

**DOCUMENT 2 – PETITION OF FIREMEN FOR AN ENGINE HOUSE**

**December 16, 1835**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

To the board of Trustees of the town of Chicago. Gentlemen,

We the undersigned members of the fire Engine Company No. 1. would respectfully represent, that the building now proposed for the Engine House, being only 12 by 18 feet, is unquestionably too small to meet the wants and necessities of the Engine company in this, to wit, The House should be sufficiently large not only for the Engine and utensils, but also room for the necessary operations of the company themselves in drying by a Stove &c the Hose — Thawing the ice &c — and room enough to hold such necessary meetings of the members <sup>are</sup> as <sub>^</sub> required of them.

Your petitioners would further suggest, that a Cistern which would hold 3 or 4 Hogsheads of water ought to be constructed and attached to the Engine; as it will be remembered, we have only 150 feet of Hose and Suction Engine.

All which is respectfully submitted to the consideration of the board.

16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1835

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