

# Memories that changed our lives

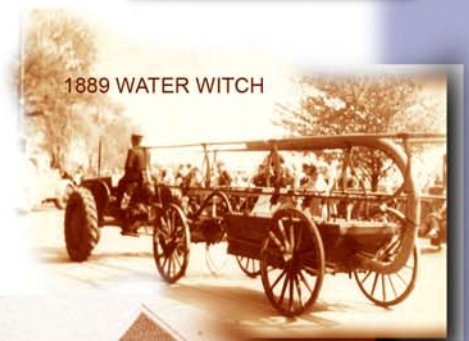
In the late 1920s the Village government had outgrown the small frame structure which has served as the municipal office since the Town of Oyster Bay era. A handsome new building would be constructed on the same site which would serve as Village Hall and also the headquarters for both Farmingdale fire companies. On January 1, 1932 the two companies joined to form the Farmingdale Fire Department, and took possession of the new quarters, the first time under one roof. The Hook and Ladder Company brought four pieces of equipment, and the Water Witch Company, three. The occasion made for a memorable and historic New Years Day in Farmingdale!

In 1940, with the Village population reaching 3524, the Farmingdale Fire Department formed a First Aid Squad which was to respond to medical emergencies. A 1932 Buick served as the first vehicle. In 1952 a Cadillac ambulance was purchased, and the unit became known as the Rescue Squad. Over the years the training of the Emergency Medical Technicians staffing the squad has advanced dramatically, as has the level of complexity of their equipment. Today requests for Rescue Squad service significantly outnumber "fire calls".

Generations of Farmingdale residents have served faithfully and valiantly as volunteers to save lives and protect property for almost 125 years as members of the Farmingdale Fire Department, but their service goes far beyond firefighting and emergency medical service. The members of our fire department take great pride in their village, its quality of life, and its heritage. Significant community traditions such as the Memorial Day Parade and Columbus Day Weekend Fair are chiefly the work of the Farmingdale Fire Department. Its role forms a major strand in the fabric of Farmingdale community life, as it has since the 1880s.



WATER WITCH ENGINE CO.  
located on Main Street now the  
McCourt & Trudden Funeral Home



1889 WATER WITCH

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ORIGINAL ENTRANCE TO  
VILLAGE HALL



STEPHEN JAISLE  
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STONE - 1931

