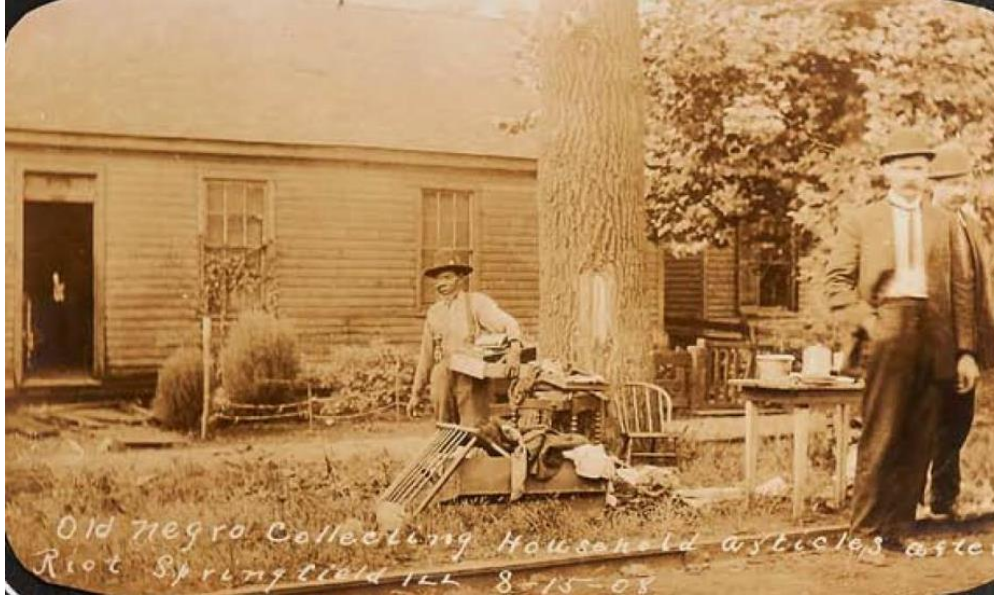


***In the Wake of the Mob***  
***An Illustrated Story of Riot, Ruin, and Rage***  
[A Photographic Scrapbook, 1909]



“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](#).

RACE RIOT  
ALBUM.  
SPRINGFIELD,  
IL 1909

IN THE WAKE OF THE MOB  
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Photographs



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Loper's

Restaurant.



Loper's restaurant and automobile wrecked by fire  
One white boy killed-many injured Springfield Aug. 15, 1917  
Alabama with such immediate result in Springfield Aug 25, 1917. Colored negroes.

Where the trouble started



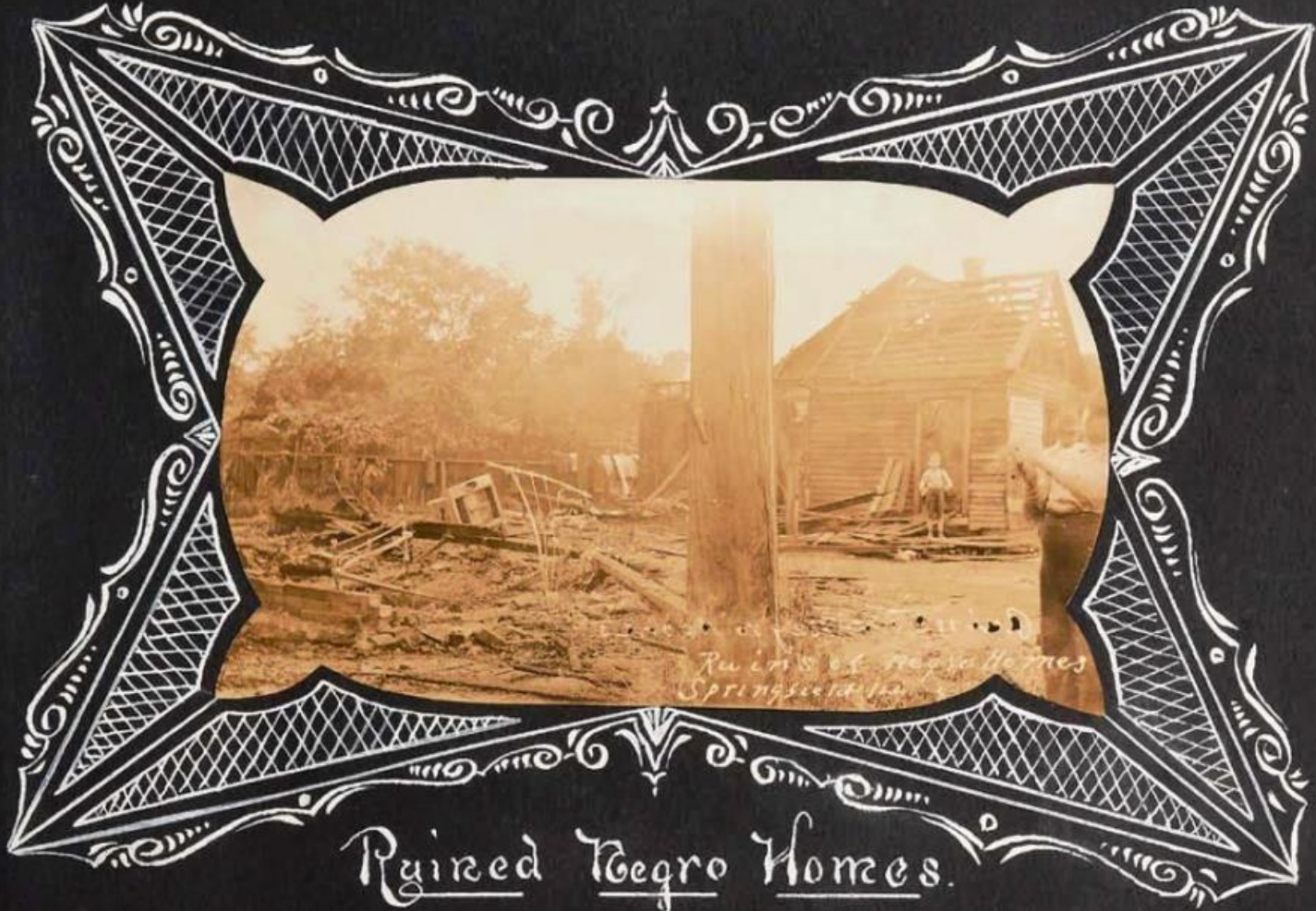
EAST HARRISON ST. AFTER RIOT SPRINGFIELD ILL. AUG. 1858

## Ruins



AFTER RIOT - ARROW SHOWS  
WHERE TREE STOOD ON WHICH MURDER WAS  
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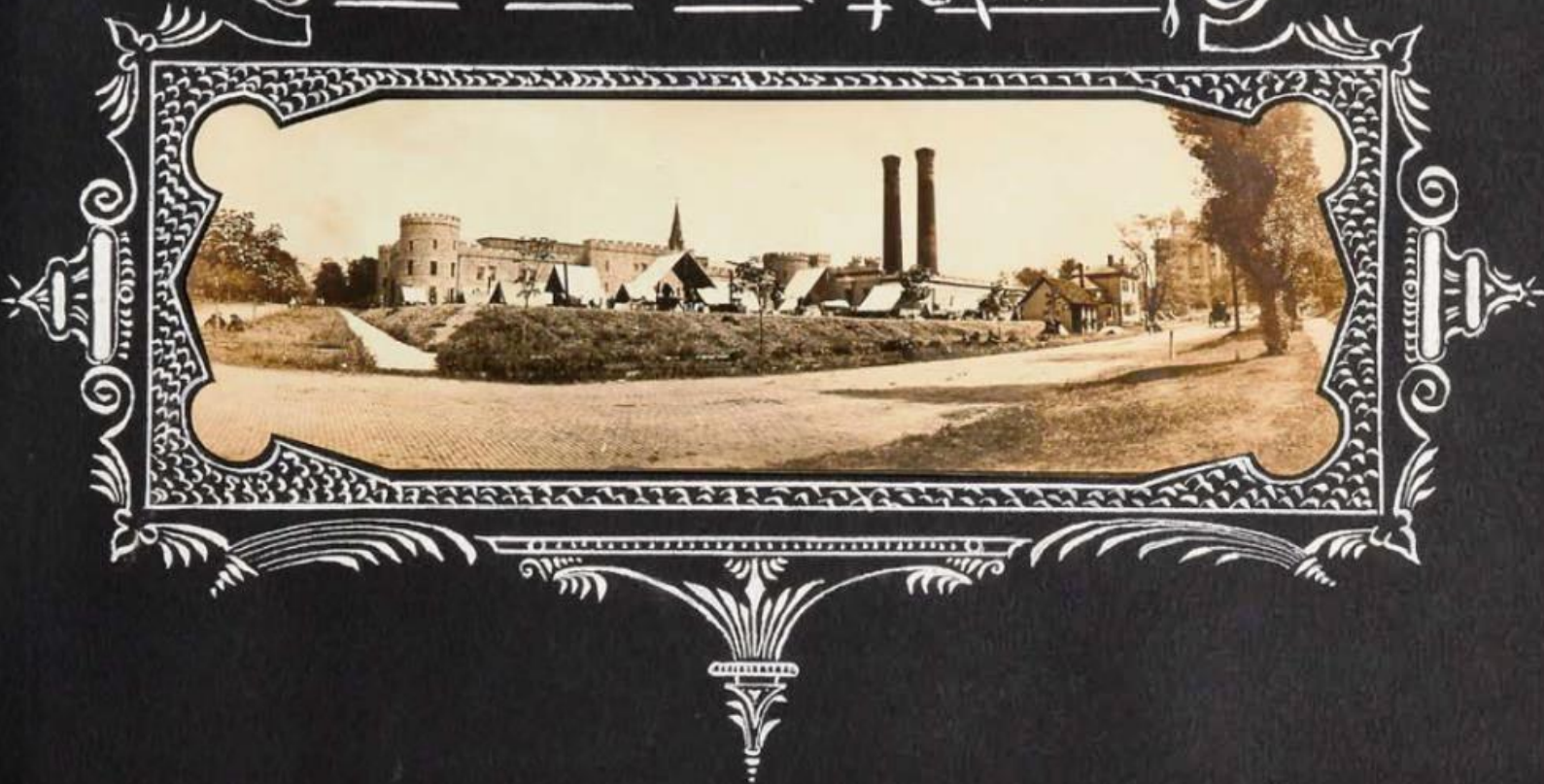




*Ruined Negro Homes  
Springfield, Mo.*

Ruined Negro Homes.

Mess Tents back of Armory.







Negro home, 9<sup>th</sup> & Madison, destroyed by rioters.  
Militia on duty.

Negro Home  
destroyed by the Mob.

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Aug. 14. - 1908.



Ruins at 12<sup>th</sup> 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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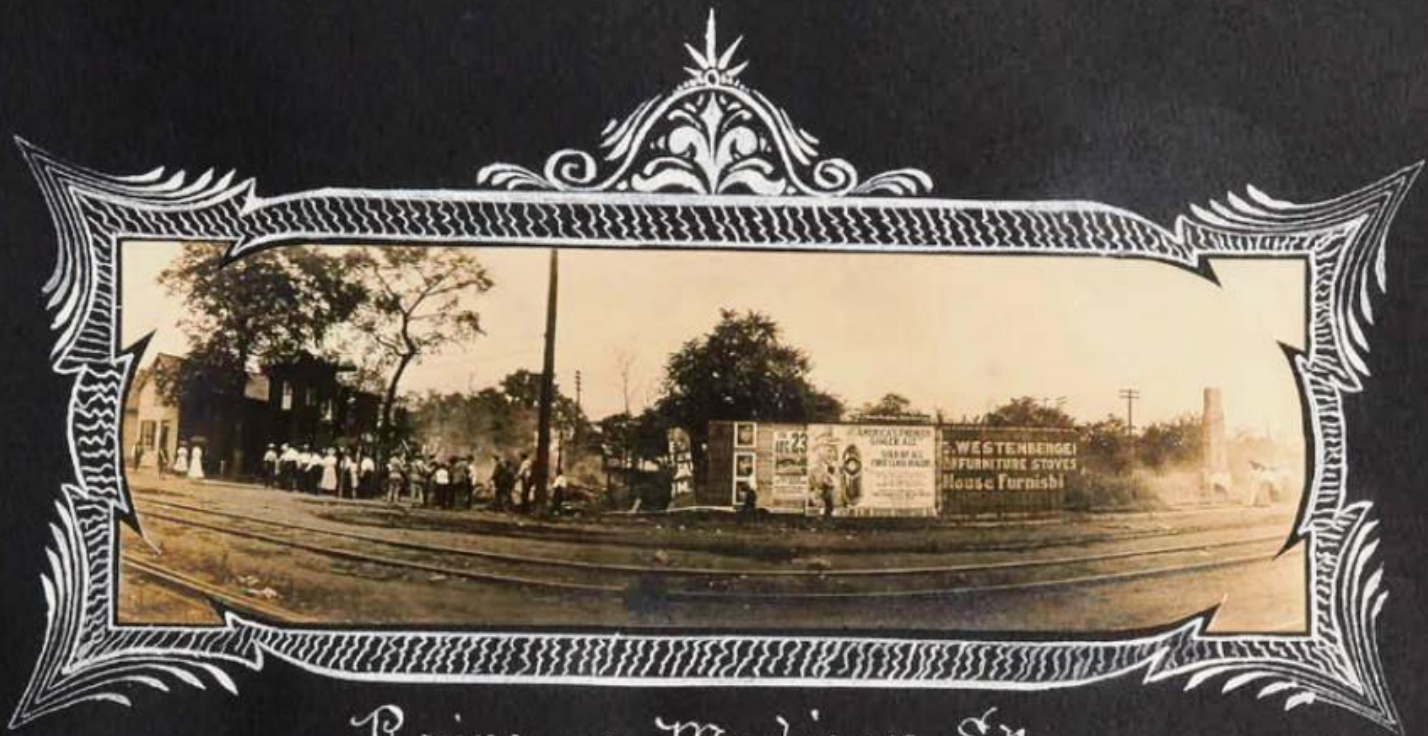
Scene in Court House Yard.  
~On Duty~





Negro Barber Shop. W. Washington

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 8-15-08

A Broken Home.



The Morning after the Riot  
at 11<sup>th</sup> and Madison.



Saloon Wrecked  
and  
Partly Burned.



Tree on which  
Negro  
was hanged



Ruins of Negro Homes.  
12<sup>th</sup> & Mason St.





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

East Washington  
after the Riot.



Ruins on  
North Ninth Street.

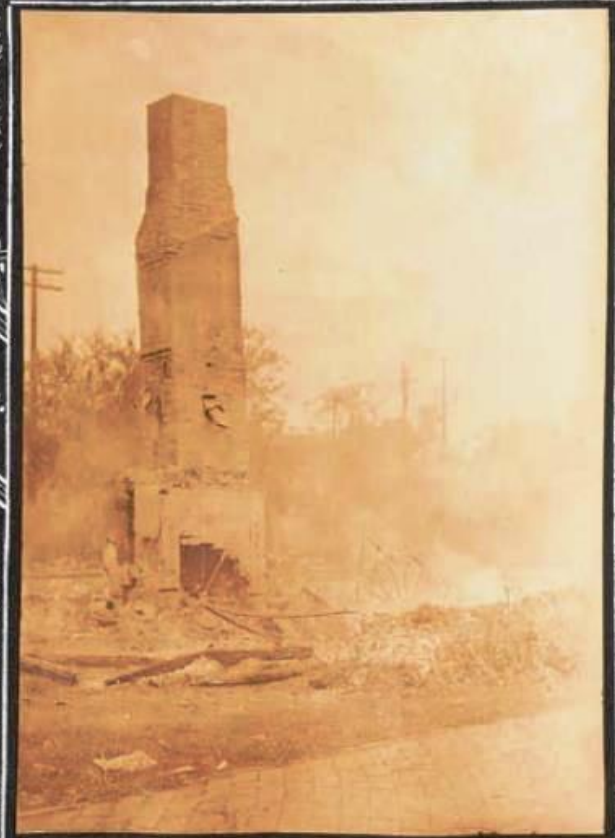


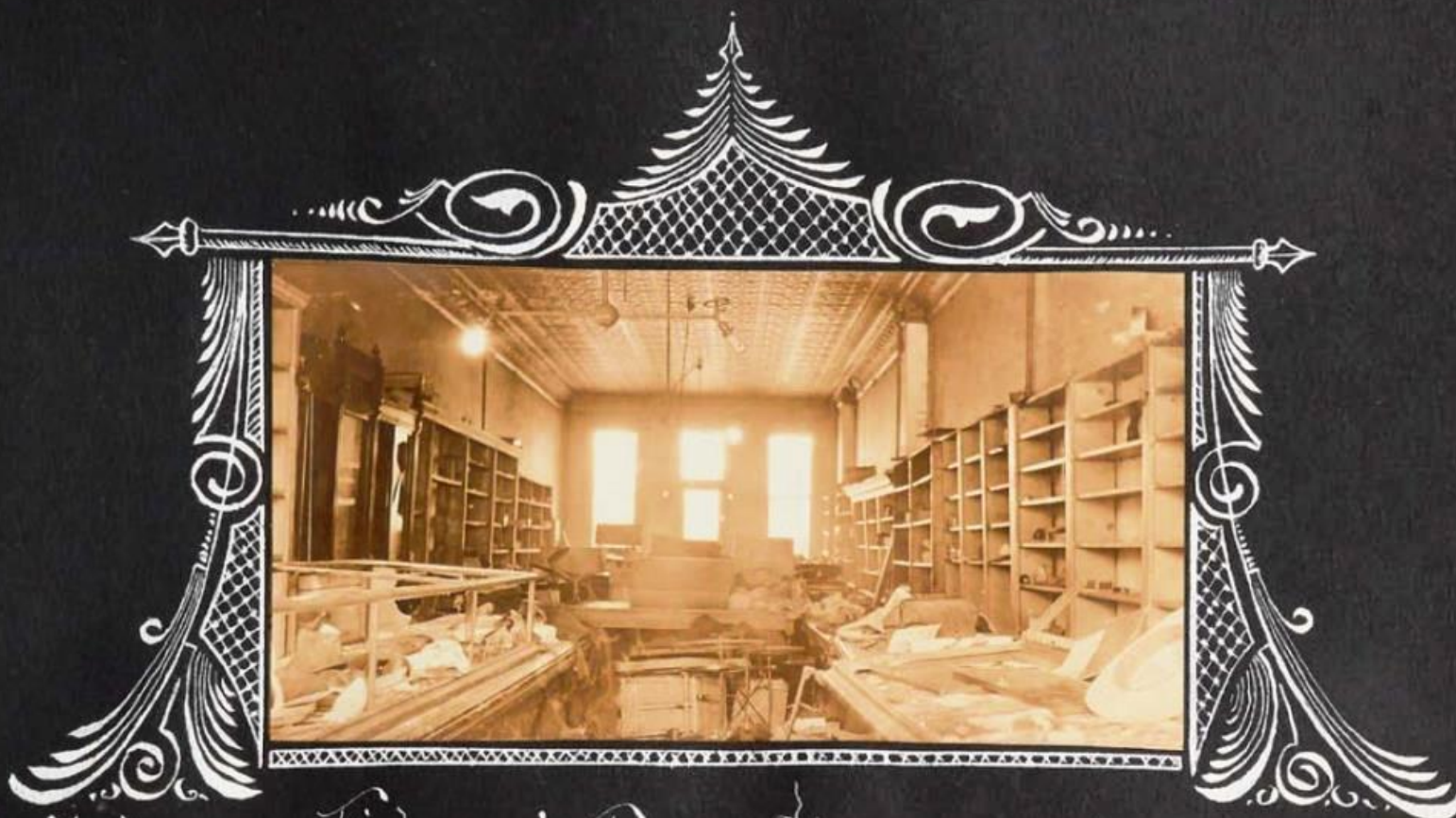


Interior negro barber shop  
wrecked by rioters in Springfield  
Ill., Aug. 14, 1908.

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 12<sup>th</sup> and Madison  
Where Negro was ranged.



Interior  
of  
Dandy Jim's  
Saloon.



Cor. 8<sup>th</sup> 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,  
11<sup>th</sup> and Madison.



Other Negro Ruins on 10<sup>th</sup> and Madison.



