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South End Fire Company Records
Collection Number: 1284 WFCHS/THL

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken in 1992. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in November 2024.

EXTENT: 1.13 linear feet

CREATOR: South End Fire Company

DATE: 1890-2015, Bulk 1940-1965

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES: Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection includes news clipping, photographs, programs, and records regarding the history, buildings, and business of the South End Fire Company. Also included are reports of fires covered, equipment, membership, and two photogravures, which were used from printing photographs.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The South End Fire Company was called the South End Hose Company. The first building, completed and occupied on Sept 27, 1897, was enlarged in 1907. Until 1922 hoses were pulled by hand but in March of that year a combination chemical and hose apparatus was purchased. A new structure replaced the small, 2-room building in 1930. On August 26, 1949, the company was officially incorporated. A new building on Monmouth Street was dedicated on April 12, 1959.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift and loan of multiple donors.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

News articles—South End Fire Company—unnumbered leaves, printed (photocopy)

Anniversary banquet programs, 1945, 1982, 1983, 1986, 2 leaves, 3 pages, 3 3-page booklets, printed; 2 pages, printed (photocopy)

Apple Blossom Princess ribbon banner, no date, 1 ribbon, painted

Bank account check stub book, 1950-1952, 1 item, manuscript on printed form

Bank statements and checks - Drum and Bugle Corps account, 1951, 1952, 1955, 4 leaves, printed; 1 page, manuscript; 28 pages, manuscript on printed form; 1 bound book

Bank statements and checks - special account, 1949, and house account, 1955, 4 leaves, printed; 51 checks, manuscript on printed form

Bills, 1922-1980 (incomplete), 5 leaves, manuscript on printed form; 4 leaves, typescript/manuscript on printed form

Bingo reports, 1949 and 1950, 1 leaf, typescript; 65 leaves, manuscript on printed form

Building and equipment inventories, 1957 and 1961, 5 leaves, typescript (copy)

Building permit, 1957, 2 leaves, typescript; 3 leaves, manuscript on printed form

South End Engine House drawings of proposed building, 1930, 4 items manuscript
Application for building permit, March 27, 1930, manuscript on typescript form, laminated.

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 22

By-laws, no date, 2 leaves, typescript; 1 leaf, 2 pages, printed

Correspondence, 1920-1962 (incomplete), 1 leaf, manuscript; 7 leaves, typescript (copy)

Dedication of new engine house, April 12, 1959, booklet, 2 items, 4 pages, printed

BOX 2

Equipment, 5 leaves, manuscript on printed form; 10 leaves, 1 page, typescript; 6 pages, typescript on printed form; 4 pages, typescript on printed form (copy); 1 leaf, 3 brochures, printed; envelope, printed/manuscript

Fire alarm reports, 1931-1942, 1962-1975, 156 leaves, manuscript on printed form; 3 leaves, typescript; 5 leaves, typescript (copy)

Historical Sketch – South End Fire Company by Harold C. March (for 50th anniversary), November 11, 1945, 5 pages, printed

History - South End Fire Company, 1945, 1 page, typescript (copy)

History – South End Fire Company—[accessed] May 18, 2015; 2 leaves, printed, no author, no date of original publication

History - Winchester fire companies, and 1897 souvenir with rolls and photographs, 1 leaf, 19 pages, 3 booklets, printed

Land survey and plat, 1965, 2 copies, printed/typescript

Membership, 16 leaves, 1 page, printed

Memorial resolutions and services, 1941, 1958, 1962, 1979, 4 leaves, typescript (copy); 3 leaves, printed

Minutes and Treasurer's reports, 9 pages, manuscript; 7 leaves, 1 page, typescript

1929 1940
1936 1946 (incomplete)
1937

Miscellaneous, 1 leaf, 4 cards, printed; 3 pages, typescript; 1 leaf, typescript on printed form

New fire truck dedication, November 27-28, 1962, 4 leaves, 3 pages, printed; 6 booklets, 4 pages, printed; 1 booklet, 4 pages, printed/manuscript

Reports, 2 pages, manuscript; 4 pages, typescript; 4 leaves, typescript (copy); 1 booklet, printed President's report, 1922, 1923 Fire responses, 1932, 1960, 1963, 1965

Schedules, 2 leaves, typescript (copy); 3 leaves, manuscript; 1 leaf, manuscript on printed form

1954
1956 1959
1958 1061

Stationery, 4 leaves, 3 envelopes, 1 postcard, printed

Winchester City Code for Fire Departments, 1947, 14 leaves, typescript (copy)

BOX 3 News Clippings

BOX 4 Photographs (unprocessed)

BOX 5 Artifacts

Printers Block – Photogravures used for printing photographs, 2 items

Buttons – 3 large and 17 small Gold Buttons, and 2 large and 4 small Silver Buttons

Badges – 1 Captains Badge and 1 Fourth Lieutenants Badge

BOX 6 Applications

Membership Applications – 1923-1959

PHOTOGRAPHS

- [1284-001] Fire - Green Chemical Co. Building(s) on fire, small wooden building, 3 firemen, hose, etc. On Route 11 north of Winchester (Martinsburg Pike), circa 1930s.
- [1284-002] South End Hose Company, motorized truck. Partial view of unpaved Monmouth Street, circa 1926.
- [1284-003] South End Hose Company. Wooden shed in which hose reel was kept before South End Firehall was built, circa 1890.
- [1284-004] South End Hose Company hand-pulled hose reel. Fundraising drive for motorized equipment, sign "Must we pull this forever?" Unidentified man, building in background is firehall at 14 West Monmouth Street as it was in early 20th century, circa 1920.

- [1284-005]** Traffic Accident. Overturned tractor-trailer truck at intersection of Boscawen and Braddock Streets. Four unidentified men, Gulf Gas sign, building-side billboard for Hodgson & Brown, jewelers & optometrists "since 1917", etc., circa 1930-1960.
- [1284-006]** South End Hose Co. first aid class, bandaged "victim" on stretcher, other members of South End Hose Co. auxiliary, circa 1947.
- [1284-007]** 14 W. Monmouth Street, Winchester, VA. South End Hose Company with fire truck. Driver identified as William N. Gochenour. Building erected in 1897 and doors altered for 1922 Dodge Bros. Fire Truck, circa 1925.
- [1284-008]** 14 W. Monmouth Street, Winchester, VA. South End Hose Company with fire truck. Driver identified as William N. Gochenour, circa 1930.