

FIFTH FIRE DISTRICT COMPANIES.

The town of Algiers, up to 1851, depended for the extinguishment of fires on a local bucket brigade and on the occasional service by ferry boat of an engine or engines from the city, when the fire was unusually large. But in that year the insurance companies refused to take any more risks unless a local engine company was organized. The answer to this requirement was the organization of

PELICAN NO. 1, (Motto: "*Ready Relief*"), which was officered by William Morris, President; Charles A. Harris, Secretary; William Sarazin, Treasurer; Robert Roberts, Foreman; William Gerard, 1st Assistant; Charles H. Kepper, 2nd Assistant; C. E. Morrison, Steward.

BROOKLYN NO. 2, (Motto: "*To the Rescue*"), was founded with the salvage money paid to members of Pelican No. 1 for their gallant efforts to save a ship lying at the Brooklyn Warehouse pier, which caught fire in 1856. The organization was effected May 29, 1857, and incorporated Oct. 25 of the same year, with John A. Murray, President; William Hunt, Vice-President; Jerry Connet, Treasurer; James F. Gregory, Secretary; Thomas Milling, Foreman; E. M. Tyler, 1st Assistant; A. Carraras, 2nd Assistant; Philip Hield, Steward.

MORGAN NO. 3, (Motto: "*Always Ready*"), was organized July 28, 1873, and incorporated August 18, with the following charter members: John L. Smith, John M. Kern, Michael James, Patrick Reed, William Sutherland, Joseph B. Williamson, Peter Kramme, Nicholas Amann, J. E. Blackwell, Richard Stenhouse. The officers were: William Sutherland, President; J. M. Kern, Vice-President; J. L. Smith, Secretary; Peter Kramme, Treasurer; J. B. Williamson, Foreman; Michael James, 1st Assistant; J. E. Blackwell, 2nd Assistant.

WASHINGTON HOOK AND LADDER CO., NO. 1, Motto: ("*We Raise to Save*"), was organized Sept. 2, 1859, by a small body of men, and started their useful career with a Hartshorn truck. The officers were: E. Cook, President; C. E. Morrison, Foreman; J. F. Babin, 1st Assistant; G. E. Reeves, 2nd Assistant; H. T. Haight, Secretary; H. Cruse, Treasurer.

The first Chief Engineer of the Algiers Department was W. Brodtman, who was elected in 1859. His successors were T. H. Jones, 1870; M. Iver, 1873; W. Brodtman, 1874; T. Daly, 1875.

Pelican 1 and Brooklyn 2 each established a benevolent society for the relief of members when organized. In 1858 they united to form a Firemen's Charitable Association, into which the later companies were admitted in succession. In 1874 the contract system was established in Algiers, similar to that existing in the City of New Orleans.

COMPANIES OF THE FOURTH FIRE DISTRICT.

Engine Companies Nos. 16, 17 and 18; Hook and Ladder Company No. 6.

Assistant Engineer TIMOTHY DALY, in command of the Fourth Fire District forces, was born in Ireland, Feb. 17, 1847. He became an active member of the old Volunteer Department of the Fifth District July 6, 1865, at which time he joined Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1.; in 1867-8 he was elected 2nd Assistant Foreman; 1st Assistant 1869; Foreman 1870; was on the roll of Exempts until 1874, when he returned to active duty, and in Dec., 1875, was elected Chief Engineer of the Fifth District Department, in which position he remained until the dissolution of the Volunteer Departments and became Assistant Engineer of the Paid Department January 1, 1892. While Chief of the Department he was also Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Service. In 1882 he was presented with a gold fire badge by the officers and members of Brooklyn No. 2; and at another time Capt. Jacob Gray of the Teutonia Ins. Co. and Capt. A. Kalinski of the Salvage Corps presented him with a gold service badge. He served two years in the State Militia as private and 2nd Lieut, in Co. C. of the 5th regiment.



TIMOTHY DALY, ASSISTANT ENGINEER, FOURTH FIRE DISTRICT.

ENGINE COMPANY NO. 16.

Engine Company No. 16 is located at the corner of Verret Street and Pelican Avenue, where its double Silsby engine is housed, and the members of the company are as follows:

Captain PETER M. BEIN, born in Algiers Oct. 16, 1861, became a member of Morgan No. 3 of the old Fifth District Jan. 17, 1883; was elected 1st Assistant Foreman, 1886; Foreman, 1887; President, 1889; Delegate 1887 and 1891; member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, 1889-90; Exempt, Jan. 1, 1891. He was appointed to the Paid Department March 30, 1893, as Pipeman of No. 16, of which company he was promoted to be Captain Aug. 11, of the same year. His former occupation was that of machinist.

MICHAEL I. BYRNES, born in this city June 15, 1850, formerly a boiler-maker, was a member of Columbia No. 5 from Jan. 5, 1870, to Jan. 1, 1878, when he became Exempt. He was appointed Pipeman in No. 2 May 23, 1893; promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to No. 16, in 1894.

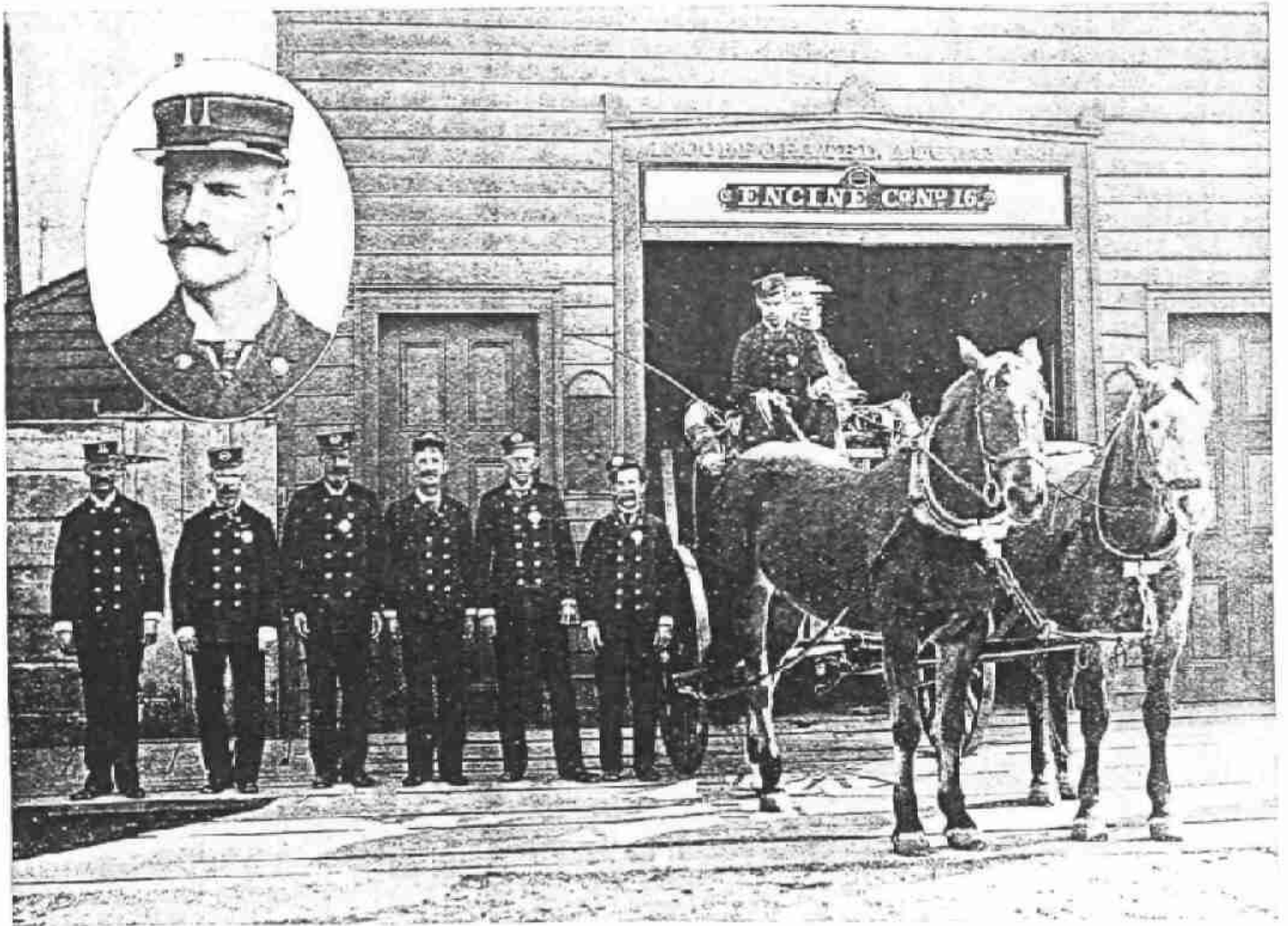
Engineer FRANK. M. WISH, born March 28, 1847, in Algiers, was actively at work with Pelican No. I of Algiers from Dec. 7, 1865, until Dec. 7, 1871, when he was granted exemption. He sustained a broken leg and other injuries which laid him up for three months, in a collision between his engine and Washington Truck at the corner of Peters and Pacific Avenue, Oct. 4, 1883. He was appointed to his present position Jan. 1, 1892.

Stoker FRANK DESABAYE also was a member of Pelican No. I, which he joined Nov. 2, 1871; Vice President, 1875-78-79; Secretary, 1876-77; Delegate from 1878 to 1890; Chairman General Relief Committee, 1878; Liquidating Committee of F. C. A. of Algiers, 1891-92; Exempt member of Pelican No. I, 1880. He was appointed Pipeman of No. 16, Jan. 1, 1892; Lieutenant, Aug. 11, 1893; Stoker, April 1, 1891. He was formerly a painter, and was born in Algiers Nov. 15, 1849.

Driver JOHN A. BASS, for many years Housekeeper of Washington H. & L. No. I, of Algiers, was born in Algiers March 18, 1870; appointed Pipeman No. 16, Aug. 13, 1893; Driver, Oct. 1, 1894.

CASPER H. HOKE, a native of Algiers, born March 18, 1871, was appointed Pipeman of No. 16, Feb. 16, 1894; Driver of Hose Cart Oct. 14.

JULIUS VERRET received his appointment to No. 16 Oct. 16, 1894. He was born in this city July 7, 1845, and was occupied as a planter. He was a member of St. Paul Battalion, Chasseurs a Pied, C. S. A., 1859-60; also of the 30th Louisiana, C. S. A.



ENGINE Co. No. 16.

P. M. Bein, Capt. M. I. Byrnes, Lieut. Jules Verrett. P. Desabaye, Stoker. C. Hoke. F. M. Wish, Engineer. J. A. Bass, Driver.

ENGINE COMPANY NO. 17.

Engine No. 17 finds quarters on Delaronde, near Bouny Street. It is a single Jeffreys, and is looked after by the following members of the company:

Captain CHARLES BUHLER, who joined Washington H. & L. No. 1 of the old 5th District, July 4, 1873, and saw 18 years' service in the Volunteer Department of that District. Transferred to Brooklyn, No. 2, July 14, 1876, he was elected 2nd Assistant Foreman 1877, and was a Sub-Delegate and member of Relief Committee of the F. C. A. of Algiers. Jan. 1, 1892, he was appointed Driver of No. 16; promoted to Captain Sept. 14, 1894. He was born in New Orleans April 25, 1854.

Lieutenant WILLIAM HOFFMANN was appointed Jan. 1, 1894, Pipeman in this company: promoted to Lieutenant May 20. He was formerly a ship carpenter, and was born in Algiers April 24, 1856.

Engineer CHARLES ADAMS was born in New Orleans July 17, 1863. He joined Brooklyn No. 2. Oct. 16, 1886, and was one year 2nd Assistant Foreman. Appointed to No. 17, Jan. 1, 1892, as Stoker; made Engineer Nov. 25, 1893. Had a close shave Feb. 22, same year, while working at a fire corner of Madison and Horner Sts., when the explosion of a keg of gun-powder near by damaged the engine, which was with difficulty withdrawn to a safe distance on account of the intense heat.

Stoker JOHN W. AIKMAN, a railroad fireman formerly, born in Algiers Dec. 19, 1867, was appointed Aug. 11, 1893; during the same year was made Lieutenant and Stoker.

Driver PHILIP HIELD was appointed Pipeman May 25, 1894; promoted to Driver Nov. 28. He was born in Algiers Dec. 21, 1869.

JOHN POWER was appointed supernumerary Pipeman of Engine No. 5, March 8, 1894; assigned to No. 17 as Pipeman May 24. same year. He was born in this city Dec. 19, 1872.



ENGINE Co. No. 17.

C Buhler, Capt. W. Hoffmann, Lieut. C. Adams, Engineer. J. Power J.W. Aikman, P. Heild. H. Philips, Driver.

ENGINE COMPANY NO. 18.

The house in which No. 18 is located is at No. 18 Elmira Street, where the single Ahrens engine is kept. The members of this company consist of the following:

Captain WILLIAM HEATHERMAN, born in New Orleans Nov. 20, 1869; became an active member of Morgan No. 3 Aug. 1, 1886; elected 1st Assistant, 1889; Foreman, 1890-91; Delegate, 1889-91, and member of many F. C. A. Committees. When the Paid Department absorbed the volunteer companies, he came with his old company, changed to No. 18, as its Captain; was made Senior Captain Sept. 26, 1893.

Lieutenant LEVI P. BACK was appointed March 18, 1894, as Pipeman of No. 18 and promoted subsequently to Lieutenant. He was born in Indiana Oct. 1, 1854.

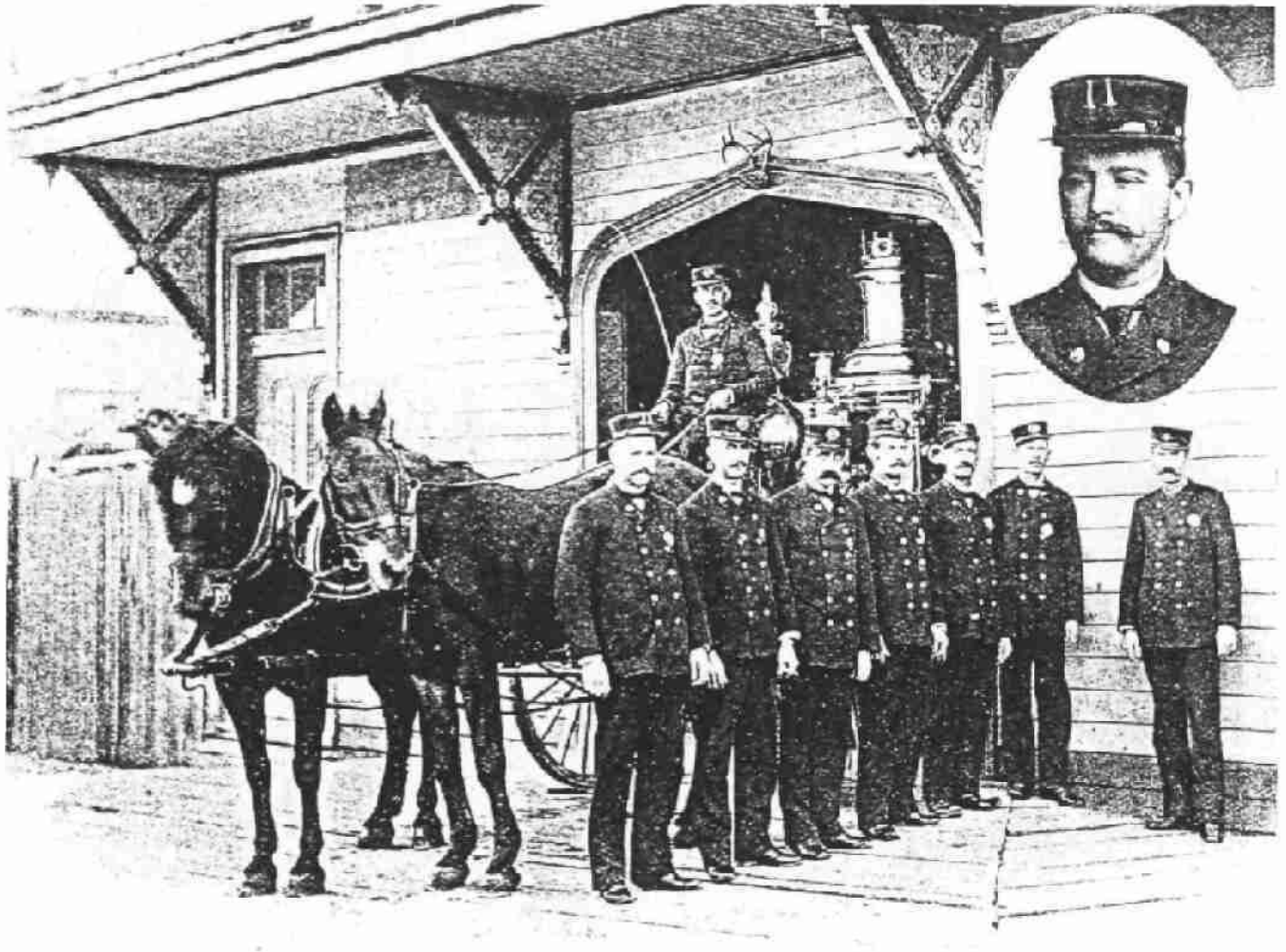
Engineer JOHN T. McGARRY, born in Natchez, Miss., Dec. 24, 1857, a marine engineer by occupation, joined Brooklyn No. 2 Dec. 2, 1878; elected 2nd Assistant, 1880-81; 1st Assistant, 1883, acting as Foreman the last part of that year; elected Foreman, 1884; Delegate, 1884; President, 1886; Exempt, 1886; was Chairman Finance and Relief Committees. Appointed to his present position Jan. 1, 1892.

Stoker JOSEPH MANUEL FERNANDEZ is a Spaniard, born March 5, 1858; active member of Pelican No. 1 May 6, 1880; Steward, 1881-82-83; 2nd Assistant, 1884; 1st Assistant, 1884; Sub-Delegate, 1883 to 1885. Was appointed to present position Jan. 1, 1892. Was formerly a dry-dock engineer, and served one year each in the Spanish and the Mexican Navy.

Driver JOHN FRIDOLIN, born in New Orleans Jan. 9, 1868, was appointed Pipeman Aug. 14, 1893, promoted to Driver April 15, 1894.

MAURICE CONNOR, born in New Orleans Aug. 5, 1860, was appointed Ladderman of Truck 6 July 24, 1892; promoted to Lieutenant Oct. 12, 1892, serving both with Truck 6 and Engine 18; Pipeman in latter 1894.

HENRY FOURTINA was appointed Pipeman of Chemical No. 4, May 11, 1894; transferred to Engine 2 and afterwards to No. 18. He was born in this city April 25, 1872



ENGINE Co. No. 18.

Wm. Heatherman, Capt. Hy. Fourtina. P. Back. M. Connors, Lieut. Jos. Fernandez, Stoker. J. T. McGarry, Engineer. T. Daly, Asst. Engineer.

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY NO. 6.

At the corner of Alix and Verrett Streets, Algiers, is the house of Truck 6, and the men who run and raise the ladders are as follows:

Captain JOSEPH A. BABIN, a native of Algiers, where he was born Feb. 14, 1855. He began his fireman's experience as Ladderman of Washington Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1; he served as Vice-President, Secretary, Delegate, and on many important committees; for seven years of active service he missed only two fires and two regular meetings, and continued on the active roll after he was entitled to exemption. Among the exciting events of his service were the great Planters' Oil Works fire of June 23, 1883, when with about a dozen members of his company he was burned by the burning oil, and one of them he rescued from death; and the great fire of July 21, 1892, in which he nearly lost an eye. He was appointed to the Paid Department Jan. 1, 1892, to his present position as Captain of Truck 6.

Lieut. JOHN MACK was appointed Ladderman June 10, 1893, and subsequently promoted to Lieutenant. He was a member of old Washington Truck 1, which he joined in March 1876. He was born in Algiers Feb. 15, 1851.

Driver JACOB L. FETSCH, born in Algiers April 21, 1868, was appointed Pipeman April 4, 1892, and transferred as Ladderman to Truck 6 Aug. 1; made Driver Feb. 1, 1894.

Tillerman JOSEPH R. HOTARD, formerly a boat-builder, was appointed Nov. 28, 1893, as Ladderman, promoted Tillerman, 1895. He was born in Algiers Feb. 26, 1869.

JOSEPH C. BEAULIEU, born in Fitchburg, Mass., May 4, 1855, was appointed Sept. 11, 1894. He had been a member of American Truck 2 since 1883. He was formerly a carpenter, and spent two years in the Meyer Rifles, State Militia.



Hook & Ladder Co. No. 6.

J. L. Fetsch,
Driver.

J. Mack,
Lieutenant.

Jos. Hotard,
Tillerman.

S. Mahoney,
Ladderman.

F. Ribbti,
Ladderman

J. A. Babin,
Captain.