

## Fairfield Fire Companies- Papers 1893- 1985

**COLLECTION, MS B35**

**DATE**

1893 – 1985

**CONTRIBUTOR**

Fairfield Museum

**ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY ELEMENT**

The Fairfield Fire Companies collection deals primarily with the late nineteenth and early twentieth century phenomena of the volunteer fire department. Volunteer fire companies were fraternal organizations with strict membership rules and lifetime membership. The three companies represented in the collection are Fairfield Hook and Ladder No. 1, Southport, and Pine Creek. The volunteer companies were active primarily from the 1890s until the 1950s. Gradually, more and more paid firemen were hired by the town, and eventually the volunteer fireman was no longer needed in Fairfield. Paid companies continue to the present day. Fairfield No. 1 was established in 1893, Southport in 1895, and Pine Creek in 1942. Pine Creek was later disbanded in the early 1960s. The volunteers, as well as fighting fires, served as an important social group in the community. Among other events, the companies were active in parades, musters, carnivals, and fairs.

**SCOPE & CONTENT**

The collection is in sixteen boxes. It covers the time period between 1893 and 1985. The collection contains Thank You notes, bills, sympathy cards, Letters to the companies, reports of the Auditor, Treasurer, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Chief Mechanic, House Committee, Hose Captain, and Social Committees, Minutes from regular meetings, titles, bank documents, cash receipts, membership files, by-laws, oversized photos, and binders of photos. Boxes 1 through 8 contain Southport material. Boxes 9 through 14 contain Fairfield No. 1 material. Boxes 15 and 16 contain Pine Creek material.

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##### Oversize

**Oversize Item F: Certificate awarded to Charles J McClinch, 1950**

**Oversize Item H: Pine Creek Aux No.6, 1954 (Ms B35 OS H)**

1954 menu, names signed on back

**Oversize Item G: Greenfield Hill Volunteer Fire No.5 (ms B35 OS G)**

**Oversize Item A: Mill Plain Manor Fund Account Book, 1940-1948**

**Oversize Item B: Photo binders (1950-9; 1960-62; 63; 64-65; 62-67; Heritage Square, 65—Country club, 60, 70-80)**

**Oversize Item C: Pine Creek Women's Auxiliary certificate 1947**

**Oversize Item D: Pine Creek Aux. Historians Book 1945-1951**

**Oversize Item E: Daily reports of fires, 1958-59, Cash disbursements 1948, 1955, 1951-55**

##### Box 6: Southport Fire Department

**Minutes Book for Regular Meetings 1934-1941**

**Minutes Book for Regular Meetings 1915-1920**

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**Minutes for Board of Directors Meetings 1895-1931**

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**Box 8: Southport Fire Department**

**Pequot Fire Company- Annual Ball Program, 1897**  
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**Folder G: Programs and Photographs**  
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**Folder C: Bills, receipts, bank statements 1984- 85**  
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**Box 11: Fairfield Hook and Ladder Company No. 1**

**W. Carroll Notebook 1976-1980**



**Muster Records 1965-66**

**Cash Receipts 1961-62**

**Cash Disbursements 1954-63**

**Cash Disbursements 1961-63, 1969**

**Box 12: Fairfield Hook and Ladder Company No. 1**

**Personal Fireman Account Summary 1910-1941**

**Expenditures 1970-84**

**Minutes 1931-44**

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**Fire Department Lapel pin**

**Minutes 1917-1930**

**Personal Fireman Account Summary 1920-54**

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**Folder L: Photos of Fairfield Fire Chiefs**

**Folder K: Membership Files (Various Dates)**

**Folder J: Photos- 1939, 50, 62, 63, 65, 1936, 1911-12 Locomobile Trucks**

**Folder I: Locations- Fire Alarm codes 1959**

**Folder H: Map of old firehouse 1952**

**Folder G: News Clippings 1937,45, 49, ND**

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**Folder E: Deeds, 1895, 1908, 1913, 1959, 1960, 1913 Tunxis Hill Voluntary F.D. Certificate**

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**Folder B: Minutes Book 1893- 1895**

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**Folder C: Handbook for Auxiliary Firemen (Civilian Defense)**

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Station Log 1940-44

Weekly time books

List of hydrants, no.3

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