

In the Wake of the Mob
An Illustrated Story of Riot, Ruin, and Rage
[A Photographic Scrapbook, 1909]



“Old Negro Collecting Household Articles After Riot Springfield ILL 8-15-08”

On August 14-15, 1908 Springfield, Illinois was rocked by a race riot that resulted in the deaths of nine people, dozens of properties being destroyed or damaged, and the displacement of a large segment of the city’s black population. The riot was a seminal event in Springfield’s history and is the acknowledged catalyst for the foundation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in early 1909.

The document presented here is a 7¼” x 10” scrapbook containing a series of photographs (presumably photographic postcards) mounted on black paper with hand illustrated decoration and captions in white ink. The manuscript contains 30 images, and was dedicated in 1909 to an unknown Matilda.

In early 2016, while in the process of finalizing a report on archaeological investigations conducted at the site of five houses destroyed in August 1908 during the riot, we stumbled on the website Cultheritage.com, which offered for sale a scrapbook of pictures relating to the Springfield Race Riot. Unfortunately, this online source contained limited information pertaining to the manuscript, and included only a small number of poor quality images. Efforts to contact the seller went unanswered. More recently, we learned about the presence of the manuscript being offered for sale by the New Jersey antiquarian bookseller Between the Covers Rare Books. At this time, we were able to make screen-captured images of all pages from the scrapbook, which were presented by the bookseller in their catalog offering of the manuscript. With the assistance a third party, we contacted the bookseller and learned of the acquisition of that manuscript by the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) in Washington, D.C. Currently the manuscript is being accessioned by the

museum. The images of this scrapbook presented here are the low-resolution screen-captured images from the booksellers catalogue. The images are presented here for their historical value relating to the current study of the Springfield Race Riot.

We are happy to see that the manuscript, which has such great historical significance, has been able to find such an appropriate home.

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For a similar presentation of contemporary images printed in 1908 by the *Illinois State Register*, see also [The Great Springfield Race War, 1908](#). For a power point presentation summarizing the context of our recent archaeological investigations at the site of houses destroyed during the riot, [click here](#). Similarly, for a companion power point presentation summarizing the archaeological investigations, [click here](#). To access the larger Phase II archaeological report, entitled *Results of Phase II Archaeological Investigations of Sites 11SG1432 and 11SG1433 for the Proposed Carpenter Street Underpass, Springfield Rail Improvements Project, Springfield, Illinois* (Mansberger and Stratton 2016), [click here](#). And finally, for the artifact appendices to the above referenced Phase II archaeological report, [click here](#).

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ALBUM.
SPRINGFIELD,
IL 1909

IN THE WAKE OF THE MOB
AN ILLUSTRATED STORY OF RACE RIOT & RAGE

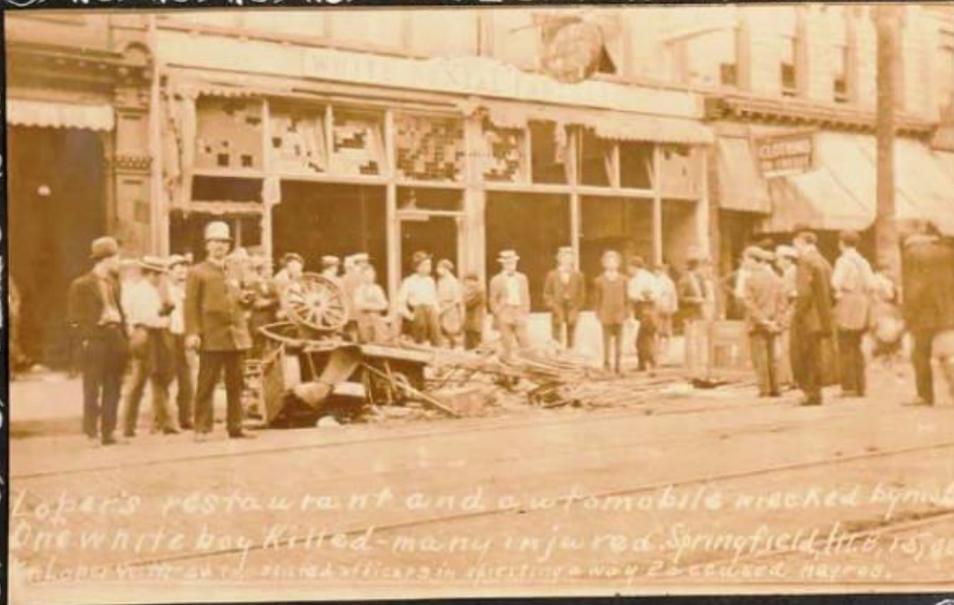
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IN THE WAKE
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Loper's

Restaurant.



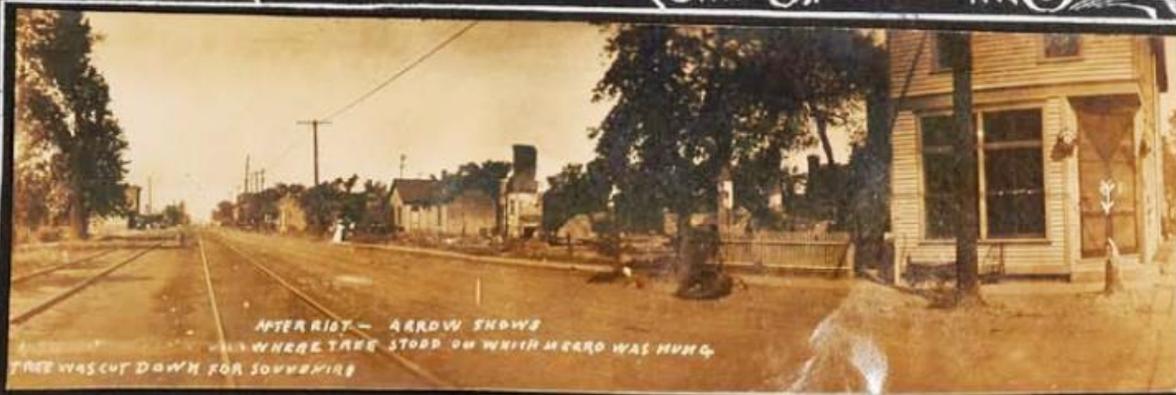
Loper's restaurant and a automobile wrecked by fire
One white boy killed-many injured Springfield Aug 15, 1918
Alabama with a white man in Springfield Aug 25, 1918.

Where the trouble started

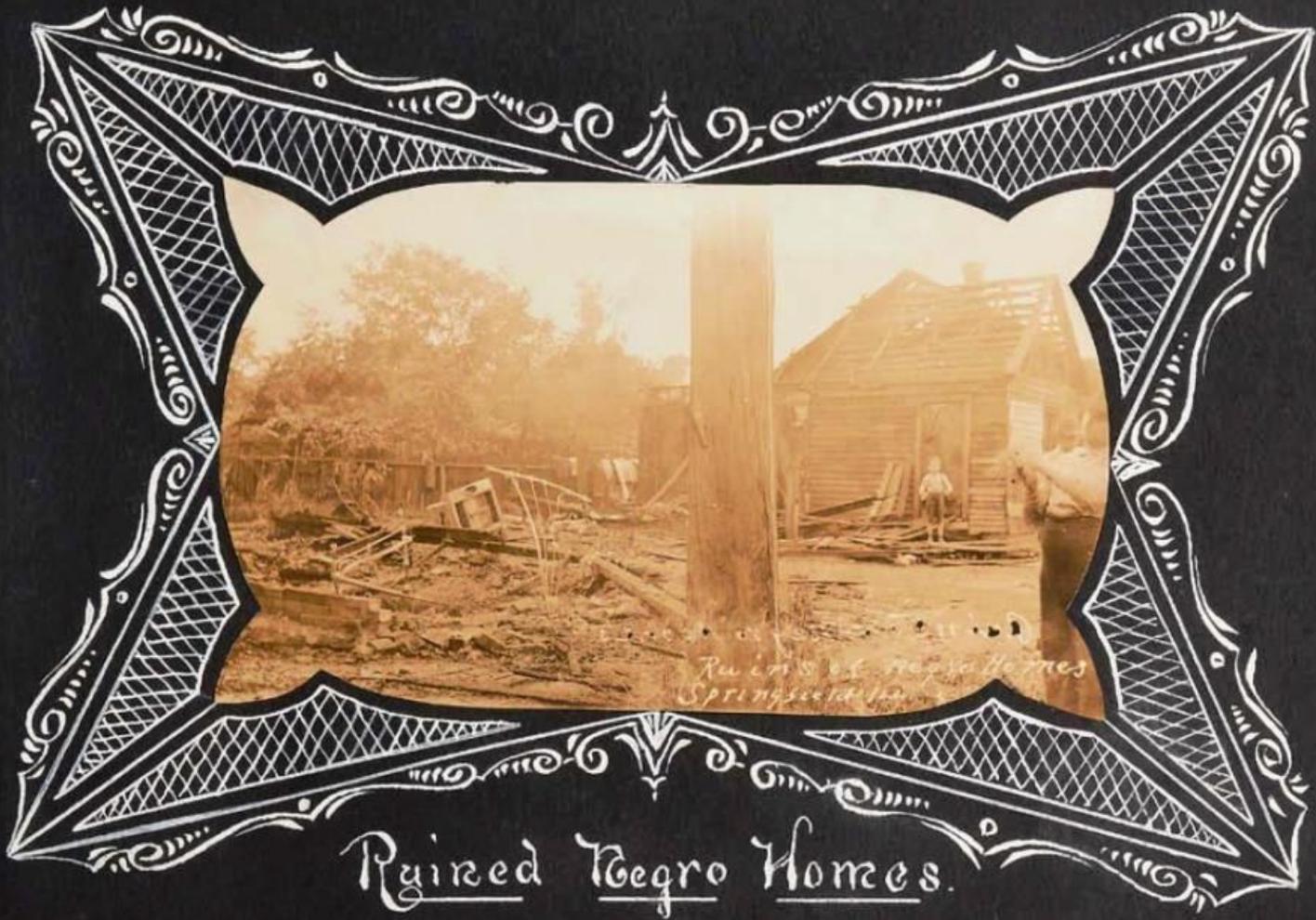


EAST HARRISON ST. AFTER RIOT SPRINGFIELD ILL. AUG. 1858

Ruins



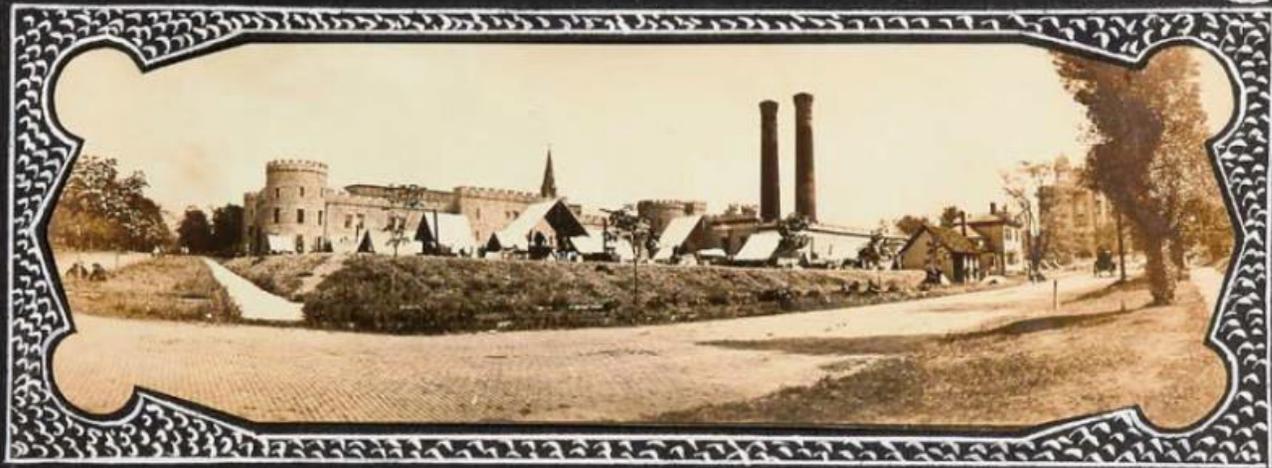
AFTER RIOT - ARROW SHOWS
WHERE TANK STOOD ON WHICH MURDER WAS COMMITTED
& TREE WAS CUT DOWN FOR SPOILING



*Ruined Negro Homes
Springfield, Mo.*

Ruined Negro Homes.

Mess Tents back of Armory.





Negro home, 9th & Madison, destroyed by rioters.
Militia on duty.

Negro Home
destroyed by the Mob.

Aug. 14. - 1908.



Ruins at 12th and Mason St.



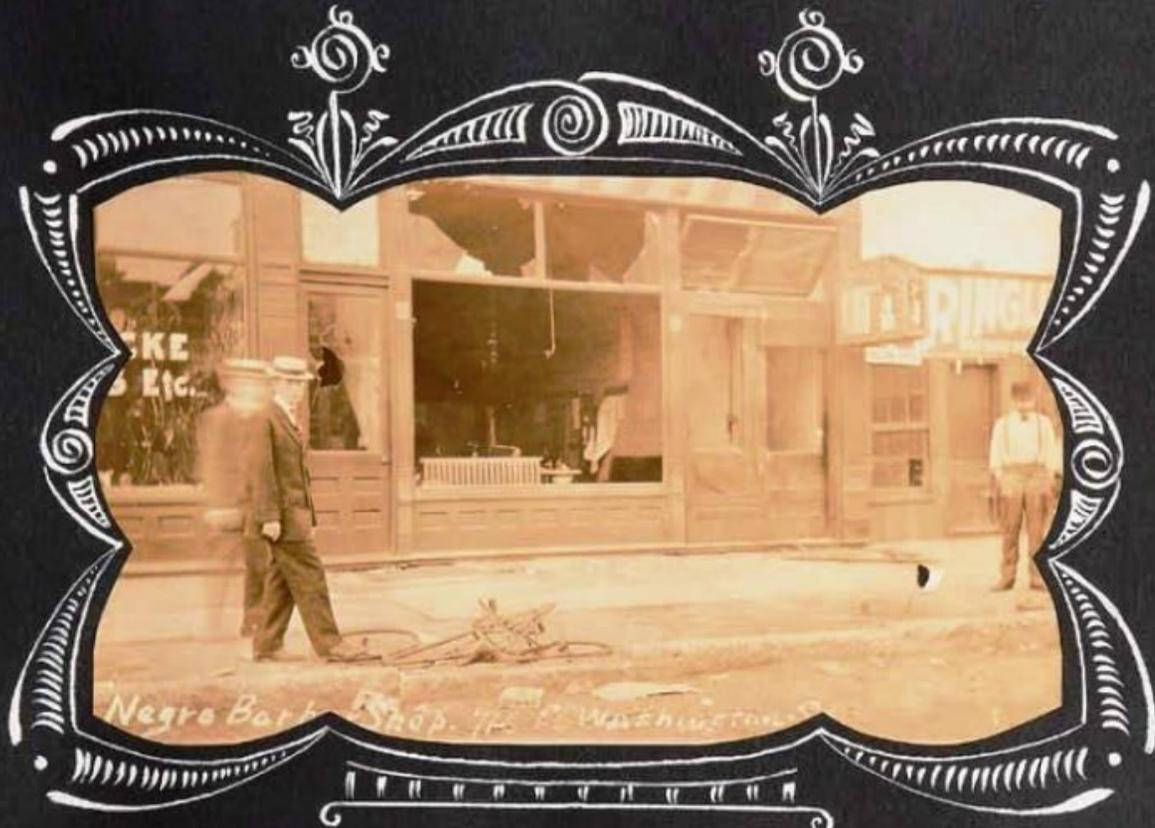
*Jew pawnshop & negro saloon destroyed by mob, in ultra
Klan, Aug. 14, 15, 1908.*

Pawn Shop and Negro Saloon
destroyed by Mob, ~ Aug. 14, 15, - 1908.

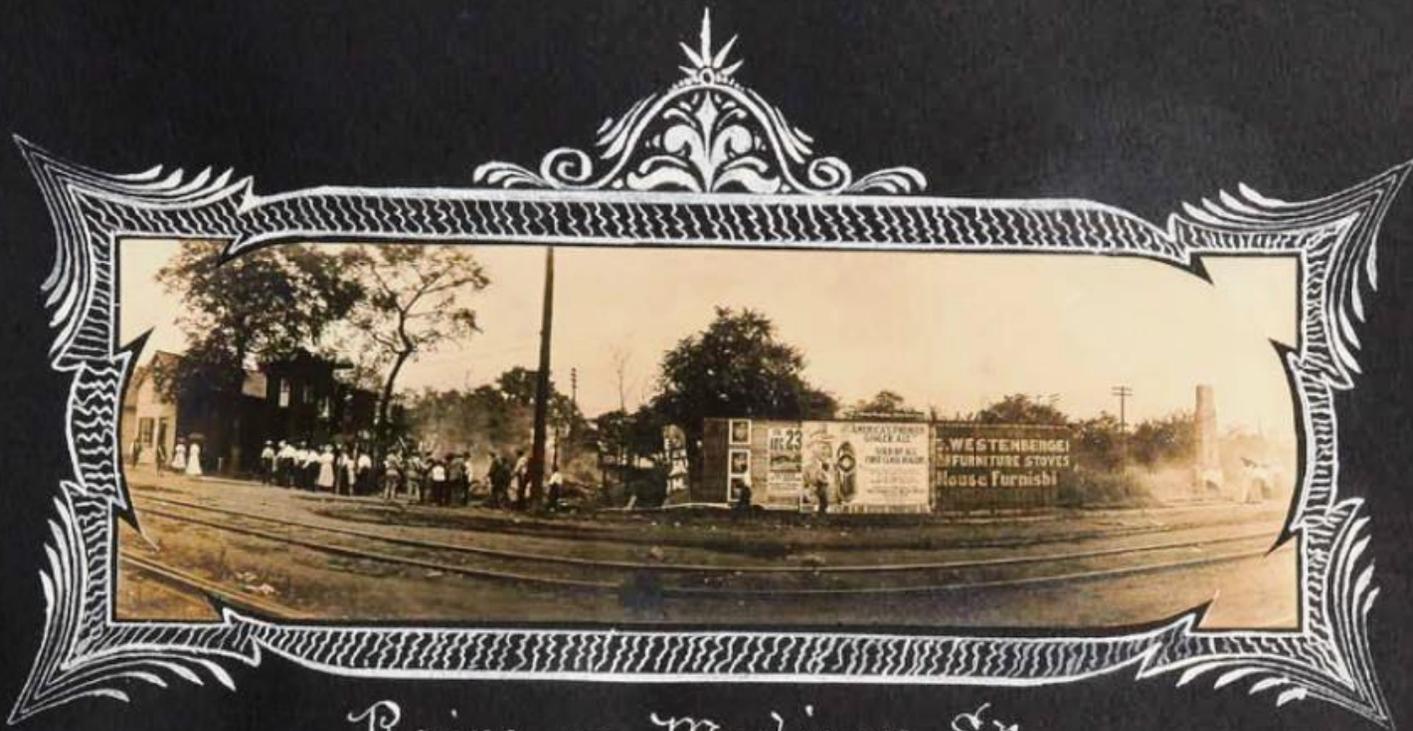
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Scene in Court House Yard.
~On Duty~



Negro Barber Shop destroyed
by Mob.



Ruins on Madison St.



Saloon wrecked by Mob
on Madison St.



Seventh Regiment
in Camp
at
Capitol Grounds

Ruins
at
Ninth and
Madison.





Old Negro Collecting Household articles after
Riot Spring Hill Tenn 8-15-07

A Broken Home.



The Morning after the Riot
at 11th and Madison.

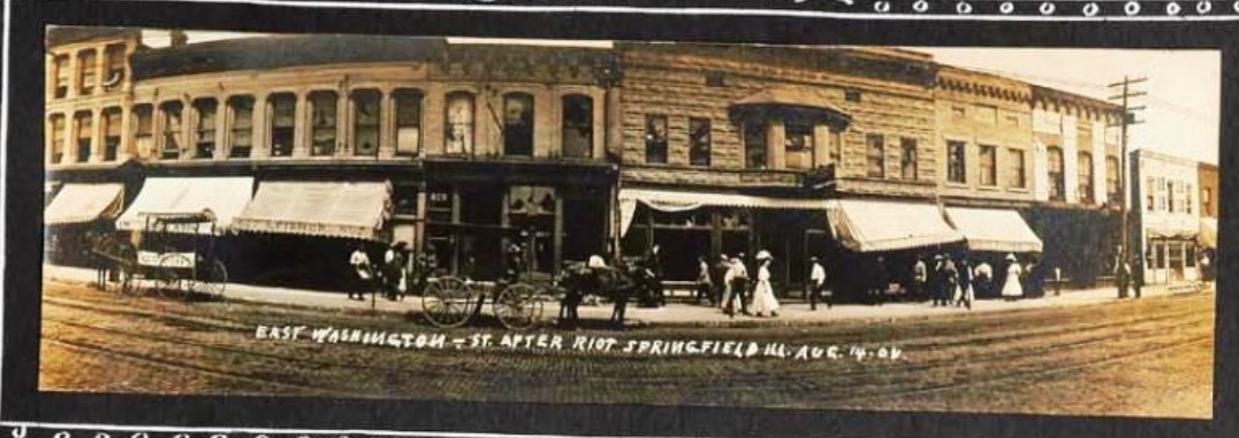
Saloon Wrecked
and
Partly Burned.



Tree on which
Negro
was hanged



Ruins of Negro Homes.
12th & Mason St.

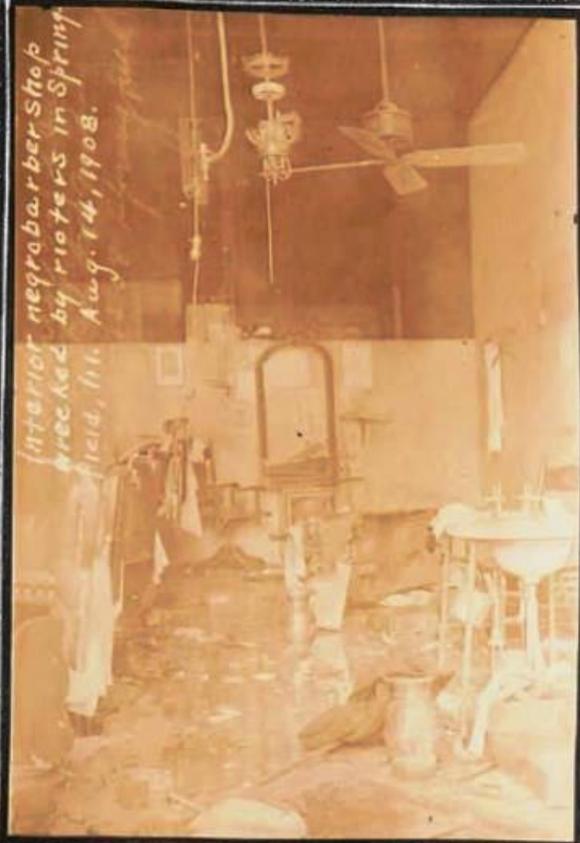


EAST WASHINGTON - ST. AFTER RIOT. SPRINGFIELD ILL. AUG. 14. 04

East Washington
after the Riot.



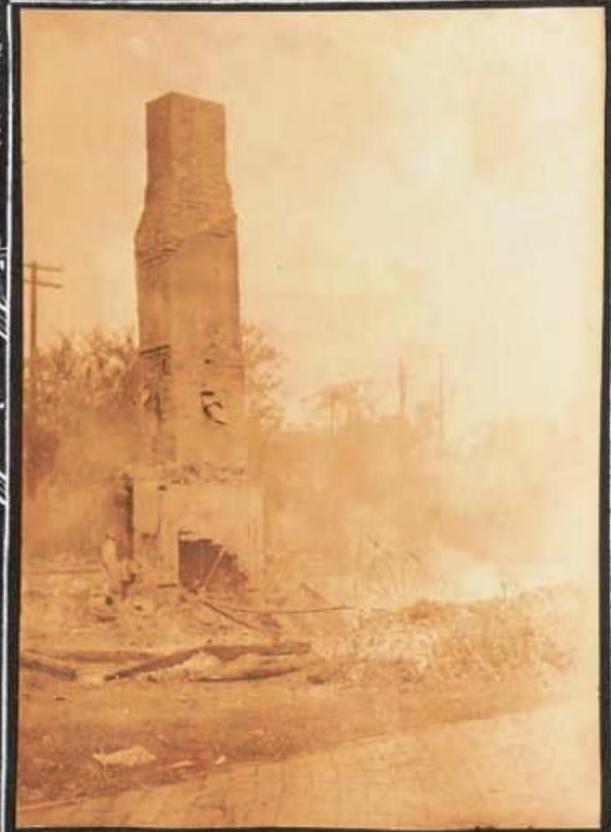
Ruins on
North Ninth Street.

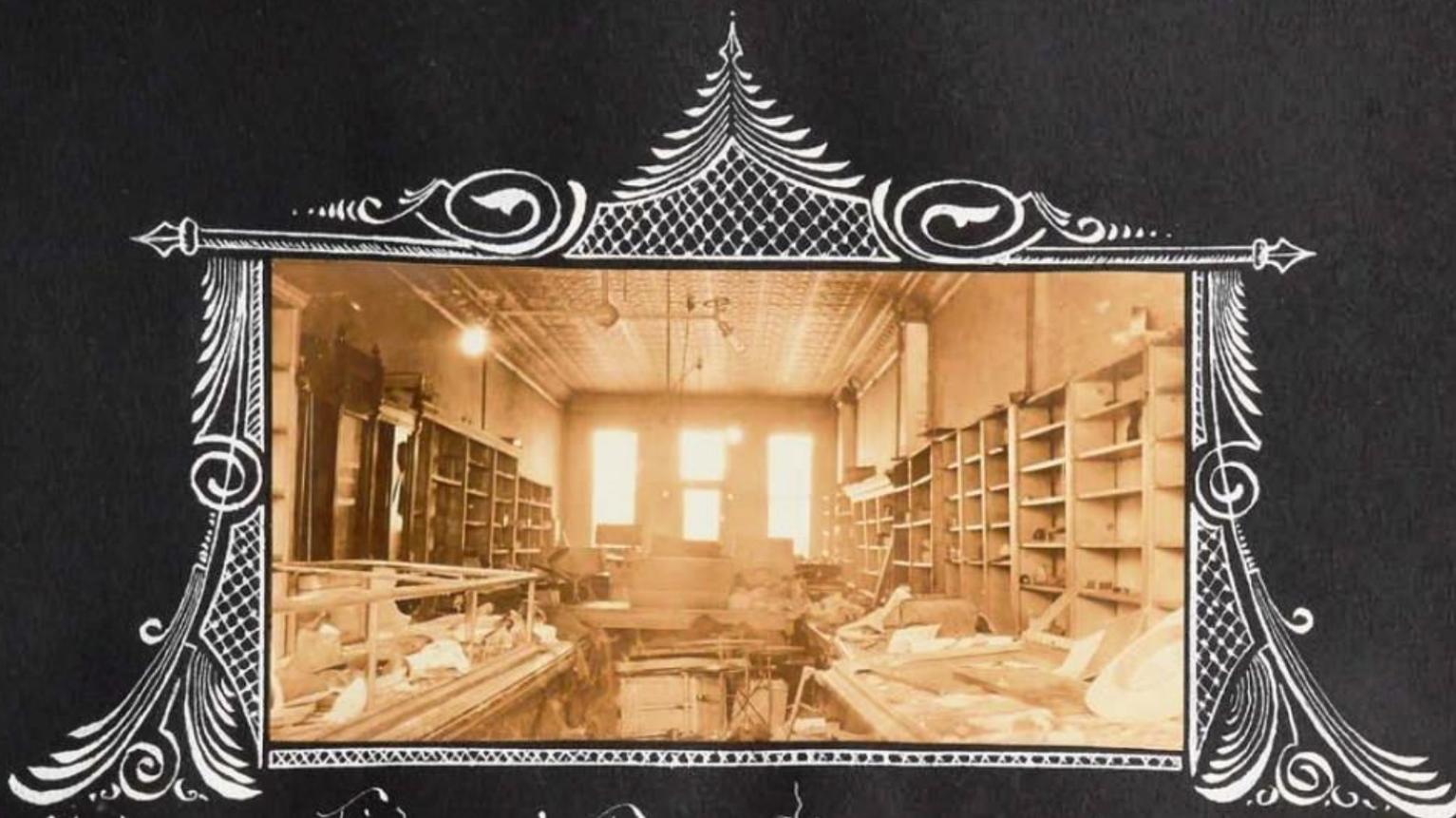


Interior negro barber shop
wrecked by rioters in Springfield,
Ill., Aug. 14, 1908.

Interior Negro Barber Shop
wrecked by the Mob.

Remains of a Negro Cabin
burned during the Riot.





Interior Fishman's Pawn Shop, Wrecked by Mob,
for alleged sympathy with Negroes.



Ruins in vicinity of 12th and Madison
Where Negro was ranged.



Interior
of
Dandy Jim's
Saloon.



Cor. 8th and Wash.



Wrecked
— and —
Plundered
by Mob.





Star Theatre wrecked by Mob, - 821- E. Wash.
Aug. 15-1908.



Daddy Jim's Saloon on
E. Wash.
Wrecked by the Mob.

Work of the Mob.



Wrecked Negro Homes,
11th and Madison.



Other Negro Ruins on 10th and Madison.

