

1875 BUCKLEY & MERRITT HOOK & LADDER TRUCK



In February 1875, a new Buckley & Merritt Hook and Ladder Truck, costing \$550 was delivered from New York by rail as far as Sunbury. On the following day, the members of the Dauntless and former members of the Susquehanna and Arrow companies set out by bobsled to bring home the new apparatus. Upon arrival at the Ferry House the group was treated by Chief Engineer Millard Cook to drinks or cigars, "to the total of \$10.00 – and may his shadow never grow less" as recorded in the minutes.

The Hook and Ladder Truck is just behind the row of firefighters. This picture presented to the D.H.& L. Co. of Selinsgrove, PA by J. Rex Gemberling 217-19 136 Ave. Springfield Gardens, Long Island, New York whose father Harry L. Gemberling (2nd from right), Grandfather J.G. Curns (2nd from left) and Uncle Arthur Bower (12th from right) are shown. Grandfather J.G. Curns was one of the organizers of the company and served as president of same for many years. This picture was taken about 1893.