

There is conflicting information regarding the location of fire companies #5 and #8. Research on the internet and in books reflect two locations for these companies but the building at 7 N. Lawrence Street shows something else. What is certain is that Thomas Fanelich was a member of the 'Torrent Steam Fire Co. No. 5, September 1, 1868, when he died; he is buried in Magnolia Cemetery in the 'Fire Department Association section; and the building where the Washington Steam Fire Co. No. 8 was reported to be housed has a big number '5' on the stuccoed gable.

An excerpt below from Caldwell Delaney's "Craighead's Mobile" gives the dates, addresses and names of various fire companies.

"Neptune Steam Fire Co. No.2, 1819, north side of St.Louis, between Royal and Water streets; Franklin Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3, 1833, 6 St. Joseph street; Merchants Steam Fire Co. Nol. 4, 1836, east side of St. Emanuel, between Dauphin and Conti; Torrent Steam Fire Co. No. 5, 1838, west side of Franklin, between Dauphin and St. Francis; Phoenix Steam Fire Co. No. 6, 1838, west side of Franklin between Church and Monroe. Mechanics Steam Fire Co. No. 7, 1839, Conti street, between Jackson and Claiborne; Washington Steam Fire Co. No. 8, 1843, west side of Lawrence, between Dauphin and St. Francis. Lafayette No. 9, 1866, west side of Hallett, 2 north of Dauphin." Mobile Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, organized in 1839, and housed on St. Francis street between Conception and Joachim wasn't a volunteer department but part of the Underwriters Salvage Corps.