

Fame Fire Company portraits

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Summary Information

Repository	Chester County History Center
Creator	Taylor, Thomas W.
Title	Fame Fire Company portraits
Date [bulk]	1891-1892, 1900
Date [inclusive]	1891-1892, 1900
Extent	.75 linear feet
Location note	Chester County History Center Photo Archives
Language	eng
Language of Materials note	eng
Abstract	The Fame Fire Company portraits were taken in 1891-1892 and 1900 and measure .75 linear feet. The portraits were taken by Thomas W. Taylor and include 145 cabinet cards depicting the members of Fame Fire Company.

Preferred Citation note

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Historical Note

The Fame Fire Company of West Chester, PA is a volunteer fire company established on February 22, 1838. While the First West Chester Fire Company and the Good Will Fire Company consisted of West Chester's elite, Fame consisted of young clerks and artisans who did not even make enough money to be taxed.

Fame's original location was on the grounds of the Chester County Courthouse. The company's first call was on March 28, 1838, and they were not called again until a year later. After great success in their second call at Taylor's Brew House, members elected Samuel S. Heed as president in 1840. In 1845, Fame purchased a fire engine from Philadelphia for \$900 and relocated to a lot owned by John T. Worthington on the north side of Market Street, between High and Walnut Streets.

Thomas Taylor (d.1904) was a notable photographer and community member in West Chester, PA. He moved to West Chester with his family at age five, then to Philadelphia, and finally back to West Chester in 1860 for the remainder of his life. He enlisted in the 124th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, during the Civil War and fought in the Battles of Antietam and Chancellorsville.

Before the war, Taylor learned photography in Philadelphia and he established a photography business on Gay Street in West Chester after his service.

An active member of the community, Taylor was a founding member of the Brandywine Baseball Club, Captain of the West Chester Rifle Team, and served as the Chester County Clerk of Courts and on the West Chester Borough Council.

Scope and Contents note

The Fame Fire Company portraits date from 1891-1892 and 1900 and measure .75 linear feet. The portraits were taken by Thomas W. Taylor and include 81 cabinet cards depicting the members of Fame Fire Company.

The 145 cabinet card portraits are arranged in alphabetical order by the last name of the man depicted in the portrait.

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged alphabetically by the sitter's last name.

Administrative Information

As of 2021, no accession record has been located for this collection. The accession number, 1948.8, comes only from the description in the Past Perfect catalog record. This description also states that the collection was donated to the Chester County Historical Society by the Fame Fire Company.

Controlled Access Headings

Portraits

Fire departments

West Chester (Pa.)

Fire fighters

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

Collection Inventory

Box #	Portrait #	Title	Date
1	1	Theodore P. Apple	1891-1892
1	2	Harry L. Bailey	1891-1892
1	3	Herbert C. Baldwin	1891-1892
1	4	George Bateman	1891-1892
1	5	Levi Bender	1891-1892
1	6	W. Page Bishop	1891-1892
1	7	Harmond Bond	1891-1892
1	8	Edward Brinton	1891-1892
1	9	James Carey	1891-1892
1	10	John Carey	1891-1892
1	11	Fred M. Clough	1891-1892
1	12	W. Harry Cochran	1891-1892
1	13	Charles Cooper	1891-1892
1	14	George Cooper	1891-1892
1	15	William J. Corcoran	1891-1892
1	16	Edward J. Crosson	1891-1892
1	17	Howard Cunningham	1891-1892
1	18	Chauncey Darlington	1891-1892
1	19	S. Barnard Darlington	1891-1892
1	20	Amos Davis	1891-1892
1	21	Harry Dean	1891-1892
1	22	Abner M. Eachus	1891-1892
1	23	Alfred Farra	1891-1892
1	24	Howard Farra	1891-1892
1	25	Jacob C. Farra	1891-1892
1	26	Barnard Finegan	1891-1892
1	27	Thomas Finegan	1891-1892
1	28	T. Darlington Frame	1891-1892
1	29	David M. Golder	1891-1892
1	30	George W. Griffith	1891-1892
1	31	Isaac H. Haines	1891-1892
1	32	Harrison Hampton	1891-1892
1	33	John Hannum	1891-1892
1	34	Joseph T. Harkness	1891-1892
1	35	Robert L. Hayes	1891-1892
1	36	Fred Heed	1891-1892
1	37	George Heed	1891-1892
1	38	John C. Heed	1891-1892
1	39	J. Temple Hoopes	1891-1892
1	40	William J. Hopewell	1891-1892
1	41	John Jackson	1891-1892
1	42	Robert O. Jefferis	1891-1892
1	43	Harry S. Johnson	1891-1892

1	44	William H. Johnson	1891-1892
1	45	George W. Kearney	1891-1892
1	46	Charles Kofke	1891-1892
1	47	Jacob Kugle	1891-1892
1	48	Gideon S. Lear	1891-1892
1	49	James McBride	1891-1892
1	50	James McCabe	1891-1892
1	51	Charles H. McCowan	1891-1892
1	52	William McCormick	1891-1892
1	53	David H. McKissick	1891-1892
1	54	Thomas Mercer	1891-1892
1	55	Augustas Michiner	1891-1892
1	56	Lewis Moses	1891-1892
1	57	Harry Paiste	1891-1892
1	58	George Peoples	1891-1892
1	59	William Prichett	1891-1892
1	60	Harry Priest	1891-1892
1	61	William Priest	1891-1892
1	62	Alfred Pyle	1891-1892
1	63	Lafayette Pyle	1891-1892
1	64	Jefferson Shaner	1891-1892
1	65	Charles Sheller	1891-1892
1	66	William Sheller	1891-1892
1	67	William T. Shepherd	1891-1892
1	68	Levi Shingle	1891-1892
1	69	Joseph Smith	1891-1892
1	70	William Smith	1891-1892
1	71	George Spackman	1891-1892
1	72	John Still	1891-1892
1	73	James Stokes	1891-1892
1	74	Elwood H. Sweney	1891-1892
1	75	D. Smith Talbot	1891-1892
1	76	Howard Talley	1891-1892
1	77	Frank Terrills	1891-1892
1	78	Jacob Tompkins	1891-1892
1	79	William H. Tompkins	1891-1892
1	80	William H. Turner	1891-1892
1	81	Milton Watson	1891-1892
2	1	John Alexander	1900
2	2	Lewis W. Apple	1900
2	3	William M. Barrett	1900
2	4	George Bidden	1900
2	5	William C. Bidden	1900
2	6	J. Elmer Bobb	1900
2	7	John R. Bowers	1900
2	8	Jason D. Broomall	1900
2	9	James A. Burns	1900
2	10	I. Roberts Comfort	1900
2	11	William C. Conaway	1900
2	12	A. Martin Darlington	1900
2	13	Jackson Eaby	1900
2	14	W. Martin Eachoff	1900
2	15	Joseph O. Faucett	1900

2	16	Walter B. Frame	1900
2	17	Thomas H. Fullerton	1900
2	18	Fred Geisel	1900
2	19	Howell A. Gillingham	1900
2	20	Harry Griffith	1900
2	21	Orintheus Groff	1900
2	22	George Guss	1900
2	23	Charles W. Hannum	1900
2	24	Norbet B. Hamilton	1900
2	25	Frank D. Heed	1900
2	26	Fred W. Heed	1900
2	27	Howard G. Heed	1900
2	28	William W. Heed	1900
2	29	Howard Hetherington	1900
2	30	John Hetherington	1900
2	31	Harvey M. Hillegass	1900
2	32	George Hoskins	1900
2	33	Herford H. Hoskins	1900
2	34	Wesley P. John	1900
2	35	Jesse L. Jones	1900
2	36	J. Walter Keech	1900
2	37	Frank J. Kilpatrick	1900
2	38	Fred W. Lewis	1900
2	39	T. Linn Lewis	1900
2	40	George Linder	1900
2	41	Frank H. Long	1900
2	42	C. Newton Lytle	1900
2	43	Joseph B. Marr	1900
2	44	Joseph N. Marshall	1900
2	45	J. Hoopes Matlack	1900
2	46	Ernest Mayer	1900
2	47	J. Max Meyer	1900
2	48	William A. McMichael	1900
2	49	George J. Moses	1900
2	50	Clinton K. Mosteller	1900
2	51	William Mullen	1900
2	52	Henry O. Neilds	1900
2	53	John D. Parry	1900
2	54	Frank P. Rogers	1900
2	55	Lorenzo D. Schroth	1900
2	56	Frank A. Smith	1900
2	57	William C. Steele	1900
2	58	Hayes J. Still	1900
2	59	Horace F. Temple	1900
2	60	William F. Temple	1900
2	61	John Thorp	1900
2	62	William K. Thorp	1900
2	63	Robert G. Urmey	1900
2	64	Herbert P. Worth	1900