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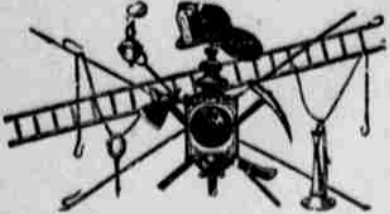
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BLOOMSBURG FIREMEN.



What the Department Was Once and
What it is Now.

THE VETERANS.

The Friendship Boys the Only Ones Who
Have Kept Up a Continuous Organiza-
tion, and Who Have Done the
Longest Service.

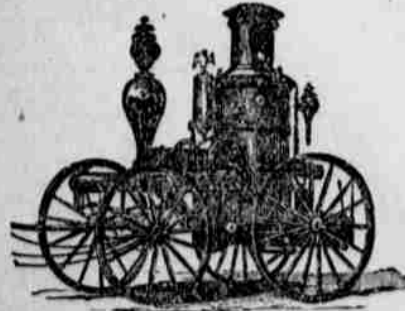


The first chartered fire company in
Bloomsburg was organized in 1868.
The petition for a charter was present-
ed to the court on February 10, 1868,
and was signed by Fred Widmayer, L.
R. Shipman, H. M. Johnson, W. H.
Gilmore, J. H. Long, J. L. Walter, W.
J. Corell, F. M. Gilmore, Geo. Nicho-
las, Jacob Aul, H. H. Hansberger,
Moses Stiff, Leonard Shively, B. G.
Crawford, W. J. Henwood, W. A.
Shipman, Fred Fritz, Edward Seales,
John McCormick, S. V. Christman,
J. H. Kesty, and Thomas Silver. The
name was the Bloomsburg Fire Com-
pany, which was changed in Novem-
ber 1880 to Friendship Fire Company,
No. 1. Besides those named above,
the following were charter members:
William Webb, W. G. Gerrard, Leon-
ard Shible, Samuel Hart, J. C. Traub,
T. J. Wenner, James S. Wolf, J. A.
Stauffer, E. Williams, John Roadarmel,
W. S. Greenman, Samuel Brochya,
W. T. Ritter, W. S. Trivelpiece, G.
M. Girton, J. W. Heist, Charles Deck-
er, Daniel Witts, W. E. Rinker, J. G.
Alstatt, W. L. Cox, J. T. Fox, Wm.
Deterick, John Fox, John Steel, An-
drew McCormick, William Thomas,
James McClusky, John Zimmerman,
Simon Shaffer, John Howell, George
Harder, T. L. Gunton, Martin Rasm-
mus, John Thomas and John Jacoby.



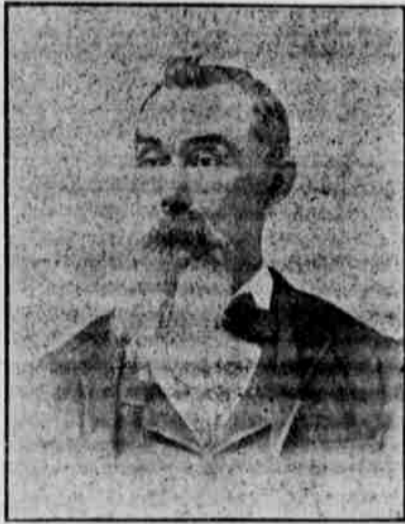
WILLIAM H. GILMORE.

On April 2, 1868, the old Friend-
ship hand fire engine was purchased
from Friendship Fire Company of
Philadelphia, and was used until No-
vember 24, 1886, when it was sold to
the Philadelphia Fire Association, who
wanted it for a relic. It was highly
decorated, and was taken by them to
New York, New Orleans, and other
cities on excursions, and about two
years ago it was burned up in a fire.
The first horse carriage was purchas-
ed in May, 1871, and the helmet hats,
still in use, in June, 1872. The steam-
er was bought by the town in 1890.



Since it was first formed the Friend-
ship Fire Company has constantly
kept up its organization, and this is
owing to the fact that it had such men
as William H. Gilmore and William
Webb as members. They have stuck
to it through thick and thin. For
years Mr. Gilmore gave the company
room rent free in his building. They
now occupy rooms in the Town Hall,
and their parlor has a Brussels carpet
on the floor and is handsomely furn-

ished. The members at present are:
Wm. H. Webb, Wm. H. Gilmore, A.
V. Hower, John Lewis, Chas. Savits,
A. M. Wintersteen, Luther Benschoff,
John Neihardt, Peter Kehoe, Jacob
Stiner, Jerd Williams, Wilber Hower,
Harry Williams, Danl. Stiner, James
Patterson, Harvy Deiterich, Wm.
Rawlings, John B. Earhardt, Albert
Rawlings, F. P. Knorr, Sheridan
Swentzel, John McHenry, Chas. Nuss,
Rush Cook, Wm. Kelly, Wm. Boyce,
John Fox, E. M. Savits, Robt. Penn-
man, Saml. Brochy, Harry Housel,
Chas. Armstrong, Wesley Shafer,
Howard Jones, Harry Utt, Valentine
Moyer, Harry C. Bliven, Albert Kelly,
William Wolf, Harry Rinker, Morris
Ellenbogen.



WILLIAM H. WEBB.

This company has taken a number
of trips away from home. They at-
tended the Centennial at Philadelphia,
and participated in the great parade.
In 1881, they went to Reading; in
1882 to the Bicentennial in Philadel-
phia; in 1883, to Scranton; in 1889,
to Carlisle and Gettysburg; in 1891,
to Lock Haven, and this year to Norristown
to attend the State Firemen's
Convention, and at other times to
points nearer home.

RESCUE HOSE & LADDER CO.

The Rescue Hose & Ladder Co.
was organized in 1868. They have
rooms in the Town Hall, and have a
hook and ladder truck and a hose
carriage. They have done good work
at fires, but they have not kept up a
constant organization, though there
are always enough of them on hand to
get their apparatus out at a fire alarm
and they have done good service.

WINONA FIRE CO.

The Winona Fire Company was or-
ganized in 1881 and continued for six
or eight years in a highly prosperous
condition. They had a hall on the
third floor of McKinney's building,
now Paul E. Wirt's, and the recep-
tions given by them during the holi-
days will long be remembered. They
sold their hose carriage to the town
and disbanded several years ago, and
since then a younger set of boys have
had charge of it, though with no per-
manent organization.

The Friendship Company has been
the stand-by, and so long as "Gilly"
lives, it will continue so to be.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

In 1881 a fire department was or-
ganized, and rules and regulations
adopted. These provided for the elec-
tion of a Chief Engineer and two as-
sistants, and an annual parade and
inspection. The elections were held
for several years, but there never was
but one inspection, in 1883, when so
little interest was shown by the Town
Council that the firemen never at-
tempted it again.

The Friendship Fire Company has
held an annual ball each year since
February 22, 1868, when they had
their first one in Snyder's Hall.

A record of fires in the town has
been kept, and we find them as fol-
lows:

- 1868 August 4, Dr. J. B. McKelvy's barn.
- Oct. 15, H. C. Hartman's barn.
- 1869, February 2, Dr. J. R. Evan's barn.
- 1870, February 24, Exchange Hotel.
- 1871, July 5, Building of D. Lowenberg, and others.
- August, Plaining Mill, Bloomsburg Lumber Co.
- 1872, Jan. 1, W. B. Koons' house.
- Sept. 4, Rosenstock's Bakery.
- 1875, Sept. 4, Normal School.
- 1876, Apr. 11, Snyder's Tannery.
- August 28, Evans' Block.
- 1877, Feb. 2, W. Coleman's stable.
- May 23, Exchange Hotel.
- Sept. 19, W. R. Ringrose house and Lutheran Parsonage.
- 1878, Apr. 27, J. Wagoner's stable.
- Aug. 13, Hick's Pottery.
- 1879, Aug. 12, Lockard's Car Shops.
- 1883, July 23, Prentiss' shop.
- 1884, Apr. 1, " "
- 1884, July 10, J. P. Tustin's house.
- 1886, Feb'y. 27, C. H. Campbell's house.

1887, Jan. 11, Dentler's building.
Jan. 25, Desk Factory.
1888, Apr. 27, Lockard's Paint Shop.
Same day, Jail stable.
August 30, Desk Factory.
Oct. 6, Harman & Hassert's shops.
1889, Jan. 8, Mason house.
1890, Apr. 11, G. M. Lockard's barn.
May 28, Mears' shop.
July 25, Moyer Bros. drug store.
Oct. 22, Kesty's machine shop.
1891, May 18, Brown's grocery.
June 22, I. W. McKelvy's store.
Aug. 17, J. S. Blue's stable.
1892, Oct. 31, House at Irondale.
1893, Nov. 24, C. Krug's Planing Mill.

1894, E. Ralston's store.
March 15, Pugh's house; June 18,
E. Shutt's stable; July 11, Bloom
Car Co's shop.
Oct. 11 Crossley's shop.
In 1874 the Water Works were
erected. Prior to that time the only
water supply was from wells and cis-
terns. Several large cisterns were
built for fire purposes, one of them
being in the Court-House yard. Over
the latter a force pump was placed,
but it was neglected, and was usually
out of order. The old hand engine
was filled by forming a line and pass-
ing buckets of water along to the en-
gine, into which they were emptied
one at a time, until the box was full,
and then the firemen would pump
away until the water was exhausted,
when they would have to stop until
filled again. We remember one fire when
the men were so intent on watching
the fire that a sufficient number could
not be found who were willing to pass
the buckets. Seeing this, the women
formed a line and supplied the engine
with water until the men became
ashamed and took their places. Gen-
erally, however, everybody was willing
to lend a helping hand, and the best
service possible with such primitive
means was rendered, and the saving
of property was sometimes quite sur-
prising.

The present fire protection in the
town is unsurpassed by any city in the
State. Every plug is capable of being
converted into an engine that will
throw two streams of water over any
building in the main portion of the
town, while higher places can be
reached by the Friendship steamer.
And there are few towns where a
braver or harder working lot of fire-
men can be found than in Blooms-
burg. There is no compensation offer-
ed, and no provision for cases of in-
jury to volunteer firemen while in ser-
vice. Efforts have heretofore been
made to have the legislature pass a
law pensioning disabled firemen, or to
pay their families a certain sum of
money in case of fatal injury at a fire,
but, thus far no such law has been
passed; but it is a meritorious measure
and deserves attention at the hands
of the legislature.

Slippery Walks.

When just the least sprinkling of
sawdust or ashes makes the footing
safe, to sit indoors by the hour and
watch pedestrians on the pavement
guide, slide and scramble in order to
avoid getting their heels in the air, is,
we admit, a little amusing to the sitee
but rather dangerous to the amusee.
We have lived in places where it
was a legal requirement for property
holders to look after slippery pavements
by either removing the ice and
snow or else sprinkling them with saw-
dust or ashes enough to render them
safe. And in the event of injury to
any one on account of neglected pave-
ment the property-holder upon whose
premises the accident occurred (and
not the city) was liable for damage
sustained.

A Narrow Escape From Death.

Wellington Sands, a good natured
employee at the Carpet Mill, was on
last Monday night found by his
brother, Hurley Sands, to be clawing
the air and gasping for breath when
he should have been asleep and quiet-
ly embraced in the arms of Morphia.
The difficulty arose from the fact that
by some means he had unconsciously
twisted the sheet around his neck and
head in such a way as to cause strangulation.

Exorbitant Taxation.

Catawissa township being burdened
with a tax of 204 mills on its assessed
valuation begs to be excused from the
contemplated additional assessment
for the building of a road from the
Bloom ferry to Mainville. The citi-
zens of the township recently conven-
ed to protest against the contem-
plated additional taxation which they
aver would give them something over
30 mills upon their assessed valuation.
That does seem a little high like in
these times.

BRIEF MENTION

About People You Know.

Miss Mamie Gruver visited Mr. and Mrs.
Townsend in Berwick last Sunday.
Mrs. E. R. Drinker was the recent guest
of Mrs. Mendenhall, of Berwick.
Alfred McHenry, of Cambra, transacted
business in town on Monday.
Prof. G. E. Wilbur spent Wednesday in
Philadelphia on business.
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. P.
B. Heddens on Thanksgiving morning.
Mrs. F. C. Eyer returned from a visit to
New York city last Saturday.
Herbert Furman is assisting in J. G.
Wells' jewelry store at present.
T. D. Robbins, the extensive nursery man
of Lime Ridge, transacted business here on
Monday.
Harry Houck is taking stenographic notes
of the testimony in the case of the county
appeal before Referee Wintersteen.
Miss Eva Schoch, of Selin's Grove, spent
Sunday with her cousin, Mrs. C. Watson
McKelvy.
Charles Eyer, of Orangeville, was in town
the first day of the month, and paid this
office a brief but pleasant visit.
W. T. Creasy, representative elect, spent
Monday in town. He will go to Harrisburg
next month.
Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, of Berwick,
transacted business in Bloomsburg on Satur-
day.
H. A. McKillip Esq., spent several days
in Philadelphia this week attending the ses-
sions of the Masonic Grand Lodge.
Miss Emma Correll is entertaining Miss
Minnie Jackson and Miss Lucy Cosper, of
West Pittston.
Rev. Heilman and Dr. Graydon are book-
ed for remarks before the Sunday School
Institute on Thursday of this week.
Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Rodgers and their
daughter and son, of Hazleton, spent Thank-
sgiving and several days after with their
Bloomsburg relatives.
Moses McHenry, Esq., of Stillwater, ac-
companied by his brother, of the same place,
were among the passengers to Bloomsburg
from up the creek on Monday morning.
Prothonotary G. M. Quick and Dr. Bill-
meyer secured nineteen rabbits and seven
pheasants on a hunting trip up the creek
last week.
D. B. Whitmore, of Berwick, was in town
on Saturday for the first time in several
months. He is one of our many patrons
who always pays in advance.

Judge I. K. Krickbaum, an old subscriber
was a welcome caller at this office on Fri-
day, having reached town on business on the
early morning train.

William Ipher, one of Benton township's
prominent citizens, and a prosperous farmer,
spent last Saturday at the county seat and
among other things, inspected THE COLUM-
BIAN office.

Constables William Hampton, of Roaring-
creek, and Daniel Morris, of Numedia, were
at the county seat on Monday to make
the usual requisite return to court. They were
among callers at this office.

Robert Swayze, whom Bloomsburgers
remember as having been hurt in the bicycle
race during the fair, is reported as doing so
well as to be able to get to the table for the
Thanksgiving dinner provided in Berwick by
the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Hurley Sands, the efficient clerk for
I. Maier was among the number to slip and
fall on the pavement during its recent coat-
ing of ice. Though quite agile he sprained
his back in the effort to either break the fall
or go down easy.

A BIG ADVERTISING CONTRACT.

J. M. Gidding & Co. have just com-
pleted an extensive advertising con-
tract. Their names can be seen on
nearly every spot big enough to hold
it, all through the country. Barns and
fences are highly decorated with
bright colors, landscape scenes &c.,
and all advertising J. M. Gidding &
Co., the clothiers. The painting was
done by F. T. Gallagher, assisted by
Harry Housel, and they have made a
good job of it. Gallagher is an artist,
and executes his work with great taste.

Mr. P. S. Moyer, an old and re-
spected soldier (61 years of age), was
given quite a surprise on Monday
night at the residence of his son-in-
law, J. W. Mears, on Fifth street.
The participants in the surprise party
comprised about fifty persons, made
up of comrades during the war and
the Ladies' Aid Society of Blooms-
burg. Of the bounties of nature there
was such an ample abundance brought
in that about twelve basket fulls could
have been gathered from what re-
mained at the close of the festive oc-
casion.

As W. H. Snyder, Esq., was coming
through the hall on the first floor of
the court house on Monday morning,
a large patch of plaster fell down from
the ceiling, mashing his hat and soil-
ing his clothes. Fortunately he was
not injured.

Wm. Merrill, son of Benjamin S.
Merrill, formerly of this place, died on
his farm in Maryland last Friday.
Mrs. J. Saltzer is a near relative of
the deceased. The remains may be
brought here for interment.

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terns, black Dress Silks, Table Linens, Napkins and Counter-
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Tables, Jewelry and Silverware, Pocket Books and Bags, Che-
nille Curtains and Covers, Kid Gloves, Mittens, Hosiery, Un-
derwear, Fur Muffs, Boas, Fur Capes, Cloth Capes, Coats, Fur
Baby Robes, Fur Floor Rugs,

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Wood Easels and Screens, Woodware Shelves, Cabinets, Photo
Boxes, Ice Cream Sets, Chocolate Jugs, Silk and Gloria Um-
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Pictures and Medallions at all prices, Sewing Machines cheap
to close. See the Initial Handkerchiefs and little prices, Down
Cushions, Stamped Linens and all materials for fancy work,
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in the reach of all. A fair trial will convince
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your shoes.

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