

Pottsville Fire Department

Looking Back

January

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10 Years Ago

1/9/2003 – Box 14 – 01:00 – 102 N. Centre St; Lisa's Floral; St. Clair Alert -T701, Minersville Rescue T519, Port Carbon E59-11, Schuylkill Haven RIT.

After an East Market St. resident called to report smoke in the downtown area, companies arrived with smoke banked into Centre St. As lines were stretched crews quickly worked to determine which building was actually the fire building. Firefighters found the display window glass of the flower shop to be hot to the touch. The fire building was a 3-story commercial of ordinary construction, with similar attached exposures on the B and D side. As firefighters made entry and ventilated, the fire intensified greatly. Conditions deteriorated rapidly and an emergency evacuation was ordered. Fire began to vent from the rear windows off Logan Alley. Very quickly, the rear of the building became completely engulfed in flames as firefighters evacuated via the rear basement entrance. The warning lights on Good Intent Engine 11's 1998 E-One 1250 gpm pumper began to melt and the rig had to be repositioned with hoselines still attached. Soon, exterior streams were being driven into the building. Alert Fire Company of St. Clair responded with their 1972 Mack CF 75' Aerialscope tower ladder. Their aerial master stream, along with Good Intent's deck gun, effectively knocked-down the heavy exterior fire. Numerous streams on the Centre St (A) side were also directed into the building openings. Crews entered both the B and D exposure. Fire extended into to the B exposure in the cockloft (Northwest Savings Bank – 3-story mixed occupancy). This fire was quickly checked. The D exposure (Elite Staffing Services) suffered smoke and water damage. Companies were on-scene with extensive overhaul. Phoenix Ladder 21 was out-of-service at the time of the fire. Minersville Rescue H & L Tower 519 (1976 Seagrave 1500 gpm/85' LTI Ladder Tower) also responded to the scene and was placed in service. The cause of the fire was determined to be electrical in nature. Humane firefighter Jason Conway was transported to the hospital with first degree burns after evacuating the second floor of the building in the initial stages of the fire. The Lisa's Floral building still exists – although it is only a 2-story building today! Chief March had command.



Flames engulf the rear of Lisa's Floral in 2003. Alert, St. Clair, Tower 701 "booms-up" as Good Intent, Pottsville, prepares the deck gun on the company's 1998 E-One 1250gpm pumper. PREH Photo

20 Years Ago

1/16/1993 – Box 741 – 15:29 – 1809 Howard Ave

A good column of smoke was visible in the west end of the City on the approach after the box was transmitted that Saturday afternoon. Companies arrived with heavy smoke showing from the attic area of the large private dwelling. As lines were stretched via the interior stairwell and via ground ladders in the rear, the roof was vented. Heavy fire was soon showing from the vents. Due to the confined access points to the attic area and extensive storage, it was a prolonged overhaul operation. The attic area was gutted.



Firefighters prepare to push into the top floor of 1809 Howard Ave as heavy fire vents from the roof. Frank Wesnoski photo.

25 Years Ago

1/18/1988 – Box 413 – 02:07 – 817 W. Market St; Fire in basement quickly knocked. This was a fire of minor consequence in the basement of this occupied multiple dwelling, but it was my first experience with this fire service cliché: As companies arrived with light smoke showing, a woman was out front pleading that her baby was still inside. As lines were stretched and a search initiated, firefighters quickly located her “baby” sleeping soundly on the sofa. He wasn’t a day under 18 years old...!

30 Years Ago

1/14/1983 – STILL – 13:30 – Assistance to St. Clair; Tanker accident on Burma Road; Chief sent Humane and Good Will.

An 8000 gallon gasoline tanker attempted to turn around while on the steep grade to the Burma Road leaving St. Clair. A rear tire blow-out due to the weight shift cause the truck to list severely. Fuel began to flow from the top fill tower. The St. Clair Fire Department applied a sizeable quantity of foam until the rig could be righted using two tow trucks. Pottsville companies stood-by on scene. It was estimated that approximately 1000 gallons of product was spilled. St. Clair companies also flushed the borough sewers.

35 Years Ago

1/23/1978 – Box 643 – 11:55 – 836 Water St; Occupant: Clarence and Margaret Shuster; Cause: Unknown; Loss: \$10,000.

Fire originated in or near the base of the laundry chute in the basement of the private dwelling. Fire then ran the north wall of the home. Companies arrived with heavy smoke showing. The fire traveled the chute to the bathroom on the 2nd floor, which was heavily damaged. The fact that the bathroom door was closed, however, limited the damage to the rest of the home.



Smoke pours from the rear of 836 Water St as hoselines are stretched.

1/23/1978 – STILL – 18:30 – 900 Mine St; Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Edward and Helen Walters, age 86 and 83 respectively, returned home around 3:30 that afternoon. Mr. Walters pulled their auto into the first floor garage of their 2-story home. When he exited the vehicle, he left it running. A neighbor, Mrs. John Schoener (mother of Good Will president Craig Schoener) phoned City Hall to report that the couple's car was in the garage and was still running. Upon investigation, Pottsville Police and Pottsville Lions Ambulance personnel found the couple dead in their home. West End was requested to the scene for fans.

40 Years Ago

1/20/1973 – Box 64 – 21:13 – Temple & Water Sts; Evans Warehouse and New Penn Paper Co; Cause: Unknown; Loss: \$99,178.99; Returned 1/21 at noon and again at 14:08 for wet-down. This would be a half-million dollar fire today.

Companies responding that cold evening found heavy smoke showing from the 3-story commercial building of ordinary construction. The building was owned by Evans Moving and Storage and was also used by the New Penn Paper Company. New Penn Paper occupied the first floor on Water St. and most of the 2nd floor. Companies pressed an interior attack, but were stymied by the very heavy smoke which was largely related to the large quantity of Styrofoam and plastic articles stored in the building. Exterior streams were also utilized to

knock-down the fire. Soon, both Water St and a very steep Temple St were coated with ice. The City Street Department was on scene to spread ashes around the area. After a prolonged operation, the fire was finally placed under control at 02:30 on 1/21. Humane (1964 Seagrave 200 gpm hose & booster and 1953 Seagrave 1000 gpm pumper), Good Will (1963 GMC/American 750 gpm pumper and 1965 GMC/American 500 gpm pumper) and Greenwood Hill (1967 IH/Hahn 750 gpm pumper) remained on scene until a little after 03:30. Investigators found evidence of four separate points-of-origin within the building. This building was located where Mary Queen of Peace apartments is located today.



West End's 1960 Seagrave 65'/750 gpm quint has the ladder pipe in service at the Evans Moving & Storage/New Penn Paper fire in 1973.

1/27/1973 – STILL – 20:13 – 2 frame dwellings in East Mines (St. Clair); Chief sent Humane, Good Will, American Hose and Good Intent. The interior of the home of William Hesse was gutted. Another nearby frame home suffered some exterior damage. The St. Clair Fire Department was also on scene.

45 Years Ago

1/2/1968 – Box 65 – 08:43 – Pine & E. Railroad Sts; Starr and Lane Body Shop; Cause: Thawing water pipes; Loss: Unknown. Workers in the building using a torch to thaw pipes set fire to the framing of the building. Fire damage was limited to the framing in one portion of the building. The temperature was 0 degrees at the time of the fire.

1/4/1968 – STILL – 10:30 – Carbon St. in Minersville; Chief sent Yorkville, West End, Humane, and West End; 3 houses on fire.

At 09:40, the Minersville Fire Department received the first alarm for a fire at the 306 Carbon St home of Gabriel and Tina DiLazzaro. Mr. DiLazzaro reported hearing an “explosion” in the basement and then smoke filled the home. The MFD arrived with heavy fire conditions in the basement spreading via the interior walls of the home. Soon, fire was showing from the exterior on the C and D sides. As Minersville firefighters pressed the attack, the exposed homes at 300 N. 3rd St (D) and 307 Pine St (C) became involved in fire. The incident commander, Chief Andy Sulyma, requested mutual aid from Pottsville. Chief Hoke sent Yorkville (1967 Maxim 1000 gpm quad), West End (1960 Seagrave 750 gpm/65’ quint), Good Intent (1958 Oren 750 gpm pumper) and Humane (one or both – 1964 Seagrave hose & booster truck or 1953 Seagrave 1000 gpm pumper) along with Asst. Chiefs Brennan (Good Intent) and Curtier (Humane). Soon the fire was largely contained, but the DiLazzaro home was gutted, the homes of Mr. & Mrs. Ron Bass at 307 Pine St and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Milbrant and their two children at 300 N. 3rd St were heavily damaged. The home of Mr. Charles Marks at 308 Carbon St suffered minor fire and some smoke and water damage.



Rescue H & L of Minersville has their Snorkel in service at the 1968 Carbon St fire.

1/10/1968 – STILL – 07:25 – 2275-2277 Mahantongo St; 9 occupants overcome by coal gas; Yorkville responded.

Mrs. Brahler of 2275 Mahantongo St was talking to her neighbor, Mrs. Elma Pflueger, on the telephone. Mrs. Brahler remarked that her children were, “acting strange” and kept, “falling down.” Mrs. Pflueger rushed to the home. She found Mrs. Brahler to be semi-responsive and Mr. Brahler passed-out in the basement. She immediately notified City Hall.

Soon, Pottsville police and the Pottsville Lions Ambulance arrived and began removing the victims from the home. Pottsville Fire Chief Andy Hoke responded with Yorkville to provide ventilation. Admitted to the hospital suffering varying degrees of carbon monoxide poisoning were: Mr. Joseph Brahler, Joseph III – age 11, Frances – age 10, Nancy – age 5, Diane – age 4. Treated and released were: Mrs. Brahler, Mary Beth – age 8, and Kristine – age 2. A malfunctioning coal furnace was the culprit.

1/21/1968 – STILL – 18:17 – Sacred Heart Church in New Philadelphia; Chief sent American Hose, Greenwood Hill, and West End.

Boys coming to ring the bell for church service discovered a fire burning in a small rear extension of the church. The Good Intent Fire Company of New Philadelphia was quickly notified. With a working fire in the church and the potential for a very large fire, mutual aid was requested from Kaska, Cumbola, Middleport, and Pottsville. First arriving firefighters were effective in quickly knocking-down the bulk of the fire. The fire was largely confined to the area around the rear stairwell. Indeed, a close call that evening.

50 Years Ago

1/24/1963 – STILL – 16:55 – 116 N. Centre St; Occupant: Colonial Cigar; Cause: Thawing water pipes; Loss: Unknown.

55 Years Ago

1/19/1958 – STILL – 18:12 – 1106 W. Norwegian St; Occupant: H.S. Cohen; Cause: Hot chimney set floor boards and joists on fire on the first floor; Loss: \$100.

60 Years Ago

1/18/1953 – Box 54 – 17:35 – 733 W. Race St; Occupant: Ed Smith; Cause: Bad wiring set fire to bed and furniture in bedroom on 2nd floor; Loss: \$900.

Fire was showing from the 2nd floor front bedroom of the 2.5 story middle-of-the-row when Chief Smith and the companies arrived on W. Race St that evening. While the fire was quickly knocked-down, the bedroom was gutted with smoke and heat damage through the 2nd floor and attic. The fire was placed under control in ½ an hour. The homes at 731 (B) and 735 W. Race (D) suffered minor smoke damage. This row of homes still stands on W. Race St today.

1/29/1953 – 6:07 – STILL – Call for help from Minersville; Chief Zuppert called and asked for help, big fire; Yorkville responded.

See additional attachment

65 Years Ago

1/7/1948 – Box 52 – 18:19 – 3rd & Fairview Sts; Occupant: George Horning; Cause: Electric light cord in stockroom; Loss: \$2,289.

George Horning operated a grocery store at the corner of 3rd & Fairview Sts. A fire erupted in the rear storage area after Horning had closed for the evening. A passerby ran to 3rd & Harrison and pulled the hook on Box 52. Chief Smith arrived with the companies to find

heavy smoke showing and heavy fire conditions in the rear of the store. Stretching booster lines as well as a couple of 2 ½" lines, firefighters knocked-down the main body of fire. The first floor store was largely gutted while the 2nd floor apartment of Clark Sausser and family suffered heavy smoke and heat damaged. I'm thinking that this was the building on the southwest corner (addressed as 301-303 Fairview) that was involved in a June, 1979 fire as well. The building no longer exists.

1/14/1948 – Box 18 – 04:50 – 2nd & Arch Sts; Occupant: H.L. Marks; Cause: Gas heater in front room set fire to building; Loss: \$13,107.

Early that morning, a passerby notice heavy smoke coming from the 3-story fruit and vegetable warehouse of L.H. Marks & Son. He called City Hall to report the fire and the desk sergeant transmitted Box 18 – Centre & Market. Firefighters arrived with heavy fire conditions on both the 2nd and 3rd floors of the building, located on the northeast corner of 2nd & W. Arch. Six 2 ½" handlines were placed in operation. Empty wooden crates and baskets stored on the upper floors made for a heavy fire load. The exterior of the rear of the Rudnick Apartments next door (B exposure) was scorched, but not heavily damaged. The 2nd & 3rd floors of the Marks business were gutted while the 1st floor suffered heavy smoke and water damage. Fireman George Seitzinger of the Humane lacerated both knees after a fall on the ice. Surprisingly, this building, built around 1880, and the apartment building next door still stand today. Addressed as 200 N. 2nd St, this commercial building of ordinary construction would pose serious fire problems today with limited ventilation points on the upper floors and could well serve as a "firefighter trap." What had been the "Rudnick apartments" at 202 N. 2nd St was also the scene of a working fire: 1/19/1985 – Box 115 – 09:03 – 202 N. 2nd St. Occupant: E. Martin. Fire heavily damaged the 2nd floor apartment. Cause: Child playing with matches. Loss: \$33,000.



The 200 N. 2nd St. building generally as it looks today (with a different tenant).

1/16/1948 – STILL – 13:00 – 251 Nichols St; Occupant: Charles Wilson; Cause: Man badly burned opening can of radiator alcohol, exploded in kitchen; Loss: \$182.

1/23/1948 – The Gamewell Diaphone air horn was installed on the roof of City Hall and placed in service. It was supplied by two air tanks and compressor in the basement of the building. It was to be used to sound fire alarms only (not Civil Defense-related calls, curfews, etc). The horn had previously been located on the roof of the Ost & Ost Machine Shop on Laurel Boulevard. When sounded, one long blast signified a fire. This blast was followed by short blasts to identify the Ward in which the fire was located. The police Desk Sergeant was responsible for the sounding of the horn. Many – if not most - Gamewell Diaphones of this type were actually tied to the fire alarm telegraph and actually sounded the box that was transmitted.

1/29/1948 – Box 71 – 06:13 – 1624 - 1626 W. Market St; Occupant: Al Dietz; Cause: Bad chimney set fire to partition wall; Loss: \$646.

Al Dietz, a local newspaper reporter, was awoken by the odor of smoke that morning. He discovered smoke coming from the register in his bedroom. Going to investigate, he found the front wall in the first floor on fire. He immediately phoned City Hall. Box 71 was transmitted by the desk sergeant. When companies arrived, they found fire originating in the basement of the Mrs. Frances Auslander home (1624 – Dietz was Mrs. Auslander’s son), spreading via the interior walls, and extending to the home of Mrs. Josephine Cullen at 1626 W. Market St. Firefighters stretched booster lines and opened the interior walls to expose and extinguish the fire. Thanks to the aggressive firefighting and efficient salvage work by firefighters, damage to both homes and the furnishings was greatly reduced. The fire was placed under control in one hour. These 2 ½ story frame row homes still stand on West Market St today.

70 Years Ago

1/5/1943 – STILL – 17:45 – South Coal St; Pottsville Casting Company; Cause: Janitor collecting papers put burnt cigarette in bag causing fire in room; Loss: \$140.

1/27/1943 – Box 513 – 09:50 – 321,323, & 325 Spring Garden St; Cause: Drying wash in basement of 323, clothes fell on stove and set fire to building; Fire spread to 321 and 325; Occupants and losses:

321 – Harry Artz	\$100.00
323 – Mrs. Mary Weikel	800.00
325 – Mrs. Tamborelli	100.00

Joyce Weikel, age 5, discovered a fire burning in the basement kitchen of 323 Spring Garden St. She ran to her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Weikel, to report that her “bicycle and toys were being burned.” Mrs. Weikel ran downstairs but was immediately driven back up by the heavy smoke. Her son, John, ran across the street to the home of Mrs. Frank Brinich. Mrs.

Brinich telephoned City Hall. Mrs. Weikel and her daughter, Mrs. Betty Melichoine, gathered-up all the children – including Mrs. Mrlichoine’s 15-day old infant – and fled the home. Apparatus responded over snow-covered streets and arrived to find fire showing from the basement and first floor of the 2 ½ -story, frame middle-of-the-row home. As booster lines were stretched from the rigs, 2 ½” lines were stretched from nearby hydrants. One plus with these homes was that the Morgan Avenue provided excellent access to the rear of the homes – particularly the basement entrances. After an hour-long struggle, the fire was placed under control. The Weikel home was gutted. The family of nine was left homeless and, with no insurance, was in desperate situation. The Salvation Army made arrangements to rent and home and furnishings for the family. The home at 321 Spring Garden (B) suffered fire damage on the 2nd floor as fire burned-through at the ceiling level as well as smoke and water damage. The home at 325 Spring Garden suffered heavy smoke and water damage. Mrs. Weikel’s husband was at work in Philadelphia at the time of the fire. Mrs. Melichoine’s husband – Joseph - and another of Mr. and Mrs. Weikel’s sons - Joseph also - were serving in the Army at the time of the fire. These frame homes still stand on Spring Garden St today.



The Spring Garden St homes that were involved in the 1943 fire. These homes actually present as 3 ½ stories from the rear.

75 Years Ago

1/16/1938 – STILL – 12:45 – 1504A W. Norwegian St; Occupant: Hank Youngfleist; Cause: Electrical wiring caused fire under 2nd floor; Loss: \$490. This home also still exists on West Norwegian St.

1/18/1938 – STILL – 11:00 – 1401 Mt. Hope Ave; Occupant: Edward Garote; Cause: Unknown, fire under kitchen floor, no wires near fire; Loss: \$125.

80 Years Ago

1/19/1933 – STILL – 13:00 – 546 E. Norwegian St; Occupant: George Wildermuth; Cause: Unknown; Loss: \$100.

1/26/1933 – Box 61 – 00:27 – 510-514 N. Centre St; L. Hummel & Sons; Cause: Man robbing store threw cigarette on furniture causing fire; Loss: \$24,500. This would have been another almost half-million dollar fire today.

Lamar K. Breininger, age 30, of Willow Lake just outside of Schuylkill Haven, made entry into the Hummel store around midnight that night with the intent of burglarizing the office in the rear of the store. Frustrated that he was unable to open the office safe, he tossed the cigarette that he was smoking as he quickly exited the building. The cigarette landed on an overstuffed chair that was positioned next to the elevator shaft. John Henney of 513 N. Centre St was walking on the opposite side of the street and noticed flames to the rear of the store through the display windows. He ran to Box 61 – Centre & Nichols – and pulled the hook. Chief Smith arrived with the balance of the box alarm assignment to find fire on the first floor extending via the elevator shaft. Numerous hoselines were stretched to check the spread of the fire. While the structural damage was limited, fire, smoke, and water heavily damaged the stock of home furnishings. Fire Chief Smith required stitches to close a laceration on his head suffered when a window on the upper floor was breaking in the rear as he was operating below. Evidently, Breininger must have had a history with the police because Police Chief Dewald ordered him to be picked-up for questioning immediately. Officers located him a short distance away at Centre & Minersville Sts. He soon confessed to having caused the fire. He also confessed to having burglarized the Pope-Marmon Auto Company in Pottsville a few days prior. This building was a repeat customer for the PFD, having been the scene of serious fires on June 3, 1973 and August 7, 1980 as well. It still stands today as Northtowne Apartments.

85 Years Ago

1/12/1928 – STILL – 15:20 – 439 Greenwood Ave; Occupant: J.W. Smith; Cause: Match flying on Christmas tree; Loss: \$170.

1/15/1928 – Box 15 – 10:00 – Charles & E. Norwegian Sts; Occupant: A.S. Co; Cause: Hot air flue; Loss: \$362.

1/17/1928 – Box 36 – 21:45 – 2nd & Mahantongo Sts; Occupants: A & P Store; Cause: Cigarette; Loss: \$3,130.

1/30/1928 – Box 18 – 02:35 – Railroad & E. Arch Sts; Occupants: W. Womer and Pottsville Supply Co; Cause: Spark from boiler; Loss: \$1,835.

90 Years Ago

1/12/1923 – Box 62 – 14:00 – Peacock and Atkins Sts; Eastern Steel Co; Cause: Crossed wires; Loss: \$3,604.

1/14/1923 – Box 43 – 03:45 – 210 N. 2nd St; Occupant: J. Chinitz; Cause: Unknown; Loss: \$5,000.

95 Years Ago

1/2/1918 – STILL – 22:30 – Assistance for Hecksherville Valley; Good Will and American Hose responded.

1/4/1918 – Box 34 – 09:40 – 423 Boone St; Occupant: F. Schoenfelder; Cause: Hot ashes; Loss: \$25.

100 Years Ago

1/21/1913 – Box 51 – 23:40 – N. 2nd St, Dunn's tenement; Cause: Defective wiring; Loss: \$5,349.75. Electrical short in light wiring in basement; 3 Companies were assigned on the 1st alarm: Humane, Good Intent and American Hose; The 2nd alarm was filled-out by the rest; Chief Lynaugh struck general alarm; An interesting note is that this was the first use of shut-off nozzles by PFD, which were purchased by the City.

105 Years Ago

January, 1908 – Yorkville Hose & Fire Co. occupies its “new” firehouse on the northeast corner of 20th & W. Norwegian Sts; Construction cost: \$8,000

1/21/1908 – Yorkville officially admitted to the Pottsville Fire Department by Pottsville Borough Council.

120 Years Ago

1/6/1893 – Box 18 – 12:25 – Fire as Mose Ennis' shoe store, Centre St; Loss: \$500. This was located at 23 N. Centre St, where the Thompson Building is currently located.

1/7/1893 – Box 18 – 05:10 – Fire at Wilhelm & Kennedy's tin store, Centre St. This was located at 110 N. Centre St and still stands today, only a few doors up from the site of the “Lisa's Floral” fire in 2003.

125 Years Ago

1/1/1888 – West End occupies their first firehouse built by Anton Reinhard to the rear of his hotel at 10th & W. Market Sts.

145 Years Ago

1/7/1868 – All records existing from the Schuylkill Hyraulian Fire Company turned-over to the newly-organized Phoenix Fire Engine Co. No. 2.

1/13/1868 – 22:00 – The ice house of Mrs. Roland Kline, in Spring Garden, was destroyed; Loss: \$3,000. This is interesting. A review of the location is puzzling. After some research by Doc Yasenachak at the Schuylkill County Historical Society, there is no identifiable “Spring Garden” section other than that one would presume would be located along the stretch of Spring Garden St. The building was completely destroyed with a loss of approximately \$3,000. The fire was believed to be incendiary in nature. Three other buildings on the same site were

destroyed by fire over several years prior. Three of the four fire companies at the time: Phoenix, Humane, and American Hose – responded, but did not go into service as the building was largely burned to the ground. While returning from the fire with the Humane steamer, firefighter Frank Richmond slipped and fell on an icy Market St and the wheel of the steamer passed over his arm, bruising it badly. A very close call as Charles Ewing of the Good Intent would be killed in the line of duty almost 4 years later when the apparatus passed over him while responding in the vicinity of 5th & W. Market St. The Humane firehouse at this time was still located in the original Borough Hall on N 3rd St. at Go Forth Alley (Division St). Also of note is that the Good Intent was out-of-service at the time of the fire. After a little digging, I think it may have found why:

The Good Intent may have been without a building. The company originally occupied a brick firehouse located on the southeast corner of N. 5th St and Go Forth Alley (Division St) – the former site of the Garfield School. After indications of subsidence due to mine workings, it was decided to move across the street to the northeast corner of N. 5th St and Go Forth Alley. The building was essentially de-constructed and re-built using much of the same materials to reduce costs to the Borough. They should have been in the midst of this relocation/rebuilding project around the same time as this fire. I'm unsure where the apparatus was housed while this was taking place.

180 Years Ago

1/18/1833 – Before daybreak, a 2-story frame building on Mahantongo St, occupied as a brewery, the property of D.G. Yuengling, took fire, and before the flames could be extinguished, the greater part of the main body of the building was burned to the ground.

For local history buffs as well as Yuengling fans in general, this fire might prove interesting. Yuengling's history has always indicated that the brewery's original building that had been located on North Centre St, generally where City Hall is today, burned to the ground in 1831. The fire record doesn't document that fire. It does, however, list the 1833 fire at the Brewery's current Mahantongo St location. Dr. Pete Yasenchak pulled the Miners Journal for January, 1833. It clearly indicates that the 1833 fire was, in fact, on Mahantongo St. With Yuengling being such an iconic business, I wanted to get this pinned-down. Capt. Kevin Sibbett of the American Hose Company, Pottsville, (and long-time Yuengling employee) was going to try to generate a lead to see if we can confirm an 1831 fire or at least get a closer date to try to run-down the microfilm. Stay tuned...

