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THE SETH WARNER

**Famous Fire Engine Not to be Sold.
Proper Sentiment Expressed**

This engine, "The Seth Warner," named after Col. Seth Warner, one of the pioneers of Vermont, was purchased in the year 1859, following the big fire in 1858 that burned the Washington House, situated where the Waterbury Inn stands. This engine was purchased by Fire District No. 1.

A company was organized in said district consisting of the leading citizens numbering 52 men and was maintained until the present water system was installed. It was considered very efficient fire protection and averted several serious conflagrations in this and surrounding towns.

This engine is one of the Famous hand fire engines built by the Button & Blacke Engine Co. of Waterford, N. Y., and is what is known as a 5-10 engine, this being the size of the cylinders and is one of the most famous engines of its day. In those days they had fireman's tournaments in different parts of the state where all hand engines competed. "The Seth Warner" has a record of attending nine tournaments and bringing home seven prizes, three of them being first prizes and has a record of throwing water through 300ft. of hose, 20ft 9" horizontal, with 26 men on the brakes.

This famous engine dates back to the days of the old navy with "wooden ships and iron men." At the present day there is probably not a charter member of the fire Company alive but through the sentiment of some of the older members it was decided not to sell the famous old tub. And it is so hoped it will be permanently retained as a memento of its former days and usefulness.

Below are some of the first officers and members of the Seth Warner Fire Company.

Henry Wells, James O'Connor, Thaddeus Crosssett, Hon. Wm. Wells, William Deal, Zenas Walts, John Carpenter, Joseph Somerville, Christopher Corae, Asa Atherton, Sidney Brown, Geo. H. Atherton, A. J. Brown, A. G. Atherton, Benjamin Dewey, H. M. Bruce, O. A. Seabury, Henry Carter, George C. Powers, John F. Henry, Edward Wells, Chick Stone, Frank Carpenter, Geo. C. Ames, C. D. Robinson, A. T. Straw, James Canning, D. W. Knight, Wm. Backus, Ed. Kirby.