



Bill & Bonnie Daniels Firefighters Hall & Museum – Minnesota Fire Museum

Line of Duty Death Honorarium

Engineer Frederick Guion – St. Paul Fire Department

Line of Duty Death #3 - November 27, 1882

Frederick Guion was born July 13, 1831, in Carondelet, (St. Louis), St. Louis County, Missouri. He was of French parentage. From his earliest youth he had a love for steamboating and finally became an engineer, and served on many boats among which was the Time and Tide. His first arrival in St. Paul was in 1851, and from that time he made his home here, except when in Belle Plaine, at the breaking out of the war, when he was engaged in farming. He had the trade of “Engineer” and in 1852 came to St. Paul. Until 1875, he followed engineering on the river, and was then appointed engineer on January 1, 1876 for Hope Steamer No. 3, which office he has held with much credit.

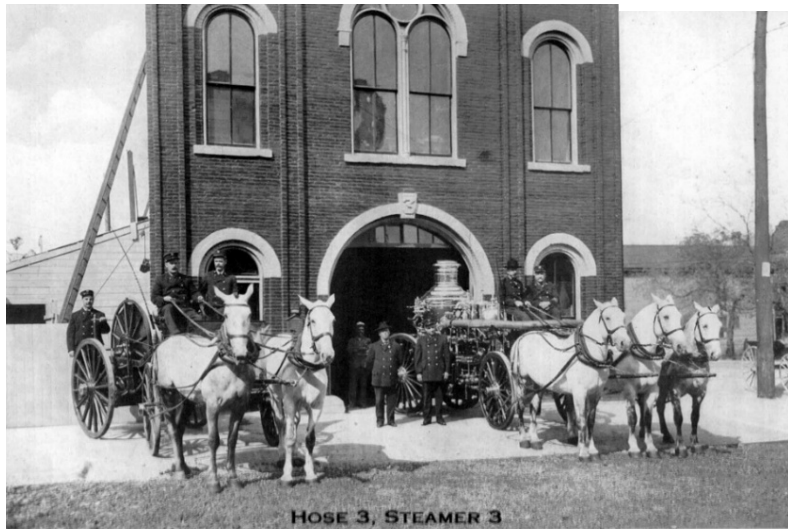
He married, Eulela A. Denoyer in 1855. She was born January 23, 1839. They resided at the corner of Leech and McBoal and had eight children. Their living children are Hubert F., Cora B., Victorine A., Theresa C., Frank L., and John and Martha A. Mary I. died in infancy.

History of Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul – Edward D. Neil North Star Publishing

Hope Engine Co. No. 3 was organized October 1868. It was disbanded January 16, 1877. First located at Fort Road (West 7th) near Chestnut from 1868 to 1872, it was then relocated to Leech at Ramsey until it was disbanded in 1877. It was equipped with a Rotary Steam Engine manufactured by the Silsby Company, Seneca, New York.

Fatal Accident: Monday November 27, 1882:

The November 28, 1882 edition of the St. Paul Globe reported “A Shocking Accident – Frederick Guion Caught in a Steam Roller and Terribly Mangled”. The story details the accident occurred at 5:30 PM on the 24th. Details include he had been operating the roller for several days in the rolling of Smith Park. He had stopped to perform some maintenance and unfortunately slipped and fell into the gearing. Several of the leading physicians of the city were summoned to assess his injuries and render aid.



HOSE 3, STEAMER 3
1883 PRESTON HOSE, 1905 AMERICAN LAFRANCE METROPOLITAN 2ND CLASS STEAMER
IN FRONT OF STATION #3 AT RAMSEY & LEECH STREET, BUILT IN 1872

The November 28, 1882 edition of the St. Paul Globe, published a death announcement regarding Frederick “who has passed the previous day from his injuries.” The notice details he was the Engineer of Steamer #3 of the St. Paul Fire Department – “in which he distinguished himself from industry, sobriety, and strict attention to duty.” Chief Strong has ordered that Steamer No. 3, over which he had control be properly draped and form a part of the funeral cortege.

“Died from injuries suffered while operating City steam roller on detail.”

In August, 1882, the first death while on duty of a St. Paul Firefighter occurred. Many lives had been risked for the preservation of life and property since the days when R. C. Knox organized the first fire company, but Fred Guion was the first man killed in the service of the Saint Paul Fire Department. At least, say the records, but nothing definite regarding his death has been preserved except the fact that his widow, Eulala, received \$200 from the city “in lieu of all future claims.”

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Funeral: Wednesday, November 29, 1882

Funeral Private – At 7:30 o’clock p.m. at his residence, corner Douglas and McBoal streets, Frederick Guion, of injury by steam roller, aged 52 years. The funeral of the late Fred Guion will take place at 9:30 a.m. from the house, and at 10 a.m. from the Cathedral. Friends kindly invited to attend.

Interment: Wednesday, November 29, 1882

Hope Engine Co. #3 Engineer Frederick Guion is buried at Calvary Cemetery, St. Paul. MN. Section 9, Block 13, Lot 2.



Timeline/Documents/Records/Articles:

1831 - July 13 – Birth date detailed in Find a Grave
1880 – US Census – Age 49, Living in St. Paul, Married, Children
1881 - Biography – History of Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul – Ancestry
1881 – US Directory – Residency
1882 - November 25 – St. Paul Globe article on Shocking Accident
1882 - November 27 – Find a Grave – death date and cemetery
1882 - November 28 – St. Paul Globe – Death Announcement
1883 - July 8 – St. Paul Globe – Council minutes detailing approval of \$200 payment
1884 - March 4 – St. Paul Globe – Probate Court publication
1884 - April 12 – St. Paul Globe Estate publication
2012 – Saint Paul Fire Department Line of Duty Deaths

Fire Chief:

Chief Rasselas. O Strong
1877 to 1883