

## **“The Thanksgiving Day Fire” November 28, 1889**

Hoseman John J. Brooks Jr., Hose Company 7, age 29.  
Hoseman Michael Murnan, Hose Company 7, age 34.  
Ladderman Daniel J. Buckley, Ladder Company 3, age 31.  
Ladderman Frank P. Loker, Ladder Company 3, age 33.  
Hoseman Edward E. Whiting (ex-member of BFD, 1876-1881).

They were all killed by falling walls of the Ames Building, corner of Kingston and Bedford Streets during this massive fire. This was the General Alarm Fire for which Box 52 was sounded at 0800 hours (Bedford & Lincoln Streets) and was also known as the “Thanksgiving Day Fire,” the Steamer of Engine Co.26, Aerial truck of Ladder Co 13 and the Water Tower also destroyed, and the Steamer of Engine Co. 22 was badly damaged.

Hoseman Murnan had 9 years, Ladderman Loker had 4 years, Hoseman Brooks had 13 months and Ladderman Buckley had 10 months of service. The only man identified positively was Ladderman Buckley who was identified by his name being sewed inside of his underwear. Mr. Whiting was found a day or so later pretty well intact. Other remains were found in January but the parts could not be identified.

