ARCHIVES RECORD

film
RG609  Nebraska City Volunteer Fire Department
       Nebraska City (Neb)

Records: 1871-1977
Cubic ft.: frac.
No. of Items: 19 volumes and 100 pages on
three reels of 35mm microfilm.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Nebraska City Volunteer Fire Department is composed of
three companies: The Otoe Hook and Ladder Company; the Nebraska
City Fire Company, No. 1; and the Great Western Fire Co., No. 1.
The first fire company was organized in Nebraska City for mutual
protection by a group of merchants in that part of the city along
the river front known as the Kearney Addition. A. F. Mollring had
organized a bucket brigade in 1856 which called itself "Otoes." The
first hook and ladder company was formed in 1857 and took the name
of Otoe Hook and Ladder Company. In 1865, the Nebraska City Fire
Company No. 1 was organized and the Great Western Fire Company in
1869. The three companies joined to form the Nebraska City Fire
Department in 1905. Each company continues to maintain its own
identity, holds meetings, and functions within the general framework
of the department.

Before 1923 funds to support the organization were raised by
sponsoring dances, carnivals, and similar functions. In that year
the city established a levy for the Volunteer Fire Fund which
supplies money for insurance, entertainment and other needs of the
members. Equipment is now purchased from another municipal fund.

Because of the need for additional fire fighting equipment, the
Nebraska City Rural Fire District was organized in the early 1960s.
It is governed by a board of five persons who reside in the
district. This board has the power to levy a tax against the
property owners of the district to provide funds for the purchase
and operation of fire fighting equipment. All of the equipment
which is owned by the Rural Fire District is housed in the Nebraska
City Fire/Rescue Complex and is manned by the members of the Fire
Department at no cost to the rural district. In exchange, this
equipment is available for use inside the city limits if the need
arises.
Currently there are three full time paid firemen in the department. The maximum number of volunteers is set at 45. The city has four pieces of fire fighting equipment with access to five additional pieces owned by the Rural Fire District. All of the equipment is housed in a modern station built in 1972.
ADDED ENTRIES:

FIRE DEPARTMENTS--NEBRASKA CITY (NEB)
FIRE DEPARTMENTS--OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES
FIRE DEPARTMENTS--OTOE COUNTY (NEB)
FIRE FIGHTERS--OTOE COUNTY (NEB)
FIRE PREVENTION
OTOE COUNTY (NEB)--HISTORY
NEBRASKA CITY (NEB)--HISTORY
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of the Nebraska City Volunteer Fire Department, contained on three reels of microfilm, are arranged into five subgroups: 1) Otoe Hook and Ladder Company, 1872-1976; 2) Nebraska City Fire Company No. 1, 1872-1977; 3) Great Western Fire Company No. 1, 1870-1977; 4) Nebraska City Volunteer Fire Department, 1893-1977; and 5) Miscellany, 1871-1977.

Subgroup One contains the records of the Otoe Hook and Ladder Company including minute books, roll call books, and a copy of the constitution and by-laws.

The records of the Nebraska City Fire Company No. 1, Subgroup Two, consist of seven volumes of minute books which also include roll calls. The text of the constitution and by-laws adopted in June 1877 can be found in volume one.

Subgroup Three consists of the records of the Great Western Fire Company No. 1. This subgroup is divided into three series: 1) Minutes, 1888-1977; 2) Treasurer's Reports, 1870-1882; and 3) Constitution and By-Laws, 1896.

The records of the Nebraska City Volunteer Fire Department contain a series of minute books from 1906-1977. The original constitution and by-laws as amended to 1915 is recorded in volume one. Volume Four includes the constitution and by-laws adopted in 1972 as amended to 1976. Volume One of the minutes also contains roll calls to 1933. Subgroup Four also contains a volume of individual membership employee history records and roll calls. Most list dues paid and years volunteering. Some include resignations, deaths, and movements of the firemen. This volume is divided into two sections: V.1, A-M and V.2, Mc-Z. It is arranged alphabetically by name of volunteer.

Subgroup Five is a set of miscellaneous loose papers in three series: 1) Equipment and Inventory, 1875-1906; 2) Petitions, Ordinances and Statutes, 1871-1922; and 3) "History of Nebraska City Fire Department," by Larry L. Wiles, 1977.

This record group was loaned to the Historical Society for microfilming in January of 1978 by the Nebraska City Volunteer Fire Department.
DESCRIPTION

SUBGROUP ONE  OTOE HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, 1872-1976

SERIES ONE  MINUTES, 1872-1976

Vol. 1  Minutes, 1872-1889
p.7  Minutes, August 12, 1872 thru
p.  Minutes, April 4, 1889

Vol. 2  Minutes, 1889-1976
Minutes, May 2, 1889 - Dec. 21, 1976

SERIES TWO  ROLL CALL, 1905-1976

Vol. 1  Roll Call, July 1905 - Dec. 21, 1976

SERIES THREE  CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, n.d.

Item 1  Constitution and By-Laws, n.d.

SUBGROUP TWO  NEBRASKA CITY FIRE COMPANY NUMBER ONE, 1872-1977

SERIES ONE  MINUTES, 1872-1977

Vol. 1  Minutes, 1872-1875
pp.1-7  Member lists
p.8  blank
p.9  Minutes, May 15, 1872 thru
p.61  Minutes, April 5, 1875
pp.63-79  Constitution & By-Laws, 1877
pp.82-84  Amendments
pp.86-105  Receipts & Disbursements
pp.106-107 Special joint meeting with
Otoe Hook & Ladder Co., Mar. 20
pp.108-end Fiscal Records and dues, 1873-1875
Vol. 2  Minutes, 1882-1886
pp.1-2  Missing
p.3  Dues, n.d.
p.4  Minutes, January 30, 1882 thru
p.121  Minutes, December 20, 1886
SERIES ONE  MINUTES (cont)

Vol. 2  Minutes, 1882-1886 (cont)
pp.122-139 Blank
p.140-end  Fiscal, Roll Call & Dues, 1882-1886

Vol. 3  Minutes, 1887-1895
pp.1-2  Missing
p.3  Minutes, Jan. 17, 1887 thru
p.89  Minutes, February 5, 1895
p.90-217  Blank
p.218-236  Roll Call & Dues, 1887-1895
p.241-end  Fiscal Notes, 1888-1890

Vol. 4  Minutes, 1895-1943
p.1  Minutes, May 1, 1895 thru
p.178  Page numbers discontinue thru
fr. #190  Treasurer's Report, Jan. 4, 1943
fr. 191-207  Roll Call & Dues, 1914-1947
p.425  Page numbers resume
p.438-451  Roll Call & Membership, 1895-1914

Vol. 5  Minutes, 1951-1953
No page numbering (using frame nos)
Start  Dues, 1951-1952
fr. 219  Minutes, Dec. 3, 1951 thru
fr. 226  Minute notes, December 1953

Vol. 6  Minutes, 1953-1957
No page numbering (using frame nos)
fr. 227  Minutes, Sept. 21, 1953 thru
fr. 248  Minutes, April 1, 1957
fr. 250  Dues, n.d.
Vol. 7  Minutes, 1955-1977
p.1  Minutes, April 1955
thru
p.99  Minutes, November 27, 1977
pp.100-123 Blank
pp.124-end Roll Call, 1956-1978
SUBGROUP THREE  GREAT WESTERN FIRE COMPANY NUMBER ONE, 1870-1977

SERIES ONE  MINUTES, 1888-1977

Vol. 1  Minutes, 1888-1921
Start Mutual Agreement, Jan. 1, 1907
p.1 Minutes, Jan. 4, 1888
thru
p.230 Minutes, Apr. 4, 1921
pp.231-239 Blank
p.240 Honorary List, 1917-1919

Vol. 2  Minutes, 1920-1977
p.1 Minutes, Sept. 13, 1920
thru
p.98 Minutes, August 1977
p.99 Clipping (1942) & Mutual Aid list
pp.100-288 Blank
pp.289-298 Missing
p.299 Stock Certificates
p.300 Trustees List, 1918-1929

SERIES TWO  TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORTS, 1870-1882

Loose documents December 5, 1870 - Jan. 5, 1882

SERIES THREE  CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, 1896

Item 1 Constitution & By-Laws, 1896

SUBGROUP FOUR  NEBRASKA CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1893-1977

SERIES ONE  MINUTES, 1906-1977

Vol. 1  Minutes, 1906-1934
p.3 Preamble, Constitution and
By-Laws, 1907-1908
pp.11-24 Members Lists & Roll Call, 1906-1935
p.25 Minutes, March 14, 1906
thru
p.181 Minutes, December 12, 1934
pp.182-267 Blank
p.268    Roll Call, Co. #1, 1922-1924
p.269    Roll Call, Otoe Hook & Ladder, ibid
p.270    Roll Call, Great Western Co. #1, ibid
pp.271-277 Blank
SERIES ONE  MINUTES (cont)

Vol. 1  Minutes, 1906-1934 (cont)
pp.278-281 Benefit Certificates, Nebraska Volunteer Firemen's Association 1918-1961 (lists dates of death)

attachment Newsclippings re firemen
pp.282-285 Burial Record, 1912-1961
pp.288-290 Honorary Members, 1908-1931
Cover  Corres. & notes, 1935-1937

Vol. 2  Minutes, 1938-1954
pp.1-6  Missing (see pp.173-268)
p.7  Minutes, January 14, 1948 thru
p.10  Minutes, April 14, 1948
pp.11-62  Missing (see pp.153-172)
p.63  Minutes, March 12, 1952 thru
p.108  Minutes, November 12, 1952
pp.109-110  Missing
p.111  Minutes, December 10, 1952 thru
p.126  Minutes, March 10, 1954
pp.127-152  Missing
p.153  Minutes, Apr. 14, 1948 cont. from p.10 thru
p.172  Minutes, September 10, 1952
p.173  Minutes, Sept. 13, 1944 thru
p.218  Minutes, December 10, 1947
p.219  Minutes, June 2, 1944 thru
p.220  Minutes, August 23, 1944

p.221  Minutes, April 12, 1944
       thru

p.268  Minutes, March 9, 1938
SERIES ONE  MINUTES (cont)

Vol. 3  Minutes, 1954-1972
pp.1-2  Missing
p.3  Members List, Dec. 12, 1934
Inserts  Members, 1918-1967
Minutes, State Convention, 11/8/1961
p.109  State Convention, Aug. 3, 1952
pp.110-126 Missing (or not used)
p.127  Minutes, Apr. 14, 1954
thru
fr. #938  Minutes, March 8, 1972

Vol. 4  Minutes, 1972-1977
Cover  Constitution & By-Laws, 1972-1976
fr. #950  Minutes, Apr. 12, 1972
thru
fr. #1004  Minutes, Dec. 14, 1977

SERIES TWO  ROLL CALL (MEMBERS RECORDS), 1933-1977

Vol. 1  Roll Call (Membership Record)
   Allen, Millard F. (1948-1953)
   thru
   Roll Call (Membership Record)
   Murphy, Dayton J. (1957)

Vol. 2  Roll Call (Membership Record)
   McCallum, Howard (1955-1966)
   thru
   Roll Call (Membership Record)

SERIES THREE  FIRE CALL RECORDS, 1893-1912

Vol. 1  January 5, 1893 - July 5, 1897
   (includes record of fires at residence of J. Sterling Morton & Arbor Lodge)

Vol. 2  July 26, 1897 - April 4, 1912
NOTE: pp.44-48 are blank and pp.49-54 are missing.

SERIES FOUR  FIREMEN'S REGISTER, n.d.

Vol. 1  Register of Visiting Firemen, n.d.
SUBGROUP FIVE  MISCELLANY

SERIES ONE  EQUIPMENT AND INVENTORY, 1875-1906

Loose correspondence, receipts and inventory, 1875-1906

SERIES TWO  PETITIONS, ORDINANCES AND STATUTES, 1871-1922

Item 1  Act to exempt Firemen from Jury & Road Duty, 1871
Item 2  Petition for new hose, 1878
Item 3  Report of Committee to locate water pipes, 1887
Item 4  Resolution re paying water rental, 1894
Item 5  Ordinance #294 - Fire Department Fund, 1922

SERIES THREE  FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORY, 1977

Item 1  "History of the Nebraska City Fire Department," by Larry L. Wiles, 1977

NSHS HAS ON MICROFILM:

Roll #1  Subgroup One, Otoe Hook & Ladder Co.
530 frames Series One, Minutes, Vol. #1 (1872-1889)

thru

Subgroup Two, Nebraska City Fire Co. No. 1
Series One, Minutes, Vol. #3 (1887-1895)
p.244 - Fiscal Notes, 1890

NOTE:

SG1, S1, V.1 begins at frame #0004
SG1, S1, V.2 begins at frame #0148
SG1, S2, V.1 begins at frame #0295
SG1, S3 begins at frame #0322
SG2, S1, V.1 begins at frame #0325
SG2, S1, V.2 begins at frame #0382
SG2, S1, V.3 begins at frame #0464

Roll #2  Subgroup Two, Nebraska City Fire Co. No. 1
1051 frames Series One, Minutes, Vol. #4 (1895-1943)
#17,376 p.1 - Minutes, May 1, 1895
NOTE: Frame index for Roll #2 begins on next page
Roll #2

Frame Index:

NOTE:

SG2, S1, V.5 begins at frame #0216
SG2, S1, V.6 begins at frame #0227
SG2, S1, V.7 begins at frame #0251
SG3, S1, V.1 begins at frame #0320
SG3, S1, V.2 begins at frame #0447
SG3, S2, V.1 begins at frame #0510
SG3, S3, Constitution begins at fr. #0523
SG4, S1, V.1 begins at frame #537

NOTE:

SG4, S1, V.2 is in confused order.
see inventory for filming order.
SG4, S1, V.2 begins at frame #0705
SG4, S1, V.3 begins at frame #0820
SG4, S1, V.4 begins at frame #0940
SG4, S2, V.1 begins at frame #1005
cont. to next roll

Roll #3

Subgroup Four, Nebraska City Vol. Fire Dept.
169 frames Series 2, Roll Call, Vol. #1
#17,377 Gude, Mark (1953-1965)

thru

Subgroup Five, Miscellany

Series 3, "History of the Nebraska City

NOTE:

SG4, S2, Vol. 2 begins at frame #0042
SG4, S3, Vol. 1 begins at frame #0102
SG4, S3, Vol. 2 begins at frame #0108
SG4, S4, Firemen's Register - fr. #00136
SG5, S1 begins at frame #0148
SG5, S2 begins at frame #0163
SG5, S3 begins at frame #0168

NOTE: SG4, S3, Vol. #2 - Fire Call Record
beginning at frame #108 has no identification
target.
SG4, S2, Vol. #2 - Roll Call beginning
at frame #0042 with McCallum, has no target

END OF INVENTORY

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