

Many beneficial changes have taken place in the Litchfield Fire Department since the two trailers equipped with a forestry pump and hose, one trailer at Litchfield Corner and one at Purgatory, then were useful but had their limitations. Miss Harriet Plimpton, a high school teacher in Philadelphia with a summer home in Purgatory, offered the fire department an old barn near Cobbassee Lake if they wanted the boards to build a fire house. With the help of Fred Edgecomb, Bob Edgecomb, Arthur Allen, Lee Gilman, and other helpers, a firehouse was built beside the store owned at that time by Rudolph and Mitzi Hiller.

Clara Linton donated the land with stipulation in the deed that the land would return to her if another firehouse were built in another location. The ladies in the village formed an auxiliary, held card parties and food sales to raise money to help the fire department.

Later a larger building was constructed near the site of the old sawmill. This building on an unsteady foundation was abandoned for a newer more modern building on the Hallowell Litchfield road, now known as the Red Cook Station.

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