

FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE MUSEUM



VISITORS GUIDE FIRE FIGHTING

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300-500 Series	DOMESTIC LIFE
900 Series	FIRE FIGHTING
1000 Series	TRANSPORTATION

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ITEM # 159

THE MUSEUM BUILDING



The building in which you are standing was formerly a dairy barn located in Weare, NH. The building is dedicated to O. Alan Thulander who purchased this barn which was slated for demolition. Members of the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department disassembled the building and moved it to this current site where they re-erected the structure. New siding and roof boards were milled from trees located in the Town Forest.

**THE
FIRE FIGHTING
COLLECTION**

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ITEM # 901

THE HUNNEMAN HAND TUB



This hand tub was originally purchased by the Elsworth, ME fire department whose members quickly learned it was not large enough for their growing city.

This hand tub with hose cart was returned to the manufacturer in Boston and reconditioned. Francestown then purchased it in 1850 for \$400 plus \$2⁴⁵ to ship it here from Boston. It includes four leather pails, suction hoses and play pipes (nozzles).

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ITEM # 903

FOUR MAN PUMP



This pump is powered by a four cylinder automobile engine mounted with it. Even with four men it must have been unbearably heavy in rugged terrain.

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ITEM # 906

FOUR CYLINDER UNIT



Another example of a four cylinder auto engine being mounted on rails so that it could be carried by four men into remote areas to provide power for pumps, generators, and other equipment.

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ITEM # 909

PORTABLE PUMP - FORESTRY



Especially useful in remote areas which cannot be accessed by water tankers. It can take water from any available water supply such as streams, ponds, et al.

As with many of these small engine units, “portable” is a relative term.

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ITEM # 912

PORTABLE GENERATOR



With power often out of service at locations of emergency calls, a portable generator is sometimes necessary.

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ITEM # 915

BACKPACK PUMP



Weighing over 100 pounds without water in the tank, it is difficult to imagine a person moving around with this on their back in rugged terrain and the heat of a forest fire.

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ITEM # 918

PLAYPIPES



Early in the 19th century the fire service discovered that long pipes with a smooth interior created straight streams of water. These playpipes evolved from a general-use firefighting hose nozzle to a specialty tool for inspectors to measure how quickly water flows when testing hydrants, pumps, etc..

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ITEM # 921

NOZZLE



Combination Nozzle - Navy Nozzle made by the Rockwood Sprinkler Company in Worcester, MA. These are commonly referred to as shipboard firefighting nozzles or navy nozzles. Its official name is a "Rockwood Waterfog". The position of the handle gives either a fog stream or a straight stream.

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ITEM # 924

THE FIRE BUCKET



The fire bucket is generally filled with water but occasionally sand. Typically, fire buckets are painted bright red and have the word 'FIRE' stenciled on them. Often they have a convex, protruding bottom, rendering them useless for other purposes, thus reducing the potential for theft or misuse.

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ITEM # 927

WATER CANTEEN TANK



Fire fighting is hot and exhausting work. It is essential that the fire fighters be able to stay hydrated and a full water canteen of potable water is as important as any other piece of fire fighting equipment.

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ITEM # 930

CANTEEN



There is nothing noteworthy about this item other than to illustrate an item of fire fighting equipment that folks would not ordinarily think of as being such. As with the large water canteen tank, being able to stay hydrated is critical for a fire fighter. This would be especially so when dealing with brush and forest fires.

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ITEM # 933

FIREFIGHTERS BUNKER COAT



A bunker coat is one piece of a firefighters gear that includes the coat, pants, gloves, boots, hood and helmet. This old style bunker coat was to provide a firefighter with warmth and dryness but offered little defense against fire and its components. These old coats were made of rubber and have long since become very hard and brittle.

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FIREFIGHTERS BUNKER COAT



Modern bunker, or turnout, jackets are made of fire-resistant fabrics that mainly consist of Nomex and Kevlar. This helps to increase the protective barrier between the firefighter and the source of heat, helping to minimize burn injuries.

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ITEM # 936

UTILITY CART



Years ago much of the equipment needed to fight fires had to be carried by hand. These utility carts were especially useful when dealing with brush or forest fires to take equipment into areas where a standard full size fire truck could not go.

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ITEM # 939

FOREST FIRE RAKE



A fire rake is a wildland fire fighting tool with a rake head consisting of very sharp, serrated, triangular steel teeth. It is used to rake a fire break with the sharp teeth enabling it to reach fire in undergrowth and to loosen surface debris.

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ITEM # 942

DIRECTION SIGN for FIRE LOOKOUT TOWER



Years ago there was a fire lookout tower on Crotched Mountain in Frankestown. While the tower is long gone, the sign remains.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE TOWERS

Town - Location	Map #	Status
Abenaki - Tuftonboro	1	Standing Inctive Observation
Attitash Bear Peak - Bartlett	2	No Longer standing
Bear Hill - Allenstown	3	No Longer standing
Bear Island - Meredith	4	Standing Inctive
Beech Hill - Keene	5	No Longer standing
Belknap Mountain - Gilford	6	Standing Active
Black Mountain - Benton	7	No Longer standing
Black Mountain - Jackson	8	No Longer standing Observation
Blue Job - Farmington	9	Standing Active
Cambridge Black - Cambridge	10	No Longer standing
Cannon Mountain - Franconia	11	No Longer standing
Cardigan Mountain - Orange	12	Standing Active
Carr Mountain - Wentworth	13	No Longer standing
Carter Dome - Bean's Purchase	14	No Longer standing
Carter Tower - Jefferson	15	No Longer standing Observation
Cherry Mountain - Carroll	16	No Longer standing
Cooley Hill - Easton	17	No Longer standing
Craney Hill - Henniker	18	Standing Inctive
Crotched Mountain - Francestown	19	No Longer standing
Croydon Peak - Croydon	20	Standing Active
Currier Mtn - Low & Burbank's Grant	21	No Longer standing
Deer Mountain - Pittsburg	22	Standing Inctive
Deer Mountain - Berlin/Milan	23	No Longer standing
Devil's Den (Mine Hill) - Auburn	24	No Longer standing
Diamond Peaks - 2nd College Grnt	25	No Longer standing
Dix Peak - Dixville	26	No Longer standing
Federal Hill - Milford	27	Standing Active
Fox Forest (Monroe Hill) - Hillsboro	28	No Longer standing
Grandview - Woodstock	29	No Longer standing
Great Hill - Tamworth	30	Standing Inctive
Green Mountain - Effingham	31	Standing Active
Hancock Spur - Lincoln/Livermore	32	No Longer standing
Hyland Hill - Westmoreland	33	Standing Active
Iron Mountain - Bartlett	34	No Longer standing
Jeremy Hill - Pelham	35	No Longer standing

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NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE TOWERS

Town - Location	Map #	Status
Jodrie Hill - Milan	36	No Longer standing
Joe English Hill - New Boston	37	No Longer standing
Kearsarge South - Warner	38	Standing Active
Kearsarge North - Bartlett	39	Standing Inctive
Lonesome Ridge - Berlin	40	No Longer standing
Magalloway Mountain - Pittsburg	41	Standing Active
Middle Sister - Albany	42	No Longer standing
Milan Hill - Milan	43	Standing Active
Mill Mountain - Stark	44	No Longer standing
Miller Park - Peterborough	45	Standing Active
Monadnock - Jaffrey	46	No Longer standing
Moose Mountain - Lyme	47	No Longer standing
Mount Agassiz - Bethlehem	48	No Longer standing
Mount Bemis - Lincoln	49	No Longer standing
Mount Cabot - Kilkenny	50	No Longer standing
Mount Carrigain - Lincoln	51	Standing Inctive
Mount Chocorua - Albany	52	No Longer standing
Mount Garfield - Franconia	53	No Longer standing
Mount Hale - Bethlehem	54	No Longer standing
Mount Israel - Sandwich	55	No Longer standing
Mt Madison - Low & Burbank's Grnt	56	No Longer standing
Mount Major - Alton	57	No Longer standing
Mount Moosilauke - Benton	58	No Longer standing
Mount Prospect - Lancaster	59	Standing Active
Mount Rosebrook - Bethlehem	60	No Longer standing
Mount Shaw - Moultonborough	61	No Longer standing
Oak Hill - Loudon	62	Standing Active
Osceola - Livermore	63	No Longer standing
Pawtuckaway - Nottingham	64	Standing Active
Piermont Mountain - Piermont	65	No Longer standing Observation
Pine Mountain - Gorham	66	No Longer standing
Pillsbury Reservation - Goshen	67	No Longer standing
Pitcher Mountain - Stoddard	68	Standing Active
Red Hill - Moultonborough	69	Standing Active
Rock Rimmon - Danville/Kingston	70	No Longer standing
Russell Mountain - Woodstock	71	No Longer standing Observation

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Russell Mountain - Woodstock	71	No Longer standing Observation
Sam's Hill - Charlestown	72	No Longer standing
Signal Mountain - Millsfield	73	Standing Inctive
Smarts Mountain - Lyme	74	Standing Inctive
Stewart Peak - Warner	75	No Longer standing
Stinson Mountain - Rumney	76	No Longer standing
Stratham Hill - Stratham	77	Standing Inctive
Sugarloaf Mountain - Stratford	78	No Longer standing
Teneriffe Mountain - Milton	79	No Longer standing
Uncanoonuc - Goffstown	80	No Longer standing
Warner Hill - Derry	81	Standing Active
West Magalloway - Pittsburg	82	No Longer standing
W. Royce (Drakes Lk) - Bean's Pur.	83	No Longer standing
Whitcomb Mountain - Odell	84	Standing Inctive
Wildcat - Bean's Purchase	85	No Longer standing
Catamount - Pittsfield	86	No Longer standing
Crystal Mountain - Dix's Grant	87	No Longer standing
Gardner Ridge - Monroe	88	No Longer standing
Garrison Hill - Dover	89	No Longer standing Observation
Mount Dustin - College Grant	90	No Longer standing
Rice Mountain - Stewartstown	91	No Longer standing

Totals

- Total standing active - 17
- Total standing inactive - 12
- Total no longer standing - 62

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ITEM # 945

DIRECTION SIGN for FIRE LOOKOUT TOWER



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ITEM # 948

COMMEMORATIVE STEINS



Marking the 75th anniversary of the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department whose members have served the community since 1937. Members of the FVFD also moved and erected this museum building and gifted it to the citizens of Francestown.

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