

IMPROVEMENTS

In the 1930's it was seen that buildings in the department were badly deteriorating and a definite change would soon have to be made, and so many of the buildings in following pictures were abandoned by use of the Fire Department, and new buildings erected under the WPA, Work Project Authority which was organized to keep idle hands working during the depression years.

ENG 20 - who's house is photographed in the picture at the right was a perfect example of the great need for rehabilitation at that time; ENG 20's former house at the right of photo was not only changed, but so was the name of the street from Rawson Street to Concord Place of what we now know it as in the big street name change of 1936. ENG 20 moved from the old quarters on December 5, 1936.

PHOTO: City Architects Office
Dec 9, 1936

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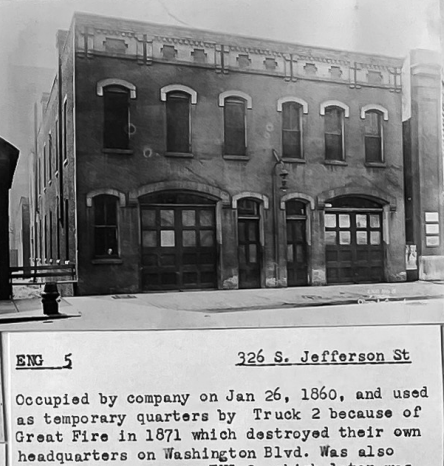
ENG 1 333 S. Wells St
Occupied this building until it condemned for erection of the Insurance Exchange, and moved to ENG 21 at 14 W. Taylor St on May 27, 1927. Circa 1920



ENG 3 855 W. Erie St
Formerly the house of Chemical 3 in the early years this house was headquarters of ENG 3 from Feb 3, 1891 until disbandment May 16, 1956



ENG 4 1244 N. Halsted St
Original house of Truck 10 until 1884 when ENG 4 occupied same until Feb 2, 1960.



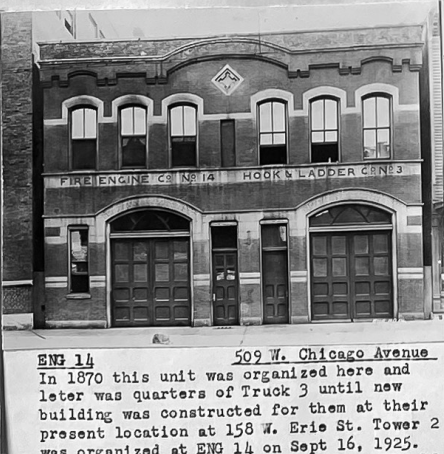
ENG 5 326 S. Jefferson St
Occupied by company on Jan 26, 1860, and used as temporary quarters by Truck 2 because of Great Fire in 1871 which destroyed their own headquarters on Washington Blvd. Was also quarters for reserve ENG 2, which later was known as ENG 94 in the 1920's. An office building now stands on this site and company has been in newer quarters at 324 S. Desplaines St since 1928.



ENG 8 1931 Archer Ave
Taken over by Forestry Division in 1936 when company moved to TRK 4 in Chinatown, 214 W. 22 ND.



ENG 9 2527 Cottage Gr
Building razed after unit moved to 2341 S. Wabash on Nov 27, 1926.



ENG 14 509 W. Chicago Avenue
In 1870 this unit was organized here and later was quarters of Truck 3 until new building was constructed for them at their present location at 158 W. Erie St. Tower 2 was organized at ENG 14 on Sept 16, 1925. In 1961, new quarters were built for TRK 19 on the former location at 1129 W. Chicago Avenue in West Towne, and completed in the following year, and because of the need of the property ENG 14 occupied by a commercial firm, it was deemed necessary and proper to move ENG 14, and they went in service in new house of TRK 19 on July 2, 1962.



ENG 15 1156 W. 22 ND St
Organized here in this building ENG 15 remained until disbandment on Feb 2, 1932 to be re-organized at 8028 S. Kedzie Ave in Scotsdale on Apr 4, 1957 with Truck 59.



ENG 16 23 W. 31 ST St
Put in service here in the 1860's this old structure was occupied by company until Oct 24, 1960 and company moved to ENG 48, Batt 10 to new house of ENG 19 and TRK 11.



ENG 19 3444 Rhodes Ave
The second quarters of the company being organized firstly in frame building at 3425 Cottage Grove, this building occupied until Dec 7, 1953, and to ENG 48, until Apr 16, 1956 to new house at 3421 Calumet Avenue with TRK 11 and AMB 4.