



# NJ FIRE MUSEUM & FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL NEWS

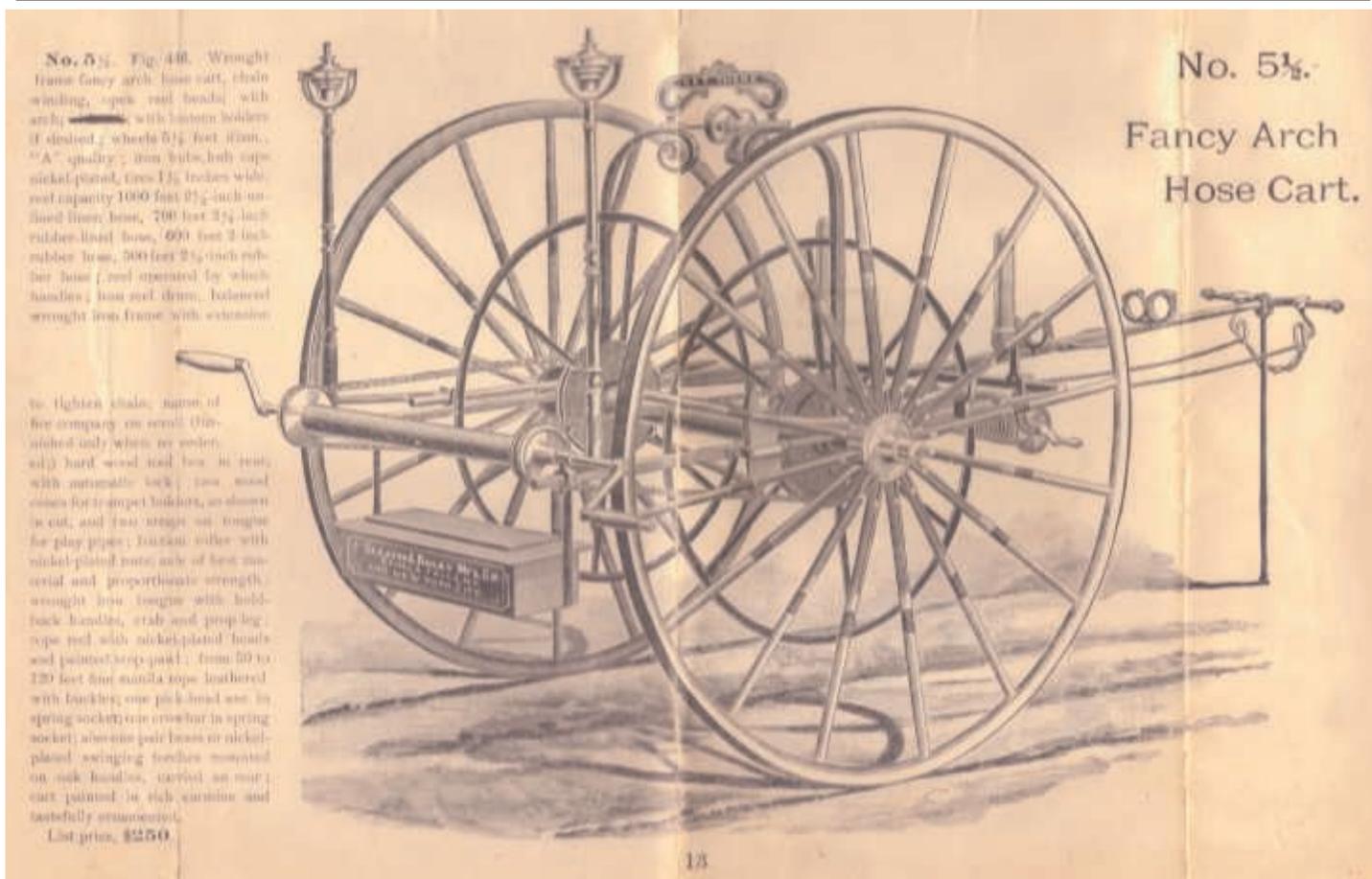


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## The Oldest Documents In the Files of Ernie Day



On the back of a September 1893 Proposal, Guarantee and Specifications sheet is a page from a catalog.

Ernie Day maintained a folder for each piece of apparatus in his museum. He retained possession of these files when he donated the apparatus to the State of New Jersey. Some folders contain a note or picture of the piece. Others contain dozens of letters, receipts, and instructions that refer to repairs needed. Two of these folders contain some very old documents.

The folder corresponding to the hose cart from Hope Hose Co. of Bordentown contains two of the old docu-

### Message from the President:

Well, another summer is upon us. There are **many shows to attend, and we'll be attending** many of them. Have a fun and safe summer.

Sincerely,  
*Bob Burns,*  
President

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### *Ways to Help!*

- Become a member. The form is available on the website.
- Make a donation.
- Personalized granite pavers are a tribute that will be part of the memorial plaza for future generations to appreciate. The order form is on the website.
- Join the Volunteer Committee contact Judy at 732-446-3728 or volunteer@njfiremuseum.org
- Lapel pin, T shirts, and hats are available so you can wear the logo.
- Donations of cars, trucks, open or enclosed trailers may be of use to us. Your donation is tax deductible. Please contact Sam at 908-623-0284 or srobinson@njfiremuseum.org.
- Shop Online! When you start your online shopping at [www.ShopforMuseums.com](http://www.ShopforMuseums.com) participating companies donate a portion of their proceeds to the museum at no cost to you! Select 'New Jersey Fire Engine and Equipment Museum' under Museum Partners, scroll through the list of stores, and start shopping. Please make a habit of using ShopforMuseums.com often and spread the word.

### *Coming Events in (or near) New Jersey*

**April 20**, Allentown, PA, Firematic Auction at the Allentown Fairgrounds, Agricultural Hall, 17th St. and Chew St. Opens at 7 AM, auction starts at 9AM. \$4 contribution for admission.

**April 21**, Allentown, PA, Spring Melt Flea Market at the Allentown Fairgrounds, Agricultural Hall, 17th St. and Chew St. Opens at 9 AM, \$8 contribution for admission.

**April 27**, Succasunna, 5th Annual Spring Antique Apparatus Fire Muster at Horseshoe Lake Park, Eyland Ave, Succasunna, NJ 07876, 9:30AM to 4PM. Here's a [flyer](#), or visit [www.afanj.org](http://www.afanj.org).

**April 28**, Wayne, NJ, Photo Night - NJ Metro Fire Photographers Assoc. - from 1:00PM to 8:00PM, Community Volunteer Fire Co. 1. For more info, visit [www.njfirephotos.com](http://www.njfirephotos.com).

**May 5**, Rifle Camp Fire Co, Expo and Flea Market at Memorial School Gymnasium, McBride Ave & Memorial Drive, Woodland Park. 10AM to 4PM. For more info visit [www.wpfd-ridgerunners.net](http://www.wpfd-ridgerunners.net).

**May 11**, Titusville, NJ, Annual "Spirit of the Jerseys" State History Fair 11AM-5PM at Washington Crossing State Park. Period games, crafts, living history, food, music, vintage fire apparatus and bucket brigade for children. For more info, or to view a video of last year's event, check out the [Spirit of the Jerseys](#) web page. Admission to Fair is free, but there is a \$5 fee per car.

**May 17 - 19**, Lancaster County Fireman's Association Fire Expo 2013, Pennsylvania State Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA. For more info, visit [www.lcfa.org/fire-expo.html](http://www.lcfa.org/fire-expo.html)

**June 2**, Motorcycle Poker Run and Bike Show. This event is organized by the [NJ Knights of the Inferno](#) and this year will help restore the shore.

**June 2**, Newark, NJ, Muster and Parade at Washington Park, near The Newark Museum. No registration fee. All antique apparatus welcomed!

**June 9**, Memorial Lake Park Muster – 10AM to 3PM, Woodstown, NJ, on South Main St., one-half mile off Rte 40. Run by the Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade. For more info, visit [www.gafb.net](http://www.gafb.net).

**June 22**, Bound Brook, NJ, The Bound Brook Fire Department in conjunction with the New Jersey State Exempt Firemens Association 127th Convention will be hosting their 125th Anniversary. Parade starts at 1:30 pm, ends at Billian Legion Park, rain or shine. For more info, visit [bbfd125.org](http://bbfd125.org).

**June 23**, Jamesburg, NJ, Muster, Parade and Flea Market - 10AM - 3PM at Thompson Park, Forsgate Drive & Perrineville Rd (Middlesex County). Off exit 8A of the NJ Turnpike. Tri Counties Fire Association. More info: OldFlameFighters@aol.com

**July 8, Phillies game against the Nationals.** Buy your tickets thru us, and a percentage will be put toward construction of the memorial.

**July 13**, Harrisburg, PA, Muster/Parade/Flea Market - 10AM - 4PM at River Park, across from Harrisburg Hospital. Penn. Pump Primers.

**August 3**, CLAFAA muster, Cooper River Park, Pennsauken, NJ 08109. This is the SPAAMFAA National summer muster.

Check the 'Events' page of the website for more info.

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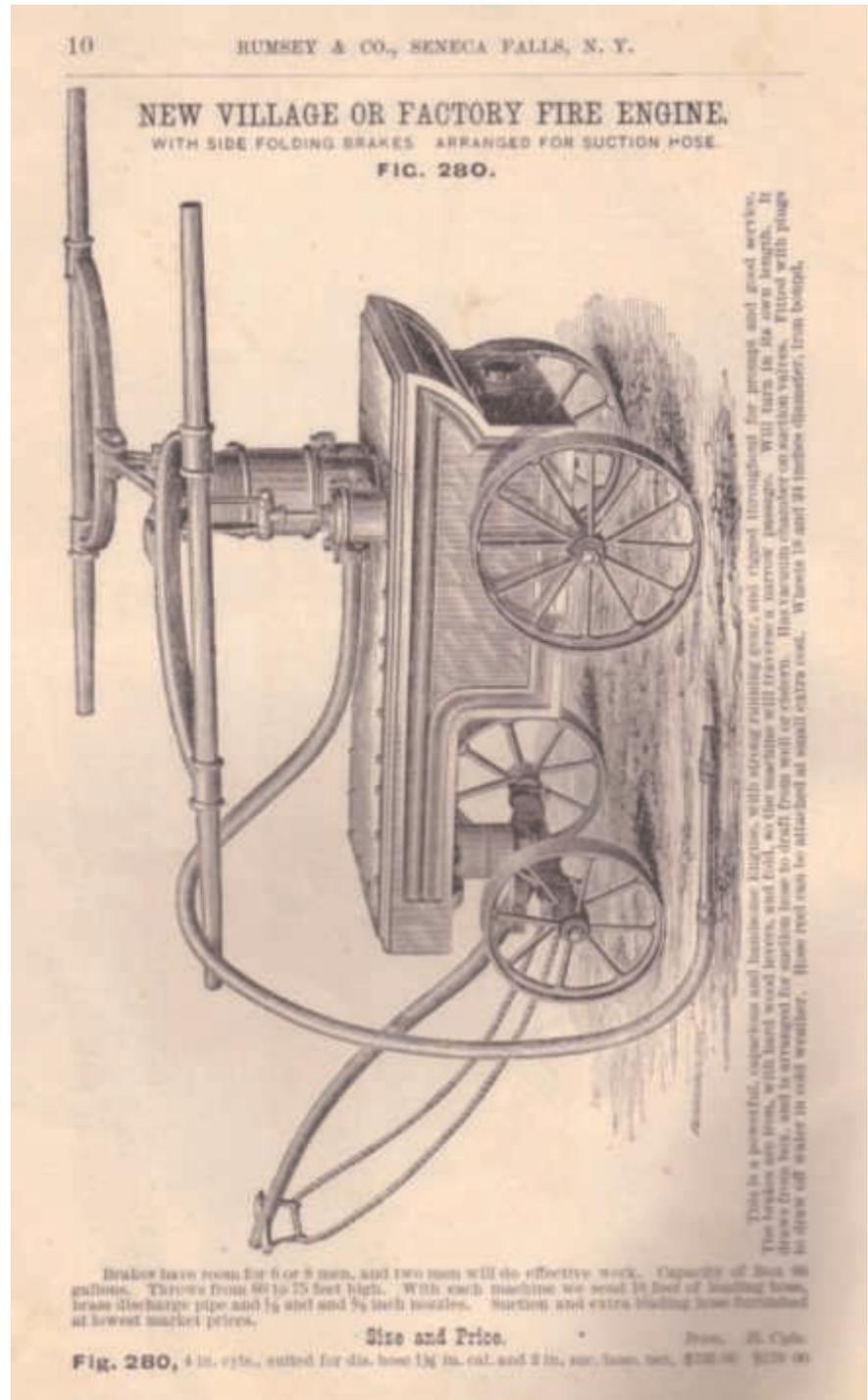
ments. This Number 5 ½ Fancy Arch Hose cart was built by Gleason & Bailey. Page 1 of this newsletter shows a catalog page that is glued to the back of a proposal. There is also a signed contract. Both the proposal and contract are dated Sept 13, 1893.

The contract shows the cost of the basic hose cart as \$151, and describes it as having one solid forged frame. Wheels are to be Sarven patent with closed nickel-plated bronze caps, with places on the tongue for two play pipes, two lantern holders, and two nickel-plated Dietz lanterns. In place of a jingle bell on the arch, the hose cart was to have a nickel-plated bell gong on the frame. The gong is struck automatically by revolution of the wheel. Upgrading the torches would increase the price by \$5. If two play pipes are to be furnished, the price increases by \$20. Bordentown apparently took the upgrades, as the contract shows a purchase price of \$176, although the catalog page shows a list price of \$250.

The other file containing an old document corresponds to the Rumsey & Company pumper. If you were in Wildwood last September, you may have seen the pumper from the collection. It was located on the sidewalk just outside the convention center. Ernie Day acquired a catalog, and at right is the page depicting the pumper. These small pumps were known as Village or Factory fire engines, and are sometimes referred to as garden style pumps. They can be operated with as few as 2 or as many as 8 people. The capacity of the box is 66 gallons. The price would be \$135 if you purchased iron cylinders, or \$170 for brass. The catalog also references an optional hose reel, which is present on the pumper in the collection.

There is no date on the Rumsey catalog, and it is likely from around 1880.

These are the oldest documents we have that correspond to items in the Ernie Day collection.



### HOW TO CONTACT US!

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Or send email via our website  
[www.njfiremuseum.org](http://www.njfiremuseum.org)

WTC Steel is now on display at  
**the Firefighter's Museum of**  
Southern New Jersey  
333 East Ridgewood Ave  
Galloway Township, NJ  
along with many of the  
engraved pavers.

# Memorial Paver Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tel Number (optional) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: We would appreciate having your email so we can send you the full-color newsletter electronically. The newsletter is sent in PDF format (up to 1MB).

*Please mail form & check made payable to:*  
 NJFM  
 P O Box 241  
 Piscataway NJ 08855-0241

Enter your name & address above, fill in the blocks below. Letters, numbers, spaces, etc. are separate characters.

**\$150 standard size** granite paver, approx. 6 inches x 12 inches, use up to three lines:


You will receive a certificate showing the text of your engraving.

## *NJ Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Night*

Come out and support the NJ Fallen Firefighter's Memorial on Monday, July 8 at 7:05pm when the Phillies take on the Washington Nationals. Tickets are \$28 each - section 308, exact seats assigned first come-first served! Memorial t-shirts are \$16 each or \$14 each with the purchase of a ticket

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$28 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of t-shirts with a ticket: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$14 each (add \$2 shipping per shirt) = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of t-shirts without a ticket: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$16 each (add \$2 shipping per shirt) = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of each size shirt: S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_ 3X \_\_\_\_\_

Add'l donation to support construction of the Memorial: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

***Orders received after June 8 may not be able to be filled.***

Make checks payable to **NJFFM**. Mail orders to: NJ Fallen Firefighters Memorial, P.O. Box 63, Colonia, NJ 07067. Tickets will be mailed 10 days before game. Any questions, call Cathy at 732-407-9322, [cathy@njfallenfirefightersmemorial.org](mailto:cathy@njfallenfirefightersmemorial.org), [www.njfallenfirefightersmemorial.org](http://www.njfallenfirefightersmemorial.org).