

APPENDIX II

THE 1908 SPRINGFIELD RACE RIOT: BURNED BUILDING LOCATIONS AND OTHER HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS

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Introduction

On August 14-15, 1908 Springfield, Illinois was rocked by a race riot that resulted in the deaths of nine people, dozens of properties 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 has two primary goals: 1) identify the physical locations of the houses and business burned during the riot; and 2) isolate the locations of the numerous photographs that were taken in the riot's aftermath, with a specific emphasis on those illustrating buildings destroyed or severely damaged within (or close proximity to) Springfield's so-called "Badlands."

The data presented here is derived primarily from several local newspaper articles detailing property losses in the Badlands incurred during the riot. On August 16th, only hours after the cessation of the mob action, both the *Illinois State Journal* and *Illinois State Register* ran multi-page stories regarding the riot and its devastation.¹ Needless to say, these accounts were produced quickly after the event—the smoke had hardly cleared from the fires, and the accuracy of the reporting may have reflected this rush to publish. Both newspapers attempted to segregate the damage into the two districts affected—the Levee and the Badlands. Tables 1 and 2 summarize the destruction in the Badlands, as reported by the *Illinois State Journal* and the *Illinois State Register*, respectively.² The *Illinois State Journal*, in their article entitled "Property Loss Near \$120,000: Damage In Levee And Business District is Heavy" ([Springfield] *Illinois State Journal*), summarized the damage as such:

Red Light District by fire	\$50,000
Damage to Property in Levee District	\$35,000
Loss at Loper's Restaurant and Saloon	\$20,000
General Loss Throughout the Business District	\$15,000

This article further noted in its subtitle that "Many owners begin repairs but in Red Light Neighborhood destruction of buildings owned or occupied by negroes is complete." Many photographs of the damaged properties were published at the time, particularly by the *Illinois State Register*.³

¹ "Property Loss Near \$120,000: Damage In Levee And Business District Is Heavy," [Springfield] *Illinois State Journal* (August 16, 1908, page 5), "Awful Havoc Is Wrought By Mob: Long List of Stores Wrecked and Homes Burned Gives Idea of Magnitude of the Mob's Work of Destruction," [Springfield] *Illinois State Register* (August 16, 1908, page 1).

² Similarly, Tables 4 and 5 summarize the destruction along the commercial Levee, as reported by the *Illinois State Journal* and the *Illinois State Register*, respectively. It is our hopes to integrate this data into a similar map at a future date.

³ The *Illinois State Register* article was reprinted in its entirety (complete with additional photographs) on August 21, 1908.

After the smoke had cleared, and the embers had cooled off, the City of Springfield released an official accounting of the houses damaged and destroyed during the riots. On September 5, 1908, both the *Illinois State Journal* and the *Illinois State Register* carried accounts of Fire Chief Jacobs official accounting of the damage.⁴ As reported in the subtitle of the *Register's* account of the event, this “List Made For Benefit of Special Investigating Committee” of the City Council. The *Journal* also noted that “in a number of cases the chief was unable to ascertain the loss, the occupants and owners having fled the town and is still working on the case.” Except for a couple of discrepancies related to suspect typographical errors, both news stories are basically identical in their listing of the damaged properties.

Table 3 is a summary of the properties reported by Chief Jacobs by the two newspaper stories. This table provides an inventory of the properties discussed by the two September 5th news articles, along with additional information detailed by them (i.e. property description, owner, occupant, and condition). These properties have been plotted on the map presented as Figure 1, which represents a compilation of several sheets taken from the 1896 Sanborn fire insurance map illustrating the section of the Badlands impacted by the riot. The 1896 Sanborn was the last full-set fire insurance map prepared for Springfield prior to the riot, and hence it was considered most appropriate for our purposes. Several of the addresses listed in the destroyed/damaged inventory do not appear on the 1896 Sanborn—having been built or relocated during the intervening period (1896-1908)—but these generally can be accounted for by consulting Springfield city directories and the “Block Line Map of the Central Business District” published the Sanborn Map Company in 1906; these building have been added to the 1896 “base” map. Destroyed houses are highlighted in orange on Figure 1.

During the two-day event (August 14-15, 1908), the local newspapers documented the destruction of property, and the occupation of the city by armed troops, in a multitude of photographs, many of which were published in the newspapers. The *Illinois State Register* published a total of 41 images relating to the riot and its aftermath over an eight-day period in which they covered the event (*Illinois State Register*, August 28, 1908). The aftermath of the riot was a sightseeing extravagance that brought many individuals to downtown Springfield. Almost immediately after the event—if not actually during the event—opportunistic individuals had printed a series of postcards illustrating the devastating destruction and presence of armed troops in the Capital City, and were selling such to the multitude of sightseers touring the Badlands to view the damage firsthand. On Sunday (August 16, 1908), the very day following the riots, the *Illinois State Journal* published a short news item entitled “STOP SALE OF WOMAN’S PHOTOS. Police Prevent Distribution of Mrs. Hallam’s Picture.” This story noted that a “postcard vendor who was selling photos of Mrs. Mabel Hallam, the woman [purportedly] attacked by the negro Richardson, and whose awful experience was the direct cause of the breaking out of the race riot, was ordered off the streets last night. I[t] was feared putting forth the pictures in large numbers [w]ould inflame the minds of the persons and cause a fresh

⁴ “Lists Property in ‘Bad Lands’: Chief Jacobs Makes List of Owners of Those Shacks,” [*Springfield*] *Daily Illinois State Register* (September 5, 1908), and “Forty Houses Damaged. Report of Chief Jacobs Shows Total Number Fired by Mob,” [*Springfield*] *Daily Illinois State Journal* (September 5, 1908).

outbreak of demonstration” (*Illinois State Journal*, August 16, 1908).⁵ Subsequently, the *Register* also published a booklet of their photographs entitled *Photographic Views of the Great Springfield Race War, August, 1908* (*Illinois State Register*, c.1908).⁶

This work attempts to compile these images in a single location, and presents them in the following pages. Historic photograph locations also are indicated on Figure 1, with direction arrows and photo reference numbers colored in blue. The photographs referenced are presented in sequence on the pages that follow. The images were obtained from a number of sources, including the Illinois State Historical Society collection (now integrated into the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum), the Sangamon Valley Collection (Lincoln Library), Springfield historian Richard Hart, and from the Internet. Additional historic photographs pertinent to our research likely do exist in public and private collections and will be integrated into this document as they are located. As such, the document should be considered a work in progress and envisioned to be expanded in the near future.

⁵ The adjacent story in this same issue of the newspaper was entitled “MILITARY SCENE UNUSUAL. Uniformed Guards Forbid Curious in Forbidden Territory” (*Illinois State Journal*, August 16, 1908).

⁶ Another disturbing use of the destroyed properties was the opportunistic advertising used by promoters of the John C. Weber Band. Broadsides promoting John C. Weber and his band (who were performing at the White City amusement park on East Capitol Avenue in Springfield the week of the riots) were posted on many of the burned houses in the district, and a large banner announcing his arrival was stretched across the burned out remains of Loper’s Restaurant downtown. Placement of these broadsides on the burned-out houses and Loper’s restaurant was an opportunistic advertising strategy conducted by Weber’s promoters.

Table 1.
List of Properties Damaged and/or Destroyed in the Badlands
During the August 1908 Race Riot,
Springfield, Illinois
(As reported on August 16 by the *Illinois State Journal*)

<u>Address</u>			<u>Description</u>	<u>Occupant</u>	<u>Condition</u>
907-909	East	Madison	saloon and disorderly house	Charles Neal (negro)	total loss (\$5,000)
1000	block	Madison (south side)	four residences	Dave Black, Irene Wormley, Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Coleman	total loss (\$5,000)
1117-1129	East	Madison	four residences	George Ruffield, Mrs. Harvey, Mattie Edwards, William Brandon, William Jones	\$7,000
1105	East	Mason	residence	Harry Moore (negro)	\$300
1114	East	Mason	residence	George Cutwright (negro)	\$300
1202	East	Mason	building	Mrs Mary Casey	Interior damage (\$100)
311	North	Tenth	residence	Henry Brackmeyer (negro)	\$400
300	block	Eleventh (east side)	four residences	Burt Smith, Mrs. Laura Coeman, Sherman Green (negroes), Nell Pitt (white woman)	\$3,000
320	North	Twelfth	double house	John White and Cass Williams	\$700
	East	Madison (between Tenth and Eleventh)	advertisement boards	owned by W. J. Horn	\$100
		Ninth and Jefferson	barber shop	Scott Burton	total loss
		Tenth (east side near Madison)	double frame shack	Aunt Sue Crawford	\$600
		Tenth and Madison	residence	Robert Darden	total loss (\$300)
		Tenth and Madison (north of U.S. Gypsum Co. plant)	two shacks	negroes	\$600
		Tenth and Eleventh (between Madison and Mason)	lines and cables	Interstate Telephone Company	\$3,000
		Twelfth and Madison	saloon and upstairs residence	Residence occupied by John Rouse and Lawson Goodwin	\$3,000
		Twelfth and Mason	barber shop	William Branden	\$600
		Twelfth and Mason	shoe shop (next door to Branden's shop)	Caldwell (negro)	\$100
		Twelfth and Mason	residence	Scott Burton	total loss
		Unknown location	vacant store and upstairs residence	negro	\$1,000

Table 2.
List of Properties Damaged and/or Destroyed in the Badlands
During the August 1908 Race Riot,
Springfield, Illinois
(As reported on August 16 by the *Illinois State Register*)

	<u>Address</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Occupant</u>	<u>Condition</u>
810	East Jefferson	saloon	Dan F. Smith	transom broken
815	East Jefferson	residence	Mary Smith	burned/destroyed
817	East Jefferson	sporting house	Ina Smith	house and contents completely destroyed by fire; loss complete; \$600
901	East Jefferson	barber shop	Scott Burton (colored; negro who was lynched)	house and contents burned to ground; \$300
813	East Madison	residence	occupant unknown	one of four completely destroyed by flames with contents; total damage \$3,000
815	East Madison	residence	occupant unknown	one of four completely destroyed by flames with contents; total damage \$3,000
817	East Madison	residence	occupant unknown	one of four completely destroyed by flames with contents; total damage \$3,000
831	East Madison	residence	occupant unknown	one of four completely destroyed by flames with contents; total damage \$3,000
909	East Madison	Pabst Beer Hall		windows broken
910-912	East Madison	residences	unoccupied	[two?] houses completely wrecked; \$800
911	East Madison	residence (?)	vacant	windows broken
1008	East Madison	residence	David Black (colored)	house burned to ground
1009	East Madison	residence	vacant	windows broken
1010	East Madison	residence	Mrs. Coleman	house burned to ground; \$800
1011	East Madison	residence	unoccupied	windows broken
1012	East Madison	frame residence	occupied by negroes	Five houses completely destroyed; \$5,000
1014	East Madison	frame residence	occupied by negroes	Five houses completely destroyed; \$5,000
1115	East Madison	residence	James H. Ruffing (colored)	completely destroyed and household effects consumed; \$100
1016	East Madison	frame residence	occupied by negroes	Five houses completely destroyed; \$5,000
1117	East Madison	residence	Charles Diamond (colored)	home destroyed and household effects consumed by flames; \$500
1018	East Madison	frame residence	occupied by negroes	Five houses completely destroyed; \$5,000
1119	East Madison	residence	Mrs. E. Edwards (colored)	home and household effects destroyed; \$500
1020	East Madison	frame residence	occupied by negroes	Five houses completely destroyed; \$5,000
1022	East Madison	boarding house	Mrs. Mary Davis (colored)	completely destroyed; \$1,800
1110	East Madison	residence		torn to pieces; \$300
1114	East Madison	residence	George Cartwright	completely destroyed by fire; \$1,000
1115	East Madison	residence	Sandy Curry	destroyed by fire; \$1,000
1131	East Madison	saloon	Al Hammond	fixtures destroyed and building damaged; \$1,000
1131	East Madison	flat above saloon	James Hamilton	furniture damaged; \$400
1124	East Mason	residence/house	William Tearose	rear end of house burned; \$350
1128	East Mason	residence	Walter Walker	burned to ground; \$1,200
117	North Eighth	vacant room	Building owned by colored Masons	windows broken
300	block Ninth (west side)	four houses		completely gutted; nothing but walls left standing; damage to the three being estimated at \$2,000
304	North Ninth	frame residence	William Scott (colored); occupied by several families	burned; \$800
306	North Ninth	residence	occupied by negroes	burned to ground; \$700
306	North Ninth	residence		totally destroyed by fire; \$800
313	North Tenth	residence		combined damage with adjacent house, about \$1,000
317	North Tenth	residence		combined damage with adjacent house, about \$1,000
320	North Tenth	residence		totally destroyed by fire; \$1,000
304	North Eleventh	frame residence	owned by Mrs. C. Tanner	four houses burned to ground; \$800
306	North Eleventh	frame residence	owned by Mrs. C. Tanner	four houses burned to ground; \$800
308	North Eleventh	frame residence	owned by Mrs. C. Tanner	four houses burned to ground; \$800
310	North Eleventh	frame residence	owned by Mrs. C. Tanner	four houses burned to ground; \$800
311	North Eleventh	frame residence	owned by Mrs. Head	two houses burned to ground; \$500
313	North Eleventh	frame residence	owned by Mrs. Head	two houses burned to ground; \$500
320	North Twelfth	residence	A. Williams (colored)	home fired; \$200
322	North Twelfth	residence	Scott Burton (the negro who was lynched)	household effects destroyed; \$200
	Eleventh and Madison	saloon	Ben Yaffe	plate glass window broken
	Eleventh and Madison	saloon	Frank Schuckhart	completely wrecked; loss \$2,000
	Corner Eleventh and Madison	residence	owned by Reisch Brewing Company	loss complete; \$1,000
	Corner Twelfth and Mason	frame double house		burned; \$800

Table 3
Official City List of Dwellings Damaged and/or Destroyed
During the August 1908 Race Riot,
Springfield, Illinois⁷

<u>Address</u>			<u>Description</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Occupant</u>	<u>Condition</u>
817	East	Jefferson	frame residence	J. Carpenter	Ina (Inez) Smith	total loss
901	East	Jefferson	frame barber shop	J. Carpenter	Scott Burton	total loss
829	East	Madison	frame residence	Isaac Kanner	George Burnet	total loss
308	North	Ninth	frame residence	Isaac Kanner	J. B. Scott	total loss
310	North	Ninth	frame residence	Isaac Kanner	Grace Carter	total loss
314	North	Ninth	frame residence	Isaac Kanner		total loss
913-915	East	Madison	two story frame residence	Isaac Kanner	Dan Niel	total loss
917	East	Madison	frame saloon building	Isaac Kanner	Dan Niel	total loss
301	North	Tenth	frame residence	Gerhardt Westenberger	Will Smith	total loss
311	North	Ninth	frame residence	Isaac Kanner	George Lewis	total loss
314	North	Tenth	frame residence	H. I. Freeman	Della Smith	total loss
320	North	Tenth	frame residence	Isaac Kanner	G. West	total loss
323	North	Tenth	frame residence	R. L. McGuire	H. Stoutmeyer	total loss
1115	East	Madison	frame residence	R. L. McGuire	William Coleman	partial loss
1018	East	Madison	frame residence	W. D. Booth	Dave Block	total loss
1020	East	Madison	frame residence	W. D. Booth	Jess Wormley	total loss (1)
1022	East	Madison	brick residence	A. McCosker	Mrs. Davis	total loss
1024	East	Madison	frame residence	S. Puglisi	J. H. Smith	total loss
308	North	Eleventh	frame residence	Isaac Kanner	J. Williams	partial loss
310	North	Eleventh	frame residence	Isaac Kanner	D. Short	total loss
230	North	Eleventh	frame residence	Reisch Bros.		total loss
1108	East	Madison	frame residence			total loss
1010	East	Madison	frame residence	Fortune Bros.	G. Cartwright, Sr.	partial loss
1106	East	Madison	frame residence	Tom Doyle	G. Cartwright, Jr.	total loss
320	North	Twelfth	frame residence	J. Fernandez	Scott Burton	partial loss
1130	East	Mason	frame barber shop	W. Coll	William Brandon	total loss
1128	East	Mason	frame residence	W. Coll	W. Walker	total loss
1126	East	Mason	frame residence	W. Coll	William Hughes	partial loss
1123	East	Madison	frame residence	Patrick Myers	Della Flynn	total loss
1125	East	Madison	frame residence	J. E. Crowley	Miss Edwards	total loss
1129	East	Madison	brick residence	Joe Warner	William Brandon	total loss
1131	East	Madison	frame saloon building	Joe Warner	Ollie Hammond	partial loss
1117-1119	East	Madison	frame residence(s)		James Ruffing	total loss (3)
1121	East	Madison	frame residence	Patrick Myers	Charles Diamond	total loss
311	North	Tenth	frame residence	Ed Payne		total loss (2)
315	North	Tenth		Mrs. T. Schwartz		total loss (4)
1005	East	Mason	frame two story house	D. C. Hinton	Ed White	partial loss
1004	East	Mason	empty frame shed	Mrs. J. A. Spaar		total loss

Notes:

- 1) 1020 East Madison is not listed by the *ISJ*;
- 2) 311 North Tenth appears to be incorrectly listed as 211 North Tenth by the *ISR*.
- 3) The *ISJ* lists this as a "residence" whereas the *ISR* lists this as "residences." Not clear if one or two structures was present.
- 4) The *ISR* does not list this property.

⁷ Table compiled from "Lists Property in 'Bad Lands': Chief Jacobs Makes List of Owners of Those Shacks," [Springfield] *Daily Illinois State Register* (September 5, 1908), and "Forty Houses Damaged. Report of Chief Jacobs Shows Total Number Fired by Mob," [Springfield] *Daily Illinois State Journal* (September 5, 1908). Additional information was also available from *Illinois State Register* (September 11, 1908) article entitled "Riot Claims Are \$108,415."

Table 4.
List of Properties Damaged and/or Destroyed in the Levee District
During the August 1908 Race Riot,
Springfield, Illinois
(As reported on August 16 by the *Illinois State Journal*)

	<u>Address</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Occupant</u>	<u>Condition</u>
716	East	Washington	barber shop	L. F. Osborn (negro)	front torn out; interior wrecked
718	East	Washington	harness shop	W. L. Blucke (white)	plate glass window broken
719	East	Washington	pawnshop	R. Fishman (jew)	front broken in, entire stock of contents scattered about on floor, much missing
721	East	Washington	saloon	Chester Johnson (negro)	front broken in, bar glass smashed, contents either destroyed or stolen
725	East	Washington	saloon	Angelo and Cardoni (Italian)	windows broken out
726	East	Washington	restaurant and bicycle repair shop	Henry Sallie	Front torn out; interior wrecked
728	East	Washington	restaurant and upstairs rooming house	Mrs. Maggie Niel (negro)	front torn away, interior badly damaged in restaurant, and property carried away; rooming house windows broken in
801	East	Washington	drug store	W. D. Booth (white)	plate glass window broken windows broken in and slight damage to interior furnishings
805	East	Washington	restaurant	Wisner and Logan (white)	interior furnishings
807	East	Washington	shoe dealer	S. Fisher (jew)	front windows broken and part of contents carried away
809	East	Washington	saloon	Edward White (negro)	front broken in, bar mirrors and glassware broken, liquors and cigars carried away
811-813	East	Washington	saloon, barbershop, restaurant, and theater	C. C. Lee (negro)	all fronts broken in, contents ruined, furnishings demolished, stock either carried away or destroyed
812	East	Washington	upholstery shop	Jesse Sims (negro)	front windows broken
814	East	Washington	empty room	Formerly occupied by negroes	windows broken in
815	East	Washington	grocery	J. Edward Thompson (negro)	front broken in, stock carried away and/or destroyed; total loss
817	East	Washington	saloon	Julius Gogalis (lithuanian)	front broken in, bar fixtures badly damaged, all stock taken
819	East	Washington	saloon	S. J. Morton (negro)	front broken in, all furnishings wrecked; stock of liquors and cigars all stolen; peanut vending machine unbroken
821	East	Washington	shoe dealer	J. Fishman (jew)	windows broken; contents stolen
821	East	Washington	barber shop	negro (occupying half of Fishman's building)	front broken in; interior wrecked
822	East	Washington	barber shop	Ben Gordon (negro)	front torn away; inside furnishings demolished
119	North	Eighth	undertaker	Henry Rhoden (negro)	front windows broken
117-119	North	Eighth	Negro Masonic Hall		front windows broken on second and third floors, and in empty store room on ground floor
	South	Eighth (nr. Washington)	meat market	N. Oberman (jew)	windows broken in
	Corner	Eighth and Washington	saloon	Dandy Jim Smith	Front torn out; interior demolished

Table 5.
List of Properties Damaged and/or Destroyed in the Levee District
During the August 1908 Race Riot,
Springfield, Illinois
(As reported on August 16 by the *Illinois State Register*)

	<u>Address</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Occupant</u>	<u>Condition</u>
716	East	Washington	barber shop	L. F. Osborn (negro); building owned by K. L. Blucke	totally destroyed (\$200)
718-720	East	Washington	harness shop	William L. Blucke	windows broken
719	East	Washington	pawn shop	R. Fishman	four plate glass windows smashed, glass in front door broken, practically entire stock stolen; loss complete; fixtures and goods which were not stolen were through about the floor in one big heap; damage \$3,500
721	East	Washington	saloon	Chester Johnson	complete loss (\$1,000)
722	East	Washington	carriage repair shop	Withey Brothers	windows broken; loss light
723	East	Washington	Capitol Laundry		windows broken; loss light
724	East	Washington	blacksmiths	C. L. King and A. L. Miller	windows broken; loss light
725	East	Washington	saloon	Angelo and Cardoni	plate glass broken (\$700)
726	East	Washington	Restaurant and bicycle shop	Henry Sallie	both completely wrecked; all dishes and furniture broken in restaurant; complete stock of bicycles and sundries destroyed; one motorcycle stolen; residence above the store damaged (\$3,000)
728	East	Washington	restaurant	Neal Brown (property owned by Mrs. Mary Conners)	business damage \$100; property damage \$100
729	East	Washington	saloon	Joe Renzen	glass in front door broken
730	East	Washington	Delmonico Café	"Dandy" Jim Smith (colored)	plate glass windows broken, stock demolished and fixtures destroyed; lodging rooms above in ruins (\$2,300)
800	East	Washington	saloon	Alex. Powuillas	windows broken
801	East	Washington	drug store	W. D. Booth	windows broken (\$150)
803	East	Washington	pawn shop	A. Grabuick	windows, doors, showcases broken (\$300)
806	East	Washington	saloon	Hiner and Bryant	windows broken
807	East	Washington	shoe shop	S. Fisher	windows broken and stock slightly damaged (\$100); flats above slightly damaged
809	East	Washington	saloon	Edward White (colored)	l and place devastated in general (\$800)
809	East	Washington	lunch room	Wisner and Logan	two front plate glass windows smashed; one front glass door smashed, one glass case perforated with holes
811	East	Washington	restaurant	E. Watts (colored)	complete wreck (about \$500)
812	East	Washington	upholstery shop	negro	building and fixtures damaged (\$150)
813	East	Washington	Star Theater (bar room, barber shop, restaurant and hotel above)	C. C. Lee (colored); building owned by Mary E. Macosta	interior of building completely wrecked; bar room fixtures, pianos, four cash registers, \$200 worth of champagne, several thousand dollars of liquors totally destroyed (\$12,000)
814	East	Washington	vacant store room	Formerly occupied by negroes	Windows broken
815	East	Washington	grocery store	unidentified "Thompson"	complete wreck (\$2,500)
817	East	Washington	saloon	Julius Reyhelis (building owned by Reisch Brewing Company)	windows broken, cigars and liquors stolen (\$400)
819	East	Washington	saloon	S. J. Morton	completely wrecked (\$1,200)
821	East	Washington	shoe store	Jacob Fleshman	windows broken out, stock damaged (\$1,000)
821	East	Washington	barber shop	Peter Brady (colored)	front glass broken in; damage to building \$150; damage to stock \$1,200; stock completely destroyed with
822	East	Washington	frame building; shoe repair shop	Gordan	all windows out and stock demolished (\$200)
823	East	Washington	grocery store	Todd and Rule	windows broken
823	East	Washington	candy store	Leo Chiachio	plat glass window broken
933	East	Washington	saloon (barber shop in rear)	William Dyke	windows broken; barber shop completely demolished
812	West	Washington		A. Stern and Company	household goods; three window transoms broken
107	South	Seventh	meat market	N. Oberman	two plate glass windows and transom broken; loss nominal
119	North	Eighth	undertaker	Henry Rhoden (colored)	two front windows and six transoms smashed
312	North	Thirteenth	frame residence	Major Duncan	House in path of retreating mob after fired upon by militia; windows broken, inside ransacked, house looted
		Ninth and Jefferson (in rear of John Dyke's saloon)	barber shop	negro	



Figure 1. Map illustrating the location of buildings destroyed or severely damaged during the 1908 Springfield Race Riot (highlighted in orange), and the locations of the historic photographs taken in the aftermath of the riot (indicated in blue).

The Residential District (The Badlands)



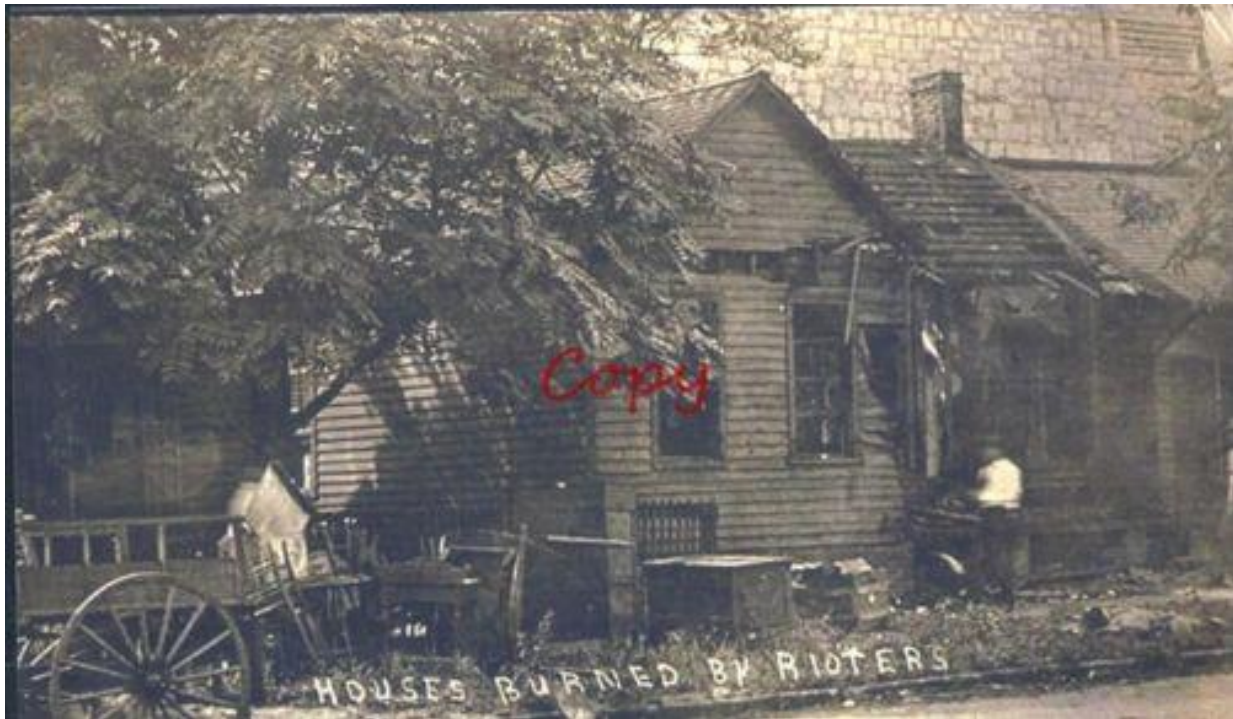
1a. Scott Burton's barbershop on the northeast corner of Jefferson and Ninth streets, which was torched by the mob prior to its assault on the Badlands (<http://www.lib.niu.edu/1996/ih329622.html>).



1b. Ruins of Scott Burton's barbershop, looking east (ALPLM Ide Collection PC5).



2a. Wrecked houses on the west side of the 300 block of North Ninth Street, looking southwest (ALPLM Ide Collection NG5798).



2b. Wrecked houses on the west side of the 300 block of North Ninth Street, looking northwest. The stone building seen in the background belongs to the adjacent Culver Stone and Marble Works (Ebay image from Dick Hart).



3a. Burned homes at 312 North Ninth Street (at center) and 314 North Ninth Street (at left), looking east (ALPLM Ide Collection NG5795).



3b. Burned-out houses at 312 and 314 North Ninth Street, looking east (ALPLM Ide Collection PC11a).



3c. Burned-out houses at 312 and 314 North Ninth Street, looking northeast, with National Guard troops camped out in front (ALPLM Ide Collection, PC13a).



4a. Postcard image labeled “Negro Residence 9th & Madison / Militia on duty Mob Violence” (Sangamon Valley Collection, Lincoln Library). This image depicts the former “house of ill fame” initially established in the early 1870s by Emma Nash (aka Emma Taylor), and later occupied by Mabel Baxter at 913-915 East Madison Street. The adjacent building, located at 917 East Madison Street, was occupied by Charles Baxter beginning in 1896 as a saloon. It lies completely destroyed in this image. In 1908, the Baxter Resort had been closed, and this was probably the D. C. Neal residence (the manager of the adjacent saloon at the time of the riot).



4b. Two nearly identical views of the ruins at the house and adjacent saloon at 913-915 and 917 East Madison Street. Top: ALPLM Ide Collection (PC7). Bottom: Postcard (courtesy of Richard Hart).



5. View of the ruins of the house and adjacent saloon at 913-915 and 917 East Madison Street (far left) and House A (far right; circled in red). This seems to be the only image of the burned houses in the current project area (ALPLM Ides Collection, NG5792; see also <http://alplm-cdi.com/chroniclingillinois/items/browse?collection=221>).



6a. South side of 1000 block of East Madison Street, looking southeast and showing house numbers 1018, 1020 and 1022. The business on the southwest corner of Madison and Eleventh streets (with "Bull Durham" sign) was spared during the riot (ALPLM Ide Collection, NG7599).



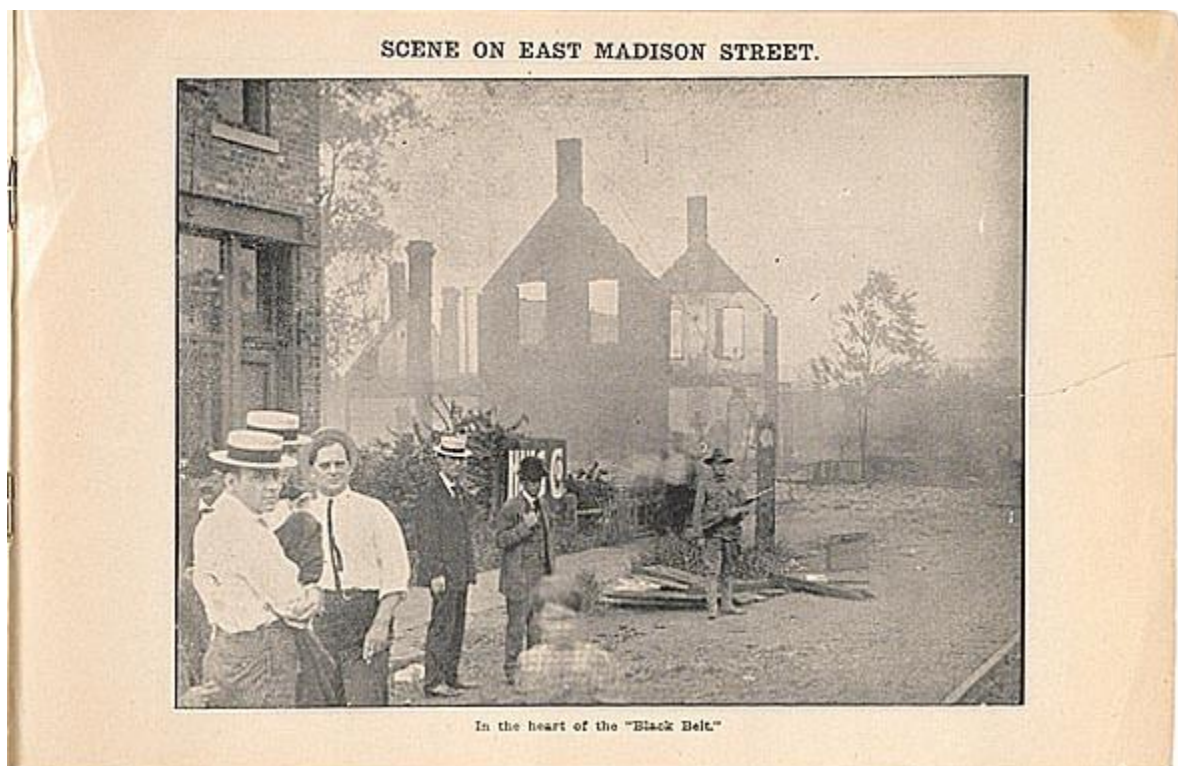
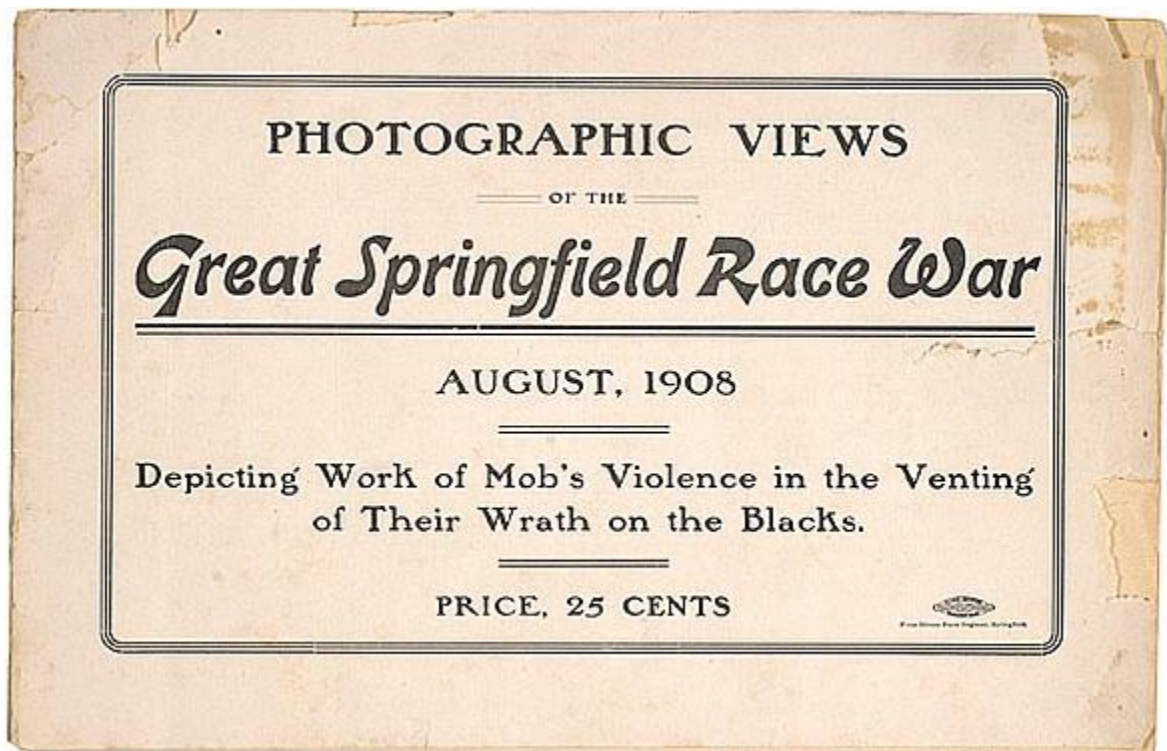
6b. Similar view as image above, showing the south side of 1000 block of East Madison Street, with ruins of house numbers 1018, 1020 and 1022 shown (<http://library.uis.edu/archives/localhistory/riotphotos.html>).



7. South side of 1000 block of East Madison Street, looking south and showing house numbers 1018, 1020 and 1022 (ALPLM Ide Collection, NG5804).



8a. South Side of 1000 block of East Madison Street, looking southwest. The gutted two-story, brick house at 1022 East Madison appears in background. This image was published in the *Illinois State Register* (August 16, 1908).



8b. Two pages from the souvenir booklet published by the *Illinois State Register* (1908). Top: Cover page. Bottom: Page 1 of images illustrating the south side of the 1000 block of East Madison Street, looking southwest. The gutted two-story, brick house at 1022 East Madison appears in background (<http://cowanauctions.com/auctions/item.aspx?id=59759>).



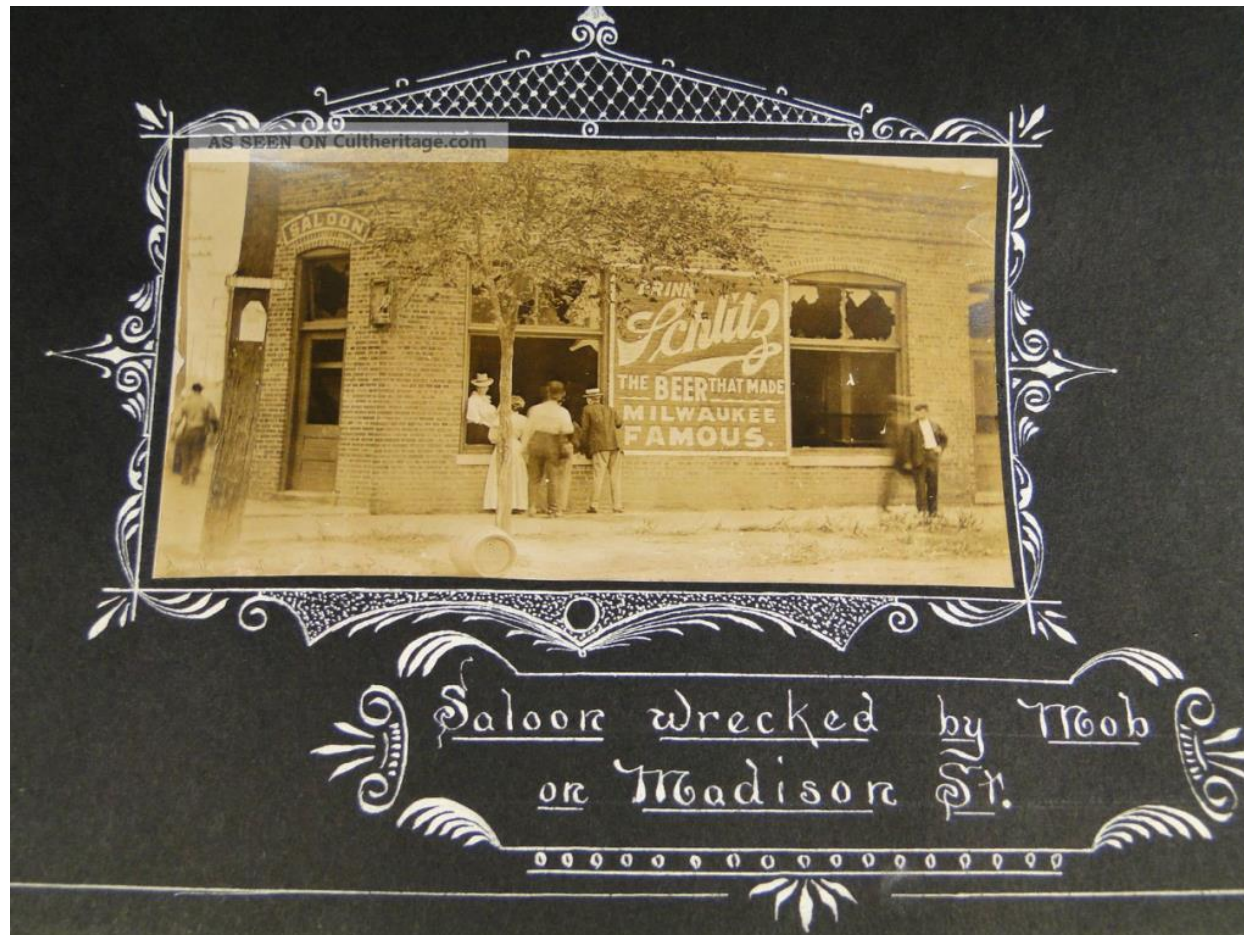
8b. Two postcard views of the gutted two-story, brick house at 1022 East Madison Street, looking southwest (originally published in the *Illinois State Register*, August 16, 1908). Both images are captioned “Scene In Burned District / Riot Aug. 15 '08.”

Top: http://cultheritage.com/unt/10958-springfield_illinois_race_war_scene_in_burned_district_riot_aug_14_1908_a.html;

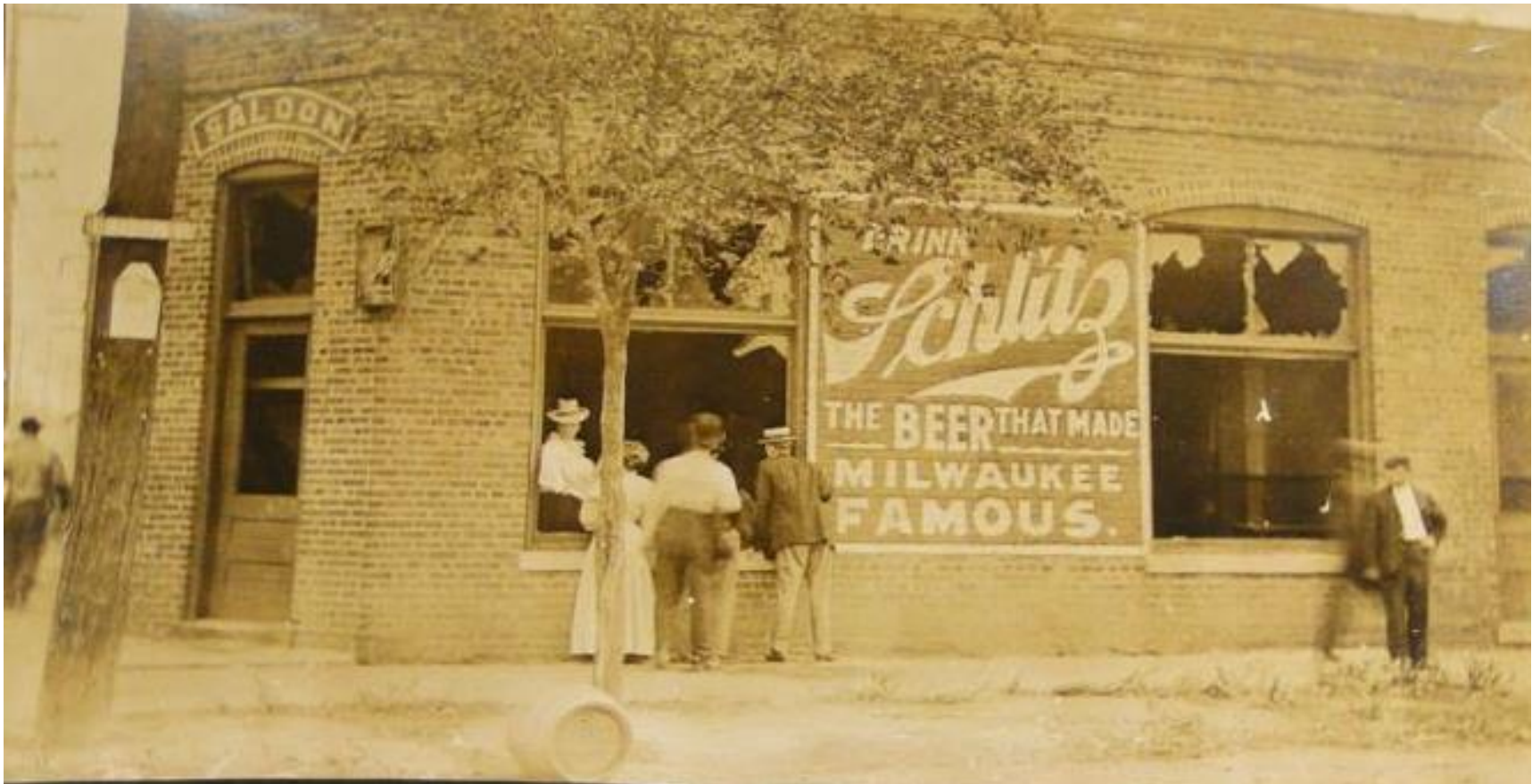
Bottom: ALPLM Ide Collection PC9 (lacks whole postcard detail).



9. Another view of the gutted two-story, brick house at 1022 East Madison Street, looking southwest. The junction of the Wabash and Illinois Central Railroads can be seen in background, with the State Capitol building in far distance (<http://library.uis.edu/archives/localhistory/riotphotos.html>; From the Booth-Grunendike Collection, Archives/Special Collections, Brookens Library, University of Illinois at Springfield).



10a. View of a saloon located at 1101 East Madison (on the northeast corner of Madison and Eleventh streets), which was owned and/or operated by N. J. Poston (black). The brick saloon was badly damaged by the mob. The image is from a scrap book from circa 1908 (http://cultheritage.com/unt/10335-very_rare_historical_1908_race_riots_springfield_il_rppc_photo_album_art_work.html).



10b Enlarged image from previous scrap book illustrating Poston's saloon on Madison Street.



11a. Two views of page labeled “Ruined Negro Houses” from circa 1908 scrap book. These houses were located on the east side of the 300 block of North Eleventh Street, looking southeast.

http://cultheritage.com/unt/10335-very_rare_historical_1908_race_riots_springfield_il_rppc_photo_album_art_work.html



11b. View of burned housing on the east side of the 300 block of North Eleventh Street, looking northeast (Walling 1908:530).



12a. View of an unidentified location, but suspected to be the south side of the 1100 block of East Madison Street, looking southwest towards Eleventh Street (http://www.ustrek.org/odyssey/semester2/013101/justsmoke_bg.html).



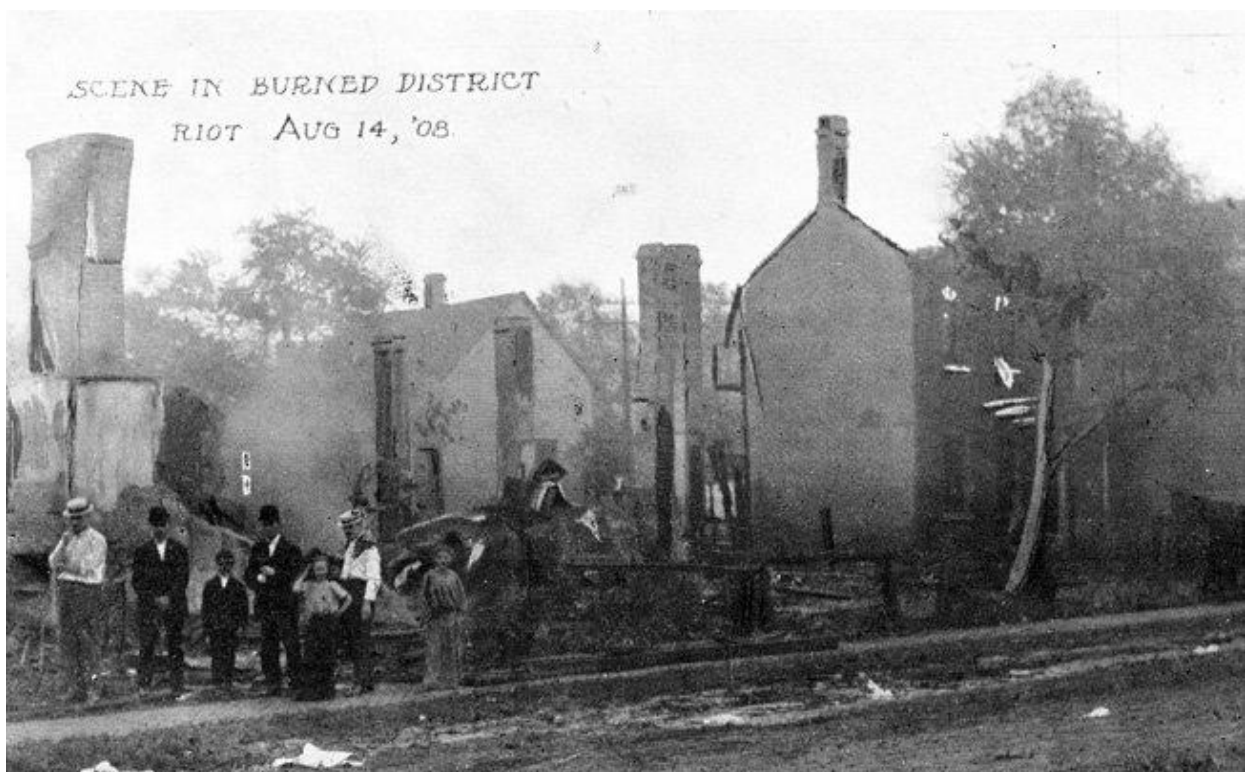
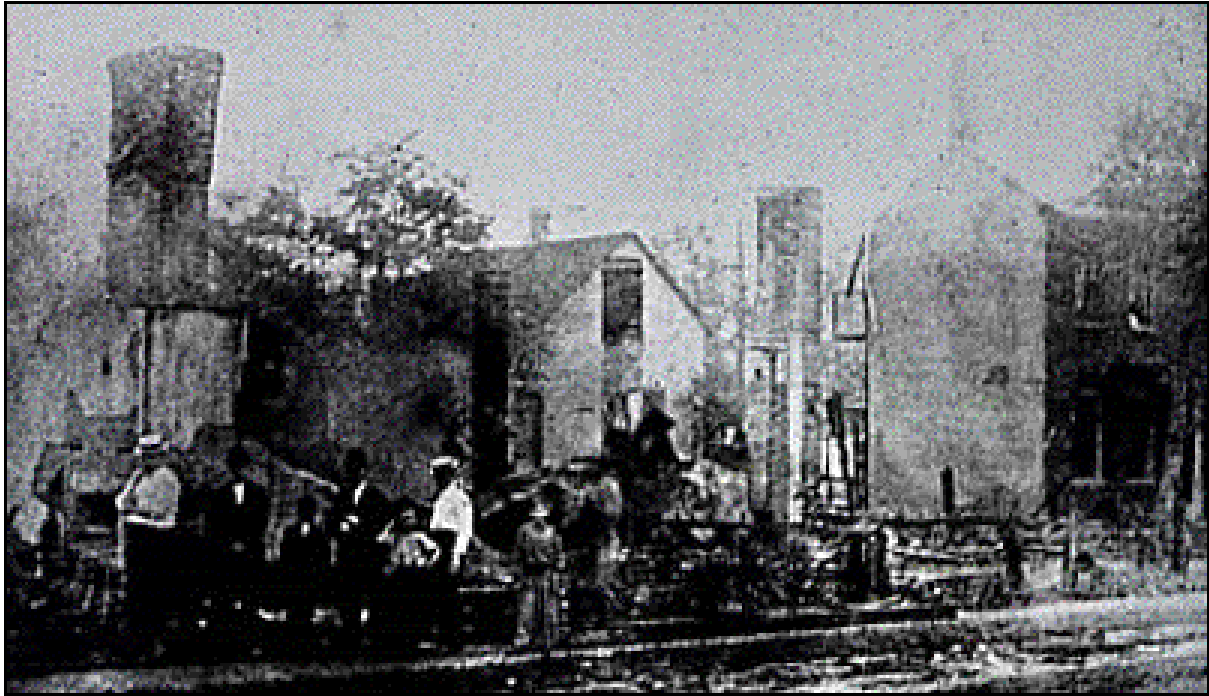
12b. Unidentified photograph location, but suspected to be the south side of the 1100 block of East Madison Street, looking southwest towards Eleventh Street (ALPLM Ides Collection PC8).



13. North side of 1100 block of East Madison Street, looking north and showing ruins of house numbers 1113 through 1129. The building shown at far right is the saloon where Scott Burton was lynched (ALPLM Ide Collection, NG5797).



14a. Top: Detail of postcard image illustrating the north side of 1100 block of East Madison Street, looking northeast and showing the ruins of house numbers 1121 through 1129 East Madison Street (Photo is reversed; see previous and following images). Bottom: Postcard with two images of riot aftermath, and handwritten text “Nigger Dives Burned on Madison St.” (Postcard image courtesy of Richard Hart; see also <http://www.lib.niu.edu/1996/ih329622.html>).



14b. North side of 1100 block of East Madison Street, looking northeast and showing the ruins of house numbers 1121 through 1129. Top: Image as published in the *Illinois State Register* (August 16, 1908). Bottom: Postcard image captioned "Scene in Burned District / Riot Aug. 14, '08" (<http://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/springfield-illinois-race-riot-ruins-00-10s>)



14c-d. Two identical views of the north side of the 1100 block of East Madison Street, looking northeast and showing the ruins of house numbers 1121 through 1129.

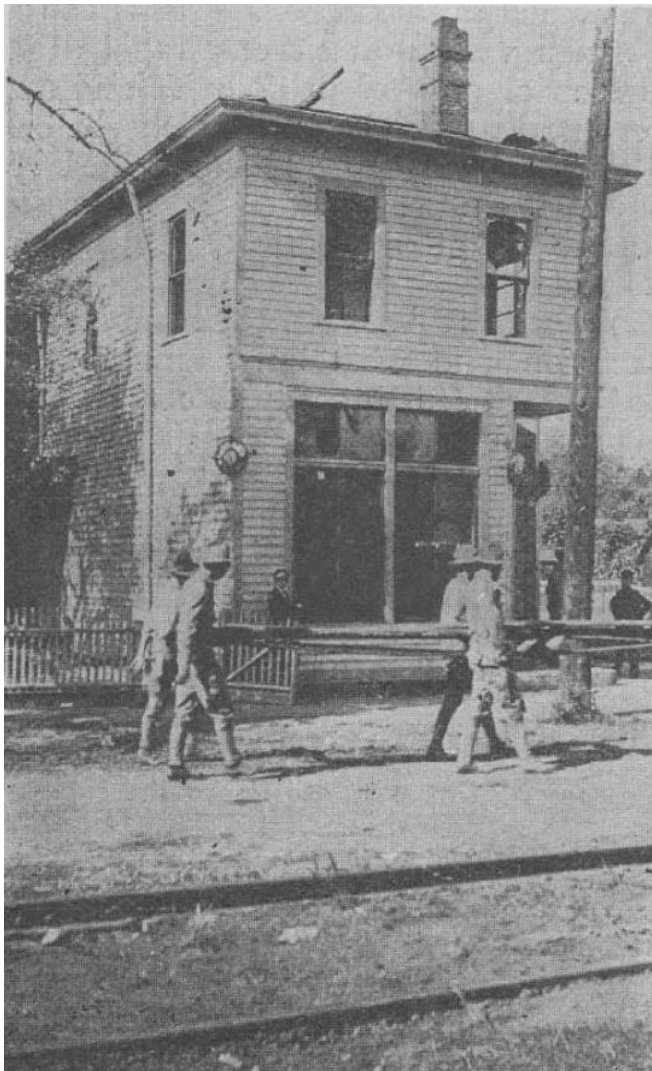
Top: ALPLM Ide Collection PC14. Bottom: http://cultheritage.com/unt/10957-springfield_illinois_race_war_scene_in_burned_district_riot_aug_14_1908_b.html



15a. National Guard troops posing in front of the ruins of 1121 East Madison Street in the immediate aftermath of the riot (ALPM Ide Collection PC15).



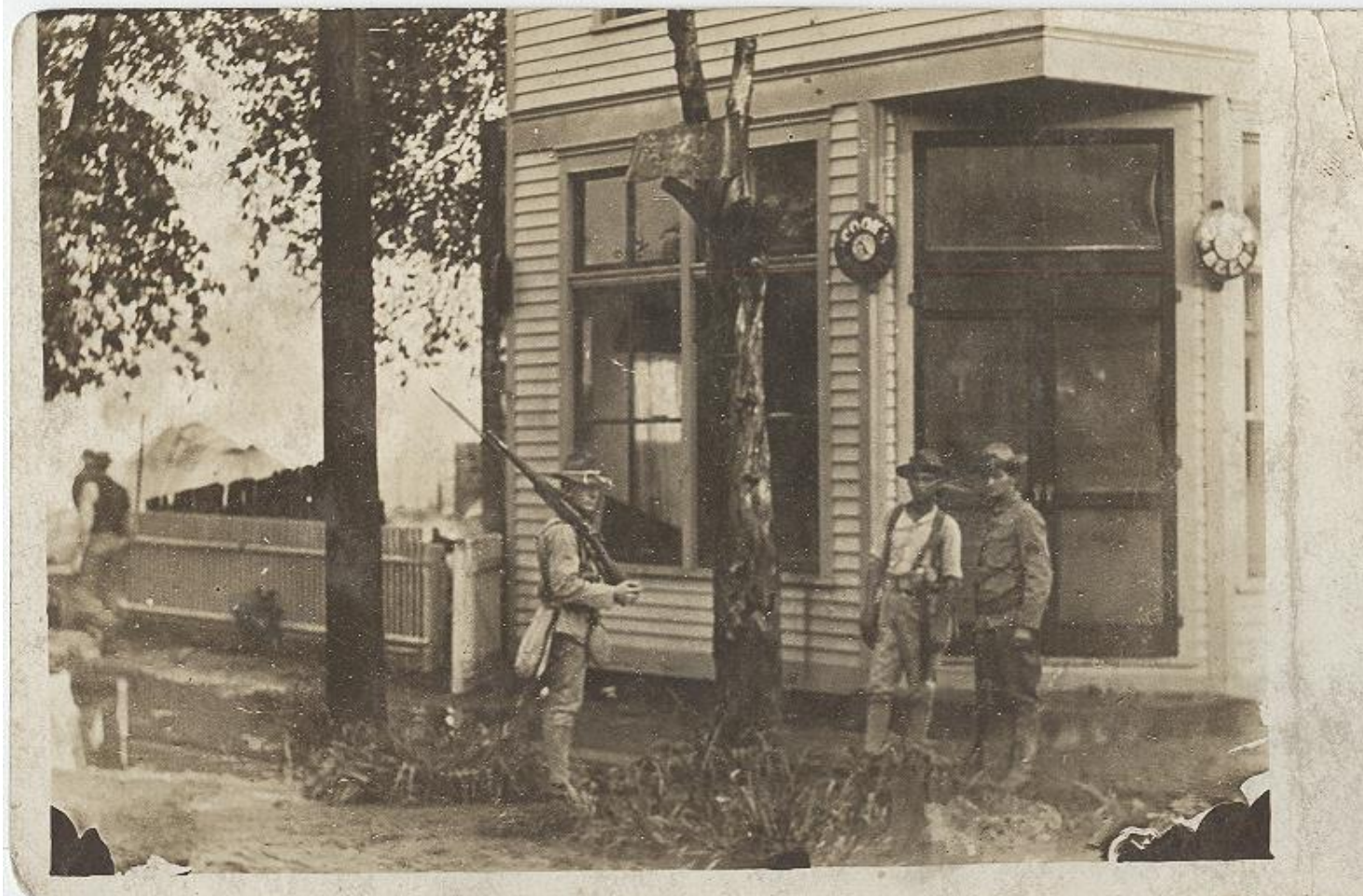
15b. View from nearly same vantage point (Source unknown, from “Shame” Video Documentary). One of the few images that illustrates displaced African-American citizens [<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=93606402> cites ALPLM as source].



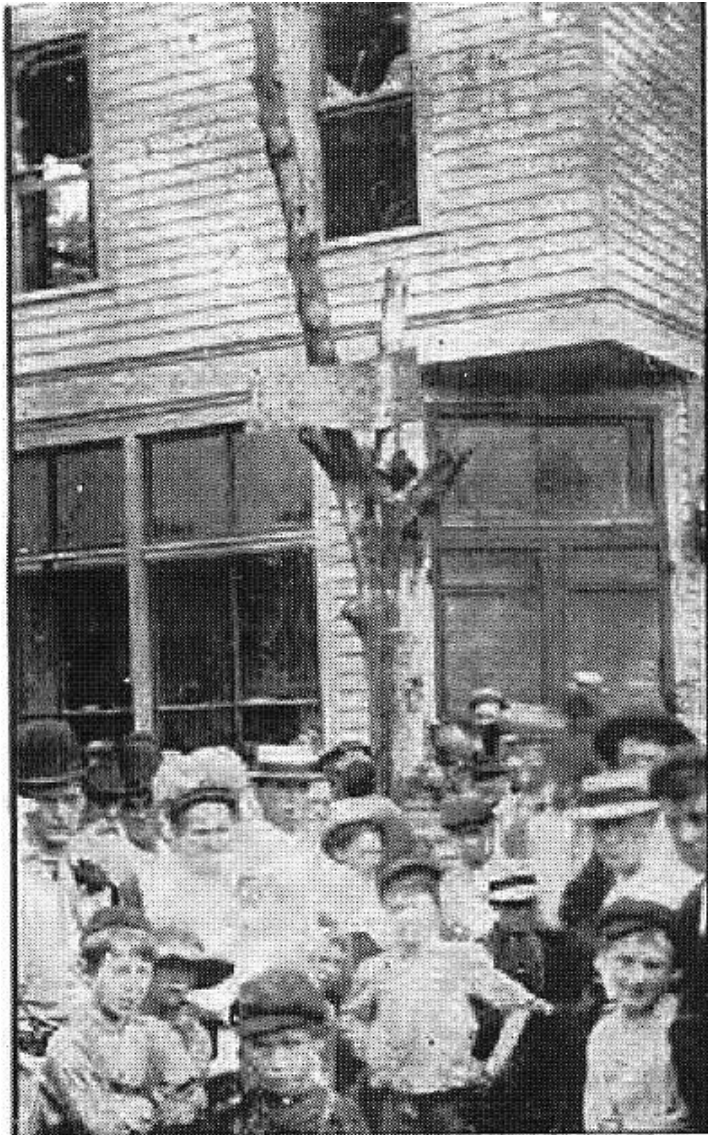
15. Left: “A Looted Negro Saloon / Soldiers searching for dead bodies” (Walling 1908:533). Right: Postcard image of “Tree where negro was Lynched” (<http://www.epa.illinois.gov/black-history-month/sculpture> and http://cultheritage.com/unt/10960-springfield_illinois_race_war_riot_aug_1908_lynching_tree.html).



16a. Two views of the saloon at the northwest corner of Madison and Twelfth streets, where Scott Burton was lynched, with post-riot crowd gathered in front (Top: Ebay image labeled “X Remains of Tree Where Negro Was Hanged/ Springfield Race War Aug ‘08”). Bottom: Postcard (Courtesy of Richard Hart).



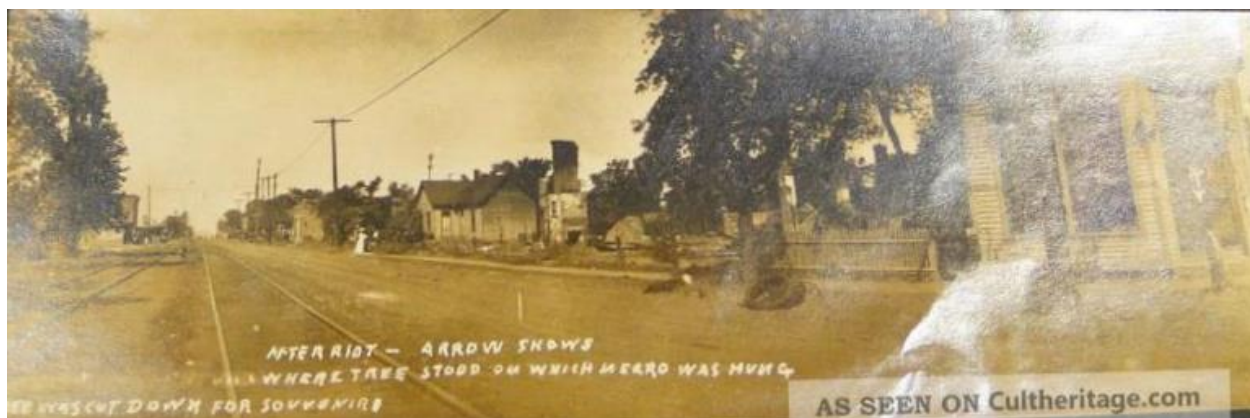
16b. Another view of saloon at the northwest corner of Madison and Twelfth streets, where Scott Burton was lynched, with National Guard troops stationed in front (ALPLM Ide Collection PC22).



16c-d. Another two views of the saloon at the northwest corner of Madison and Twelfth streets, where Scott Burton was lynched. Left: *Illinois State Register*, August 21, 1908. Right: Scrapbook (Cultheritage.com).



17. Another image of the saloon at the northwest corner of Madison and Twelfth streets, where Scott Burton was lynched (<http://library.uis.edu/archives/localhistory/riotphotos.html>; From the Booth-Grunendike Collection, Archives/Special Collections, Brookens Library, University of Illinois at Springfield).



18. General view of the 1100 block of East Madison Street, looking west from the intersection of Twelfth and Madison streets. The saloon where the Burton lynching occurred appears at right. Page from scrap book (top), and detail of picture (bottom) (<http://cultheritage.com/unt/10335-very-rare-historical-1908-race-riots-springfield-il-rppc-photo-album-art-work.html>).



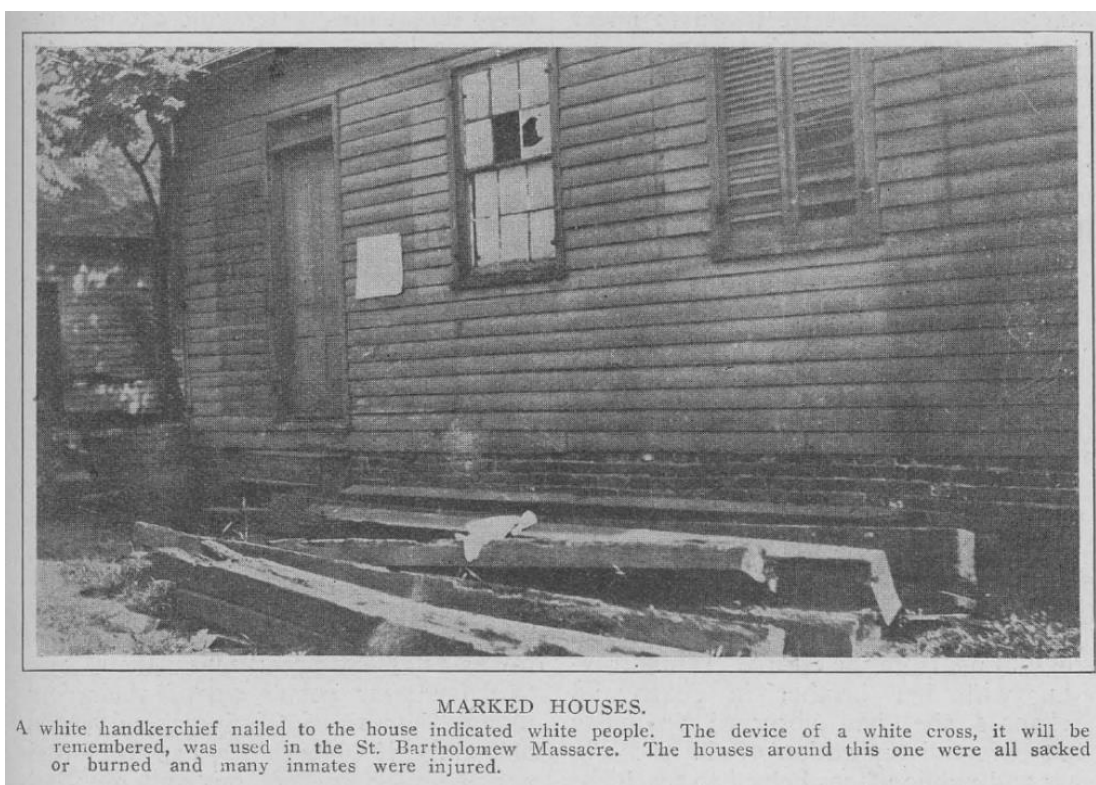
18. South side of the 1100 block of East Mason Street, looking west and showing ruins of houses at numbers 1128 and 1130 in foreground and damaged house at 1126 in background (ALPLM Ide Collection, NG5793).



20. Top: Detail view of postcard illustrating the South side of the 1100 block of East Mason Street, looking southwest from the intersection of Mason and Twelfth Street (similar to single card image at <http://www.lib.niu.edu/1996/ih329622.html>). Labeled “12 & Madison Burnt Negro homes / Mob Violence Springfield 8-15-08.” Bottom: Postcard with two images of riot aftermath, and handwritten text “Nigger Dives Burnt on Madison St.” (Postcard image courtesy of Richard Hart).



Ruins of the home of Ina Williams. Location yet to be determined (ALPLM Ide Collection PC6).



This picture of an unburned house, with white flag, was also published in Walling (1908:531). Its location is unknown.