

Firefighters of the Minneapolis Fire Department, Station 24, in 1912.



John W. Cheatham



Oscar Clarck



Archie Spence



James R. Canon

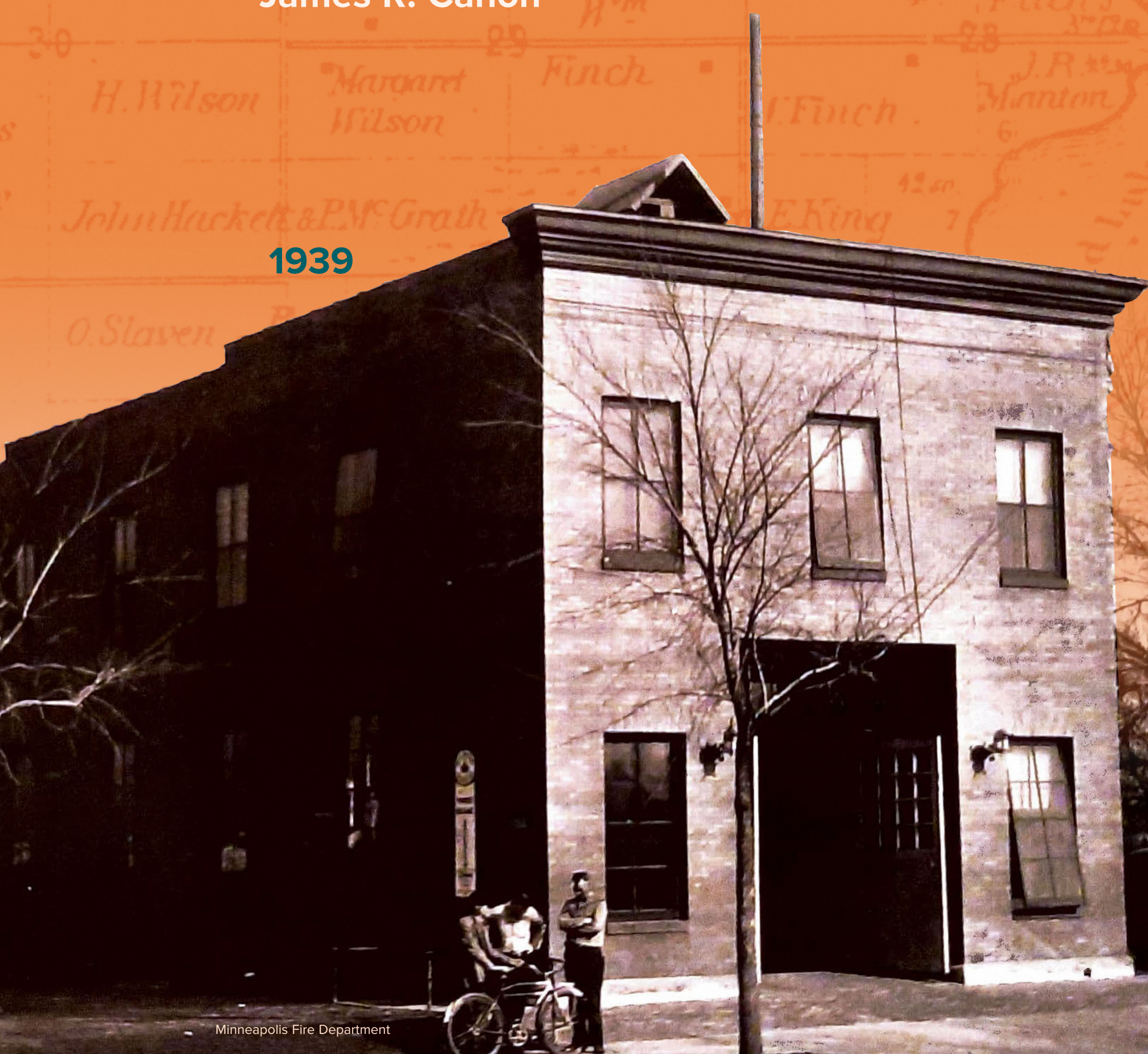
**Of all contradictions in America's history,** none equals its toleration of slavery and then segregation—the legal separation of people based on race.

The Minneapolis Fire Department chief established Fire Station #24 at 4501 Hiawatha Avenue in 1907. This was an all Black Fire Brigade, which meant white firefighters would not have to share living accommodations with Black firefighters.

**Where else do you see the legacy of segregation in Minneapolis?**



Interior of Fire Station 24 in 2022.



1939



2021

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