



RARITAN ENGINE COMPANY NO. 4, 1899. Originally formed as a hook and ladder company in 1795, this group became the fourth engine company in 1803. The first firehouse was built on the corner of George and Schureman Streets, and the group later occupied the center bay of the old fire headquarters built in 1868 on George and Schureman Streets. In 1886 the company moved to a new house on the corner of Remsen Avenue and Suydam Street.



RARITAN ENGINE HOUSE, c. 1978. New Brunswick instituted a part-time paid fire department in March 1912. By 1914, the paid fire department displaced the volunteers completely. Raritan's 1905 LaFrance steamer was then attached to a C.J. Cross motor tractor, and it served the paid department until 1918. Standing today on the corner of Remsen and Suydam Avenues, the firehouse in this photograph (since altered) stands as a proud reminder of the fine fire laddies.