

**George and Rhonda Andreadis Collection of Lancaster City Records, Series 2
Fire Department, 1856-1897**

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Scope and Content Note: The documents in MG0545 Series 2 represent the business of the City of Lancaster related to the fire department, which was established in 1881 by consolidating the private fire companies in the city. These nineteenth century documents are primarily invoices for engine and hose parts and repairs; horse tack, feed and stables; alarm boxes; salary payments; supplies; and engine house maintenance. A few invoices are for the earlier volunteer fire companies.

Creator: Lancaster (Pa.)

System of Arrangement: This collection is organized into series:

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Biographical and Historical Note:

“A radical change in the method of providing protection against fire was brought about in 1882, a paid city fire department being substituted for the volunteer fire companies. The old system had to some extent fallen into disrepute and become inefficient. The ordinance creating the new system was approved Dec. 21, 1881, and actual organization was commenced in February 1882 by the appointment of Henry N. Howell as chief engineer. The engine-houses, engines, and hose-carts of the American and Washington Fire Companies were purchased, and also the engines of the Union and Sun Companies and the house of the Humane. The department was in working order in April 1882 and has since then been constantly undergoing improvement.”

Ellis, Franklin and Samuel Evans. *History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with Biographical Sketches of Many of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men*. Philadelphia: Everts & Peck. 1883.

People:

Albright, Robert
Barr, Charles H.
Bateman, William H.
Beidle, John
Bihl, A. F.
Blickenderfer, R.
Brimmer, Fred
Brimmer, George H.
Brown, Daniel
Brown, George W.
Calder, George Jr.
Colvin, C. H.
Cox, Samuel B.
Cummings, W. P.
Eby, Jonas F.
Edgerley, Edward
Erisman, H. M.
Eshelman, J. W.
Faust, Jacob
Finney, W. B.
Glazier, Henry
Groff, Abraham S.
Groff, H. E.
Groff, Nathaniel
Hartman, Army
Hatz, Jacob
Hawthorn, John A.
Heinitsh, John F.

Herr, Abraham
Herr, Allan A.
Herr, J. L.
Herr, M. B.
Hirsh, B. W.
Hoch, W. T.
Huber, Joseph H.
Jacks, Samson
Jahn, Francis
Jeffries, John R.
Kitch, Davis
Kreider, Jacob S.
Martin, B. B.
Miller, Fred
Miller, H. C.
Miller, Mrs. L.
Pfeiffer, F. W.
Plitt, Edward
Pontz, Adam
Ringwalt, Amos
Rudy, Frank H.
Rudy, Philip
Schum, Philip
Shaub, H.
Shaub, J. C.
Shenk, B. M.
Shenk, Charles G.
Shindle, J. P.
Shirk, Reuben
Smeltz, Edmond S.
Steigerwalt, H. J.
Sutton , J. L.
Vondersmith, H. B.
Walker, Edward
Welchans, A. C.
Wilson, William H.
Wise, Zeb
Wohlsen, William
Wylie, William T.
Zook, Jacob K.
Roote, G. W.

Subject Headings:

Fire departments
Volunteer fire departments
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Search Terms:

American Engine Company
American Fire Company
Baumgardner Co.
Baumgardner, Eberman & Co.
Baumgardners & Jefferies
Binkley's Bridge Post Office
Burger & Anderson
Business records
C. V. Rote & Co.
Centennial Pastry Board
Chambers & Palmer
Citizens' Electric Light, Heat and Power Co.
City Hotel
Crystal Ice Co.
D. B. Landis & Son
Dennison Mfg. Co.
Dialogue & Serrill
Eagle Spoke and Bending Works
Eureka Fire Hose Company
Everts & Overdeer
Finding aids
Fire departments
Friendship Hose Company
Fulton Cotton Mill
Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company
George M. Steinman & Co.
Gleason & Bailey Mfg. Co.
Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co.
Henwood Co.
Humane Hose Company
Invoices
J. B. Prescott & Son
J. B. Shannon & Sons
J. M. Migeod & Son
J. P. Stormfeltz & Sons
John Best & Son
L. G. Tillotson & Co.
La France Fire Engine Co.
Lancaster

Lancaster Gas Light and Fuel Co.
Lancaster Planing Mill Co.
Lancaster Son & Co.
Lancaster Steam Soap & Candle Works
Lowell Harness and Collar Co.
Manchester Locomotive Works
Manuscript groups
Marion & Stoy
McLaughlin & Gesell
Miller & Hartman, wholesale grocers
Patrick & Carter Co.
Philip Lebzelter and Company
Phoenix Cork Works
Reilly Bros. & Raub
Ridenour & Schaum
Samuel Eastman & Co
Shiffler Hose Company.
Southern Electric Co.
Stoner, Shreiner & Co.
Sun Engine Company
Union Fire Company
Washington Engine and Hose Company
Washington Fire Company
Wilfing & Sawyer

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Box 1, Series 2

Folder 1 Invoice for tablets for the mayor and stationery for the fire department. Charles H. Barr, bookseller and stationer, 31 Centre Square, Lancaster. 31 December 1894.

Folder 2 Two invoices for painting engine house and alarm tower, and wallpapering. William H. Bateman, house painting, glazing, kalsomining and graining, 40 E. King Street, Lancaster. 29 June 1897, 11 [August] 1897.

Folder 3 Invoice for coal. Baumgardner Company, 564 N. Prince Street and 129 N. Queen Street, Lancaster. 11 March 1897.

Folder 4 Five invoices for lumber and hauling. Baumgardner, Eberman & Co., 325 N. Prince Street, Lancaster. 1884, no date.

Folder 5 Eleven invoices for coal. Baumgardners & Jefferies, 564 N. Prince Street and 23 N. Queen Street, Lancaster. 1882-1887.

Folder 6 Two invoices for brooms. John Beidle, Lancaster. 30 August 1879, 10 September 1880.

Folder 7 Fifteen invoices and an agreement for payment. John Best & Son, manufacturers of agricultural or portable engines, stationary engines, boilers, saw mills, stacks, 333 E. Fulton Street, Lancaster. 1873-1896.

Folder 8 Invoice for hose coupling and washers, and repairs for hose and spigot. A. F. Bihl, sanitary plumber, gas and steam fitting, 349 S. Queen Street, Lancaster. 26 May 1894.

Folder 9 Three invoices for pipe and valve repairs. R. Blickenderfer, variety iron foundry and machine works, 128 N. Water Street, Lancaster. 1 June 1882, 10 July 1883, 11 June 1883.

Folder 10 Two invoices for renting omnibus and wagon. Fred. Brimmer, new livery stables, 153 N. Queen Street, Lancaster. 4 June 1873, 25 August 1885.

Folder 10a Invoice for paint and labor. George W. Brown, Lancaster. 16 November 1883.

Folder 11 Invoice for painting and repairing fire trucks. Chambers & Palmer, carriages, buggies, market wagons, etc. 616-620 E. King Street. 27 October 1894.

Folder 12 Two invoices for labor. The Citizens' Electric Light, Heat and Power Co., 241½ N. Queen Street, Lancaster. 1 August 1894, 1 September 1894.

Folder 13 Invoice for dinner. Ridenour & Schaum, City Hotel, N. Queen Street, Lancaster. 22 June 1887.

Folder 14 Three invoices for horses and Union Fire Co. No. 1. C. H. Colvin, livery and sale stables, rear of the Grape Hotel, Market Street, Lancaster. April 1882.

Folder 15 Invoice for masonry work. John R. Jeffries, Lancaster. 28 July 1887.
Two attached invoices for repairs to Engine House No. 2. Charles G. Shenk, Lancaster. 4 and 10 June 1897.

Folder 16 Invoice for boiler repair and pipe. W. P. Cummings, light machine work, Grant and Christian Streets, Lancaster. 28 March 1888.

Folder 17 Seven invoices for horse feed. Jonas F. Eby, grain, flour and feed, rear of 212 & 216 N. Queen Street, Lancaster. 1887-1888.

Folder 18 Two invoices for repairs to [engines]. Edward Edgerley, carriage builder, 40-42 N. Market Street and 33-37 W. Grant Street, Lancaster. 25 August 1885, 27 January 1897.

Folder 19 Two invoices for carpentry work. H. M. Erisman, Lancaster. 23 February 1897, 28 April 1897.

Folder 20 Five invoices for horse feed. J. W. Eshelman, flour, feed, grain, etc., Lancaster. June-December 1896.

Folder 21 Two invoices for labor and supplies. Everts & Overdeer, tinware and house-furnishing goods, plumbing, gas and steam fitting, roofing and spouting, E. King and Middle Streets, Lancaster. 26 March 1888, 2 March 1896.

Folder 22 Invoice for 16 pounds [waste]. George Calder, Jr., Fulton Cotton Mill, Lancaster. 13 September 1882.

Folder 23 Nine invoices for repairs and parts for alarms. The Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company, 115 Congress Street, Boston, then 1½ Barclay Street, New York and 19 Barclay Street, New York. 1882-1896.

Folder 24 Invoice for hay. Nathaniel Groff. 10 February 1897.

Folder 25 Invoice for lettering gum coats. G. W. [Roote], Lancaster. 20 October 1883.
Three invoices for lettering gum coats. J. P. Shindle, Lancaster. 15 November 1894, 30 October 1895, 30 December 1896.

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Folder 26 Invoice for ice. Army Hartman, pure spring water ice, 210 N. Queen Street, Lancaster. 29 November 1894.

Folder 27 Three invoices for installing and moving fire alarm boxes. Jacob Hatz, Lancaster. 22 September 1887, 25 February 1896.

Folder 28 Invoice for ironwork repairs on engines. John A. Hawthorn, Lancaster. 14 September 1894.

Folder 29 Invoices for hay. Jacob K. Zook, Binkley's Bridge P.O.; M. B. Herr, New Danville; [_] Eshleman, Lancaster; J. L. Herr, Lancaster; Jacob S. Kreider, Rohrerstown, with three attached papers; B. M. Shenk, Lancaster; Abraham Herr, Lancaster; Nathaniel Groff, one with two attached papers; Abraham S. Groff, Lancaster. 1884-1897.

Folder 30 Invoice for [oil]. John F. Heinitsh, paints, oils, varnishes and glass, 145 N. Queen Street, Lancaster. 13 November 1896.

Folder 31 Two invoices for crossarm pins. The Henwood Co., wooden boxes, turned specialties and electric goods, 423-429 W. Grant Street, Lancaster. 25 June 1895, 19 July 1895.

Folder 32 Invoice for "our team." B. W. Hirsh, livery, sale and exchange stables, rear of City Hotel, Lancaster. 28 June 1887.

Folder 33 Invoice for insect powder, sulphuric acid, flax seed, ammonia and blue ointment. W. T. Hoch, druggist, 137-139 N. Queen Street, Lancaster. 6 February 1895.

Folder 34 Invoice for the repair of hose couplings. Joseph H. Huber, iron and brass works, Grant and Christian Streets, Lancaster. 22 February 1887.

Folder 35 Four invoices for ice. Daniel Brown, Lancaster; Henry Glazier, Lancaster; [Wilfing] & Sawyer; Crystal Ice Co., Lancaster. 1887, 1895, 1896.

Folder 36 Two invoices to rent [b____]. W. B. Finney, Lancaster. 4 June 1878, 5 May 1879.

Invoice for a grey horse. H. C. Miller, Lancaster. 17 May 1882.

Invoice for surveying East King Street property, [Stamm] lot. Surveyors: Allan A. Herr, Robert Albright, Fred Miller. City Regulators, Lancaster. 29 September 1884.

Invoice for harnesses. Drivers of Engine Companies No. 2 (Davis Kitch, Edward Plitt) and No. 3 (Jacob Faust), Lancaster. 29 July 1884.

Folder 37 Lancaster Gas Light and Fuel Co.

Insert 1 Six invoices from Lancaster Gas Light and Fuel Co. 1882-1886.

Insert 2 Fifteen invoices from Lancaster Gas Light and Fuel Co. 1887.

Insert 3 Eleven invoices from Lancaster Gas Light and Fuel Co. 1888, 1894-1895.

Insert 4 Seventeen invoices from Lancaster Gas Light and Fuel Co. 1896-1897.

Folder 38 Invoice for oak truck blocks. The Lancaster Planing Mill Co., 638-646 S. Prince Street, Lancaster. 1 January 1896.

Folder 39 D. B. Landis & Son

Insert 1 Fourteen invoices for horse feed. D. B. Landis & Son, grain, flour, feed, hay and straw, Lemon Street, Lancaster. May 1894-September 1895.

Insert 2 Thirteen invoices for horse feed. D. B. Landis & Son, grain, flour, feed, hay and straw, Lemon Street, Lancaster. November 1895-July 1897.

Folder 40 Invoice for wood. Philip Lebzelter and Company, Eagle Spoke and Bending Works, 241 N. Queen Street, Lancaster. 22 August 1882.

Folder 41 Invoice for saddle, brush, comb and repairs. The Lowell Harness and Collar Co., Lancaster, 16 May 1894.

Folder 42 Seven invoices for maintenance:

Putting lights in Engine No. 3. George H. Brimmer, Lancaster. 30 March 1882.

Alterations to No. 1 Hose Truck. Samuel B. Cox, Lancaster. 13 June 1882.

Fixing door at Engine House No. 1. Burger & Anderson, Lancaster. 22 October 1884.

One reducer. H. J. Steigerwalt, Lancaster. 30 October 1886.

Repairing pavement at Engine House No. 4. Marion & Stoy, Lancaster. 9 July 1887.

Shoeing horses. Edward Walker, Lancaster. 26 July 1887, 27 September 1887.

Painting signs for boxes. H. B. Vondersmith. 27 September [1887].

[Wallpapering] fire department. J. L. Sutton. June [1897].

Folder 43 Five invoices for parts, fire engine inspection and repairs. Manchester Locomotive Works, Manchester, New Hampshire. 1886, 1894, 1896.

Folder 44 Invoice for planks for Engine House No. 1. B. B. Martin, Lancaster. March 1887.

Folder 45 Three invoices for labor and repairs to horse stall. McLaughlin & Gesell, 220 East Walnut Street, Lancaster. 1887.

Folder 46 Invoice for soap. Mrs. L. Miller, Lancaster Steam Soap & Candle Works, King Street and S. Water Street. 25 August 1882.

Folder 47 Four invoices for salt, castile [soap], matches and brooms. Miller & Hartman, wholesale grocers, Chestnut Street and Market Street, Lancaster. 1886-1888.

Folder 48 Nine invoices for battery zincs and coppers, glass jars, bluestone. Patrick & Carter, electrical supplies, Philadelphia. 1887, 1895-1897.

Letter to Hon. Edmond S. Smeltz, Mayor regarding a discrepancy between payment and the company's records. Patrick & Carter Co., Philadelphia. 9 July 1895.

Folder 49 Repairing testing machine. F. W. Pfeiffer, plumber, gas fitter & steam engineer, 230 W. King Street, Lancaster. 19 May 1896.

Folder 50 Invoice from Phoenix Cork Works, manufacturers of all kinds of corks, Duke Street and Chestnut Street, Lancaster. 17 December 1886. (bills are no longer attached)

Folder 51 Invoice for bricks for the Engine House on E. King Street. Adam Pontz, brick manufacturer, 768 E. Chestnut Street, Lancaster. 28 March 1887.

Folder 52 Invoice for rent of house for Engine Company No. 3. H. E. Groff, Lancaster. 28 May 1887.

Folder 53 Invoice from Reilly Bros. & Raub, 40-42 N. Queen Street, Lancaster. 1 January 1897.

Folder 54 Invoice for repairs to horse tack and truck. Amos Ringwalt, Lancaster. 25 September 1882.

Folder 55 Invoice for grates. C. V. Rote & Co., 117 E. Chestnut Street, Lancaster. 27 June 1887.

Folder 56 Invoice for service as clerk of the Fire Committee. Frank H. Rudy, Lancaster. 25 September 1896.

Folder 57 Eight invoices for horse tack and repairs. Philip Rudy, manufacturer and dealer in saddles, harness, collars, whips, fly-nets, trunks, traveling satchels, 239 N. Queen Street, later 243-245 N. Queen Street, Lancaster. 1882, 1887, 1894-1895.

Folder 58 Invoice for payment to Union Engine Company, Sun Engine Company, American Engine Company, Washington Engine Company, Friendship Hose Company, Humane Hose Company and Shiffler Hose Company. Lancaster. 31 July 1856.
Invoice for salary of Zeb Wise. Lancaster. 22 February 1887.
Two invoices for the salary of H. B. Vondersmith, chief. Lancaster. 31 August 1887, 31 October 1887.

Folder 59 Three invoices for the cutting and hauling of firewood. Philip Schum, Son & Co., coal, 150 S. Water Street, Lancaster. 1882-1884.

Folder 60 Two invoices for engine repairs. H. Shaub, Lancaster. 25 October 1882, 24 July 1884.

Folder 61 Four invoices for veterinary services. Dr. J. C. Shaub, veterinary surgeon, Willow Street and Lancaster. 1882, 1895, 1896.

Folder 62 Invoice for coal, lime and lye. Reuben Shirk, choice groceries, liquors, Queensware and notions, E. King and Plum Streets, Lancaster. 21 March 1887.

Folder 63 Seven invoices for stable rental. William T. Wylie, Lancaster. 1883.

Folder 64 Five invoices for hardware items and oil. George M. Steinman & Co., hardware merchants, 26-28 W. King Street. 1882-1883, 1886, 1888.

Folder 65 Two invoices for hardware items. Stoner, Shreiner & Co., hardware and house furnishing goods, N. Queen Street and Walnut Street, later 258 N. Queen Street, Lancaster. 31 May 1887, 26 January 1888.

Folder 66 Invoice for moulding for Engine House No. 4 and firewood. J. P. Stormfeltz & Sons, sash, doors, etc. and coal, 222-224 N. Water Street, Lancaster. 22 February 1887.

Folder 67 Two invoices for engine repairs. A. C. Welchans, Lancaster. 25 August 1885, 4 October 1887.

Folder 68 Three invoices for moulding, doors, sashes and woodworking. William Wohlsen, sash, doors, blinds, shutters, mouldings and counters, and manufacturers of the Centennial Pastry Board, 407-417 N. Mulberry Street, Lancaster. 1886-1887.

Folder 69 Nine invoices from New York City businesses, unless otherwise noted:
Invoice for fire hat for the chief. William H. Wilson, saddle, harness, trunk, whip and fire-cap maker, 135 Bowery, New York. 10 December 1872.
Invoice for hose couplings. The Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co., 23 Park Place, New York. 2 September 1879.
Invoice for nozzles and [play pipes]. Eureka Fire Hose Company, 13 Barclay Street, New York. 11 August 1882.
Invoice for vitriol. L. G. Tillotson & Co., railway, telegraph and telephone supplies, 5-7 Dey Street, New York. 18 August 1883.
Invoice for advertising. *Fire and Water*, 14 Cortlandt Street, New York. (trade periodical, 1877-1902) 23 June 1894.
Invoice for [play pipes], repairs and Babcock charges. Gleason & Bailey Mfg. Co., fire department rolling stock, grate bars and steam fittings, 187-189 Mercer Street, New York. 24 July 1895, 28 April 1897.
Invoice for ladder. The La France Fire Engine Co., Elmira, New York. 20 February 1896.

Folder 70 Nine invoices from Philadelphia businesses:
Invoice for pipe, hose and nozzle for American Fire Company. Dialogue & Serrill, fire and garden hose manufacturers, 24 N. Street, Philadelphia. 3 December 1856.

Four invoices for gum coats, hats, belts and badges. J. M. Migeod & Son, military, firemen's, theatrical, regalia and church goods, 27 S. Eighth Street, later 510 Race Street, Philadelphia. 1871, 1872, 1874, 1876.

Invoice for German silver fire [____ ____]. Francis Jahn, fire gilder and electroplater in gold and silver, 506 Race Street, Philadelphia. September 1872.]

Two invoices for zincs and coppers. Patrick & Carter, electrical supplies, 114 S. Second Street, Philadelphia. 11 October 1886, 16 January 1888.

Two invoices for Samson jacks. J. B. Shannon & Sons, hardware, contractors' supplies and electrical supplies, 1020 Market Street, Philadelphia. 3 May 1894, 19 December 1894.

Folder 71 Six invoices from other locations:

Invoice for oak leather hose. Samuel Eastman & Co., fire engine hose, etc., East Concord, New Hampshire. 21 September 1878.

Invoice for truck repairs. The ~~Spaw~~ & Dennison Mfg. Co., Dennison steam fire engines, hook and ladder trucks, hose carriages, carts and firemen's supplies, Reading, Pennsylvania. 6 April 1882.

Invoice for zincs and posts. Southern Electric Co., telegraph engineers, 7 South Street, Baltimore. 19 August 1884.

Invoice for repairs to a signal box. The Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company, 27 Federal Street, Boston. 9 October 1886.

Invoice for hose, nozzle and pocket spanners. Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Co., 5 Winthrop Square and 275 Devonshire Street, Boston. 9 August 1892.

Invoice for zincs. J. B. Prescott & Son, metal founders and machinery manufacturers, Webster, Massachusetts. 2 August 1894.