



**Inventory of the Kennebunk Fire Society Collection
(Miscellaneous Collection #22)**

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:

This collection of material compiled for and by members of the Kennebunk Fire Society contains not only historical data about the Society, but about Kennebunk's fires over the years and even Kennebunk in general. The material in the collection was given by more than one donor. See the folder listing for a more detailed description

Folder Breakdown:

Folder 1: Two published booklets containing the *By-Laws of the Kennebunk Fire Society*, Adopted at the Annual Meeting held November 12, 1878. Kennebunk: Eastern Star Print, 1880. One bears the acquisition #2353, the other #1627.

By-Laws of the Kennebunk Fire Society, Adopted at the Annual Meeting held November 10, 1857. Kennebunk: Press of James K. Remich, 1857. A notice for the Annual Meeting, 1872 is pasted in the back of this booklet. Also, inserted loose into this booklet are two copies of the "Names of Members Who Have Joined the Kennebunk Fire Society, from November 10, 1857 to November 13, 1877.

A letter from William E. Barry to Mr. Henry Parsons, July 2, 1930, giving his memories of local fires.

A petition to the members of the Fire Society concerning funding of equipment for the Kennebunk Engine Company, no date. Acquisition #80.42.94

Folder 2: Research papers and correspondence of Henry Parsons concerning fires in Kennebunk and the Kennebunk Fire Society.

Also, letters dated 1851, from Francis S. Dane concerning the fire buckets of Francis Dane Jr., 1850.

Also, a ledger (possibly kept by Fred Nason of Kennebunk) which contains the following in handwritten entries:

1. "A Sketch of the Kennebunk Fire Society" which was given by William E. Barry, historian, November 12, 1926.
2. "Moses Littlefield and His Time"
3. "The Old Cousens House" by William E. Barry, November 9, 1897
4. "Kennebunk in 1866 – 1867"
5. "The Early Newspaper" (*The Weekly Visitor*)
6. July 4th, 1876 (poetry)

And assorted bits of history concerning the Fire Society as well as newspaper clippings about the Society from 1910 – 1942.

Acquisition #2123

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