J. Firemen's Burial Benefit Fund.

The operation of the Fund has been of untold value and the purposes for which it was inaugurated have been followed closely and the money has been disbursed only to the next of kin of comrades who have died in service or as exempt members of the different departments of the State. Since its inception 2,650 death and burial claims have been paid.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE activities of the Burial Benefit Fund function through the medium of the Advisory Committee, composed of five active members appointed by the President and confirmed by the Executive Committee each year under rules and regulations adopted by the Convention of 1922. The rules provide for such a committee to be composed of the Treasurer and Auditor of the Association and one member representing each of the exempt, volunteer and paid branches of the fire service of the State. The membership of this Committee must also be members of the Executive Committee.

The Advisory Committee as of 1927 are as follows: Charles E. Burr, Chairman, Bordentown; Harry Landsberg, representing the paid division, Orange; Tony Frylinck, representing the exempt division, Passaic; William R. O'Brien, representing the volunteer division, Belmar; and by virtue of their respective offices, Bird W. Spencer, our President, and William Exall, our Secretary, are members ex-officio. The Committee meet twice each month, usually the first and third Fridays, for the consideration and passage of claims.

WAR RELIEF FUND

AT the Fortieth Annual Convention held at Atlantic City, September, 1917, resolution was passed authorizing the formation of a Fund for the purpose of lending aid to the firemen and the families of firemen who enlisted in the services of the United States in the World War. The resolution also authorized that an assessment of one-half of one per cent of the total assets of each local association be used for this purpose. It was originally thought that the money should be turned over to the Hon. Walter E. Edge, Governor of the State at that time, and by him distributed to the Red Cross or other patriotic organizations. Subsequently the Governor evidenced the desire that the money should be used primarily for the benefit of the firemen of New Jersey who served as soldiers and sailors during the World War.

In 1918, the Forty-first Convention, another resolution was adopted continuing the Fund for War Relief and making another assessment of one-half of one per cent. These two assessments resulted in the collection of about \$20,000 which was invested in Liberty Bonds and since that time, the proceeds have been expended for the relief of a number of firemen who have returned from the War and who were then and are still suffering from the effects of their service.

The benefits which have been paid and which are still being paid from this War Relief Fund have been of great value to the recipients and at the present time we are aiding eight of our comrades and expending annually in the neighborhood of \$4,000 a year from their relief.

New Jersey State Firemen's Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1926-1927

OFFICERS

General Bird W. Spencer, President, Passaic
T. Howell Johnson, Treasurer, Bloomfield
William Exall, Secretary, Ocean Gate
Evan F. Benners, First Assistant Secretary, Moorestown
Ralph T. Holman, Second Assistant Secretary, New Brunswick
George T. Everitt, Financial Secretary, Hackettstown
Charles E. Burr, Auditor, Bordentown
Edward O. Stanley, Jr., Counsel, Newark
Estelle M. Finnerty, Executive Secretary and Assistant
Treasurer

General Bird W. Spencer, Chairman

Henry W. Breder	- - -	Egg Harbor City	- -	Atlantic
Chris. H. Hasselhuhn	- - -	Carlstadt	- - - -	Bergen
Edw. H. Flagg, Jr.	- - -	Riverton	- - - -	Burlington
Oliver P. Lambert	- - -	Haddon Heights	- - -	Camden
Wm. B. Gilbert	- - -	Cape May City	- - -	Cape May
Louis G. Heller	- - -	Bridgeton	- - - -	Cumberland
Harry Landsberg	- - -	Orange	- - - -	Essex
John J. Towey	- - -	Newark	- - - -	Essex
Fred V. Myers, Jr.	- - -	Woodbury	- - - -	Gloucester
John Osmers	- - -	Union City	- - - -	Hudson
John McAdie	- - -	Bayonne	- - - -	Hudson
Chas. S. Rittenhouse	- - -	Flemington	- - - -	Hunterdon
Alonzo V. Pierson	- - -	Hightstown	- - - -	Mercer
R. P. F. von Minden	- - -	Dunellen	- - - -	Middlesex
Wm. R. O'Brien	- - -	Belmar	- - - -	Monmouth
Jacob J. Vreeland	- - -	Dover	- - - -	Morris
Thos. H. Wallace	- - -	Island Heights	- - -	Ocean
Tony Frylinck	- - -	Passaic	- - - -	Passaic
Frederic A. Gentieu	- - -	Penns Grove	- - - -	Salem
R. C. Stryker	- - -	South Bound Brook	- - -	Somerset
V. O. Walters	- - -	Franklin	- - - -	Sussex
W. J. Bond	- - -	Union	- - - -	Union
Neal H. Currie	- - -	Belvidere	- - - -	Warren

STANDING COMMITTEES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Charles E. Burr, Chairman, Bordentown

Harry Landsberg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Orange
Tony Frylinck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Passaic
Wm. R. O'Brien	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Belmar
T. Howell Johnson, Secretary and Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Bloomfield
William Exall, Ex-officio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ocean Gate
Bird W. Spencer, Ex-officio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Passaic

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Wm. H. Black, Chairman, High Bridge

Fourth District

First District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Volney Bennett	-	-	-	-	Merchantville
Second District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Firman M. Reeves	-	-	-	-	Millville
Third District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	James F. Kidney	-	-	-	-	New Brunswick
Fifth District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fred A. Trowbridge	-	-	-	-	Morristown
Sixth District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Peter A. Kuhn	-	-	-	-	Lyndhurst
Seventh District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	William Marshall	-	-	-	-	Paterson
Eighth District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Alfred Davis	-	-	-	-	Bayonne
Ninth District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	George L. Mitchell	-	-	-	-	East Orange
Tenth District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Arthur Russell	-	-	-	-	Glen Ridge
Eleventh District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Charles J. Morris	-	-	-	-	North Bergen
Twelfth District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	John W. Gildea	-	-	-	-	Jersey City

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frank M. Buckles, Chairman, Rutherford

Joseph C. Muller	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Little Falls
Samuel A. Gruver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Madison

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Nelson Stoddard, Chairman, Passaic

James J. Halpin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Elizabeth
John DeGroot	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rutherford
Charles A. Scott	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Perth Amboy
Peter B. Carter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Collingswood
David Stoddard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rutherford
Fred P. Crater	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Gladstone
Howard Samuel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Hackettstown

WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE

T. Howell Johnson, Chairman, Bloomfield

Charles W. Greenfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	Arlington
Andrew G. Koehler	-	-	-	-	-	-	Somerville

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

Isaac Seeley, Chairman, Westfield

Isaac N. Wyckoff	-	-	-	-	-	-	Somerville
John J. O'Brien	-	-	-	-	-	-	Woodcliff-on-Hudson
Henry Bennett	-	-	-	-	-	-	Collingswood
Theodore I. Haubner	-	-	-	-	-	-	Hillsdale

Walter B. Connor, Sergeant-at-Arms, Red Bank

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Bird W. Spencer,	Chairman
T. Howell Johnson,	Secretary-Treasurer
Evan F. Benners,	Assistant Secretary
Ralph T. Holman,	Assistant Secretary

John J. Barnett	Frederic A. Gentieu
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W. H. Black	Samuel A. Gruver
R. H. Bowker	Oliver P. Lambert
Henry W. Breder	R. T. Layton
Alonzo Brower	Albert B. Lembeck
Charles E. Burr	James J. McMillan
Peter B. Carter	Geo. L. Mitchell
Albert B. Craig	Chas. J. Morris
F. P. Crater	Fred. V. Myers, Jr.
Wm. S. Cuthbert	Chas. L. Nickerson
E. N. C. Davis	Wm. R. O'Brien
Fred C. Decker	Firman M. Reeves
George T. Everitt	Geo. Schulz, Jr.
William Exall	Nicholas Snyder
Harry J. Francis	B. C. Stavely
Tony Frylinck	F. A. Trowbridge
Eugene C. Wahl	

HONORARY FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

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James Ballantine
Jos. M. Barry
Harry Bellis
Geo. H. Berke
Albert Beyer
J. B. Blaw
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Bernard Conway
George Cluin
Wm. Culligan
Frank M. Cunningham
Chas. DeHaven
F. A. Feaster
Hugh Genoe
A. H. Generotzky
Wm. R. Harris
Fred L. Heck
Wm. S. Hewitt
W. Harry Jones
Henry Karrer
Louis Kuehnle
Seraph Lillig
John Lohneis
Wm. B. Loudenslager
Jos. A. McNamee
Alfred Moore
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Harry H. Postoll
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Hon. Ant'y M. Ruffu, Jr.
Frank Ruffu
R. B. Scull

Frank Shinnen
P. G. Smallwood
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Wm. Kahler
John Karl
Peter A. Kuhn
John Osterman, Jr.
Wm. Henry Pulis
Harlan P. Ross
Henry Schnakenberg
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John Van Buskirk
Dewitt Van Emburgh
Garrett W. Vreeland
Henry J. Werner
Wm. Ziegler

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John Bennett
Volney Bennett
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Ed. Condon
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Charles Hensel
William Hunter
Rollo R. Jones
John Senft
Geo. Tilton

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Walter A. Armstrong
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F. Whitmer Atkinson
Morris L. Beck
David A. Brotherton
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T. G. Davidson
James F. Dougherty
B. Frank Ellis
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Edw. H. Flagg, Jr.
Harry B. Ford
William B. Frech
Wm. S. Ginglen
James O. Glasgow
Grantville Haines
James R. Hankins
Russell C. Holmes
Joseph Kemble
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Entrance

NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S HOME

Boonton

THE first movement towards the establishment of a New Jersey Firemen's Home was brought to the attention of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association at their Nineteenth Annual Convention held at Cape May on September 30th, 1896, when President Spencer, in his acceptance speech, promised that an effort would be made to obtain legislation for the purchase or building of a suitable Firemen's Home for the aged firemen in need of such an institution.

Previous to this date, however, at the Convention held in Paterson, September 26, 1888, the following resolution was offered by a delegation from Hoboken and referred to the Executive Committee:

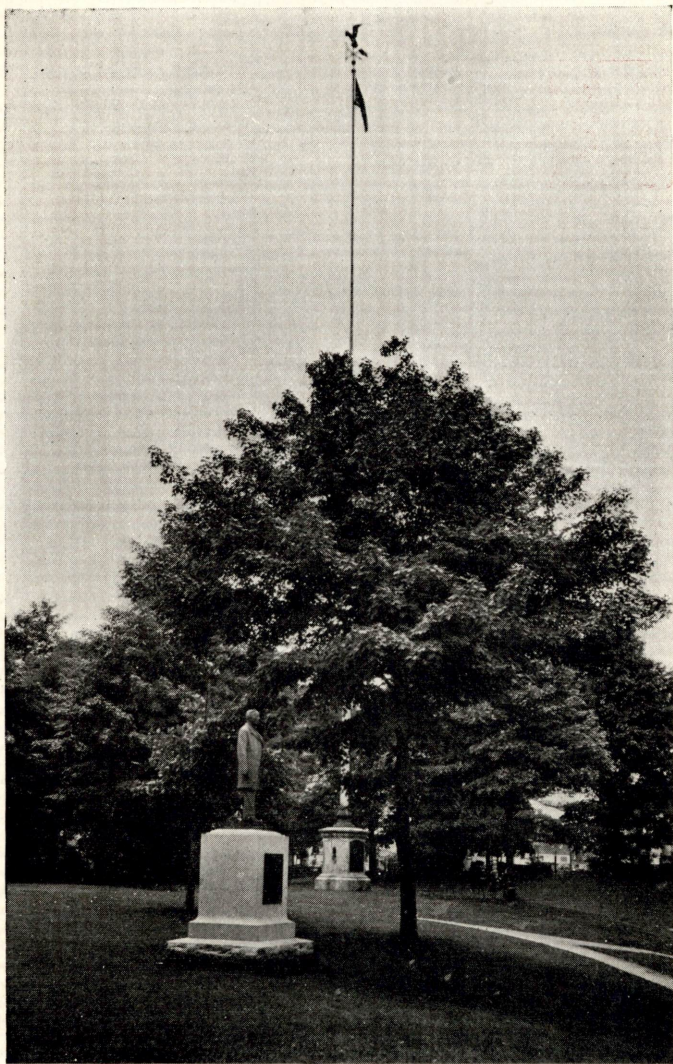
WHEREAS, Various States having Firemen's Associations are adopting laws for the purpose of having homes for old and disabled firemen, be it therefore

RESOLVED: That the subject of providing such a home in this State be referred to a proper committee for consideration.

(Signed) John Wagner
James Harksen
W. A. Willig
James McCullough
Henry Winkle

It was suggested, and afterwards adopted, that the purchase and construction of the Home should be made from the surplus funds in the hands of the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, and that the annual support of the Home should be taken from the same funds.

A committee was named by the Convention to submit a report to the 1897 meeting as to the feasibility of the project. The committee consisted of Bird W. Spencer, John McKiernan and William H. Brown.



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The committee's report was favorable and they were invested with the power to secure the necessary legislation and all other things necessary to this end.

In August, 1897, a committee of seven was appointed, representing one from each Congressional District in the State. The subject was again discussed by President Spencer in the opening address at the Twentieth Annual Convention, September 8, 1897. Finally, commissioners were appointed and named in the articles of incorporation, who were vested with full authority to secure all necessary legislation and to do all other things necessary to the completion of the Firemen's Home, and to continue until its labors were completed.

The property owned by Judge William Lathrop, Boonton, was purchased, remodeled and formally opened in June, 1900. The firemen of the State are proud of the fact that it is one of the best managed institutions in the State, and managed without a cent of cost to the taxpayers. There are at present fifty-three guests at the Home, whose average age is over seventy years.

The Firemen's Home property consists of beautiful grounds of about eighty-seven acres, with a large main building, dormitory, hospital, recreation building, garage, etc. Recently there has been constructed a hospital unit at the Home which will provide the necessary conveniences for the guests in the event of their needs.

Pursuant to the act of the Legislature in 1923, the Board of Managers were formerly appointed by the Governor and are now elected by the New Jersey State Firemen's Association in Convention assembled: one from each County and two from the Counties of Hudson and Essex, who, together with the Governor, the State Comptroller, the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance and the President of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, compose the Board of Managers.



Main Building

The officers of the Firemen's Home at the present time are: Bird W. Spencer, Chairman; Eugene C. Wahl, Vice-Chairman; Evan F. Benners, Secretary; Patrick J. Farrell, Treasurer; Charles J. Morris, Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Board of Managers, inclusive of officers, are as follows:

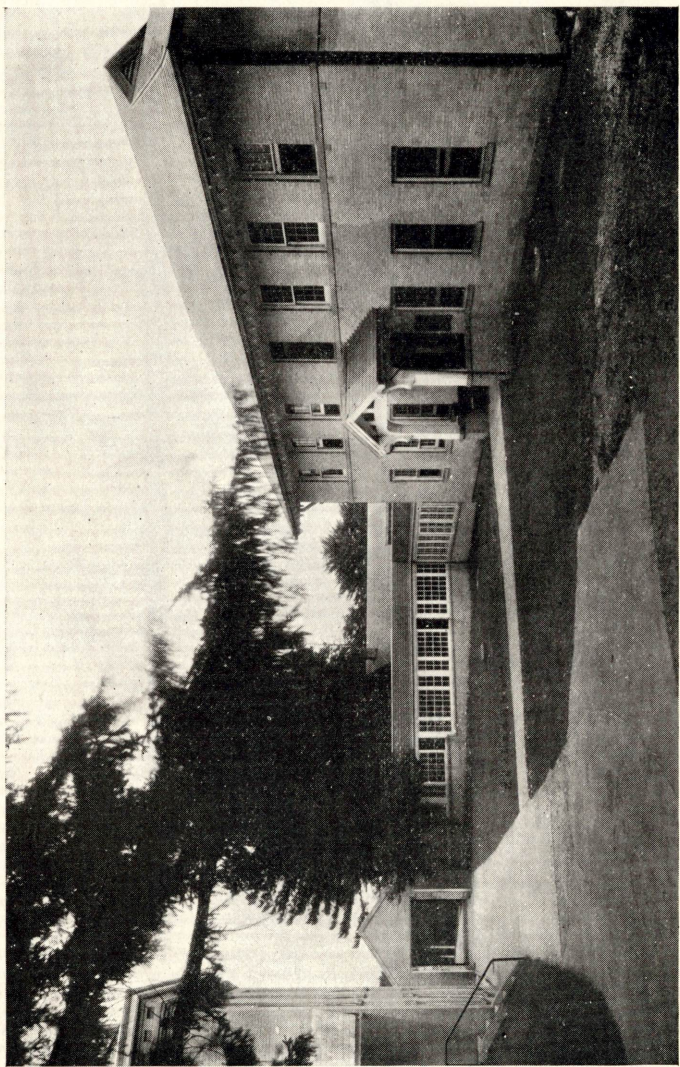
Chas. L. Nickerson	James McMullin
James Hanley	John Senft
Fred C. Decker	Frank B. Morrison
Alonzo Brower	Albert B. Craig
Isaac N. Wyckoff	George L. Mitchell
Albert B. Lembeck	William Exall
Carroll T. Rogers	Firman M. Reeves
John B. Peterson	Alonzo V. Pierson
John D. Staples	Samuel A. Gruver
Harry J. Francis	

Hon. A. Harry Moore
 Hon. Newton A. K. Bugbee
 Hon. Edward Maxson

The first Commission was appointed in 1897 by Governor John W. Briggs and the same members afterwards became the first Board of Managers, as follows:

Bird W. Spencer	Benj. W. Cloud
Wm. M. Jefferies	Wm. T. Corlies
Chas. N. Reading	John McKiernan
Wm. H. Brown	Geo. T. Wertz
Egbert Seymour	Wm. S. Hancock

It is notable from the viewpoint of economy and management that the first requisition covering the monies for the support of the Home was issued in June, 1899, in the amount of \$23,218; and that the last requisition as of January, 1927, was only \$30,000, notwithstanding the fact that the financial requirements of the Home are much greater at present than at the time of its inception.



Dormitory and Hospital