

Reference Code MS 159

Repository: Georgia Room, Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System, 823 Telfair Street, Augusta, Georgia 30901

Title: Augusta Fire Department Ledgers, 1906-1971.

Date: 1906-1971

Extent: 3 boxes

Scope and Content: Material includes two (2) fire alarm ledgers, and one (1) personnel ledger. Ledger one (1) covers the dates 1906-1923 and ledger two (2) from 1924-1937. Both ledgers record daily fire alarm calls and details about the fire including date, time, address, occupants, property owner(s), and the cause of the fire. Other details include the type of structure (wood, brick, etc.), and whether it was a business, residence, warehouse, hotel, church, etc. Details about damage, cost, and insurance payouts are also recorded.

Ledger three (3) is a record of personnel information for employees of the Augusta Fire Department from the late nineteenth century until the late twentieth century.

Name of Creator: Augusta Fire Department

Administrative/Biographical: The ledgers were on loan from the Augusta Fire Department until the digitization process with the Digital Library of Georgia (DLG) was complete. Two of the ledgers have been digitized and are available here:

https://dlg.usg.edu/collection/gaec_agfdl?f%5Bprovenance_facet%5D%5B%5D=Augusta-Richmond+County+Public+Library

The Augusta Fire Department is the second oldest in the state, behind Savannah. According to the *Augusta Chronicle* (March 19, 1906, pg. 5), "Its first fire engine was procured in London in January, 1805, followed two months later by another procured in New York. The same year the first ordinance was adopted providing for the protection of the city from fire.... In 1808 the city decided to pay the pipemen of each company \$6 per annum..." see article for complete history up to 1906.

Related resources:

https://dlg.usg.edu/record/dlg_vang_ric198

See AUGUSTA CHRONICLE digital archive (March 19, 1906, pg. 5, column 3).

https://dlg.usg.edu/records?collection_record_id=dlg_sanb&f%5Bcounties_facet%5D%5B%5D=Richmond&only_path=true

Conditions governing access: Restrictions, material is fragile.

Box 1:

- Augusta Fire Department alarm ledger with 251 leaves, measuring 51 x 38 x 8 cm. Covering the dates January 1906 – December 1923.

Box 2:

- Augusta Fire Department alarm ledger, with 250+ leaves, measuring 51 x 38 x 8 cm. Covering the dates January 1924 – December 1937.

Box 3:

- Augusta Fire Department personnel ledger, with 500 leaves, measuring 38 x 29 x 6 cm.

