

The Goudy Family

Charles Goudy moved from Romulus to Wayne in 1895, at 21 years old. He married in 1897, worked for the railroad, and then became Wayne's first fire chief in 1907.



Chief Goudy is seen on the far right in this 1931 Wayne Fire Department photo. He and his wife Minnie had four children; one of whom, Henry, would become a fire chief too.



In addition, Chief Goudy was also a commissioner, a head of DPW, a building inspector and a dog catcher. Wayne re-named Waterworks Park to Goudy Park in 1937 in his honor. He passed away in 1938.



Henry (Hank) Goudy, Charles's son, started working for the fire department at 15 years old. When Chief Goudy passed, Hank became the youngest fire chief in Michigan's history at 27 years old. Hank's at the center of this 1949 photograph.



After retiring in 1972, Hank advocated for Wayne's senior citizens. In addition, he was the director of this museum from 1986 until his passing in 2000.



Mollie Goudy, Charles Goudy's daughter, was an attendant at Eloise for 30 years and was part of the Golden Hour Club, Wayne Historical Society and the Annapolis Auxiliary until her death in 1993.

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