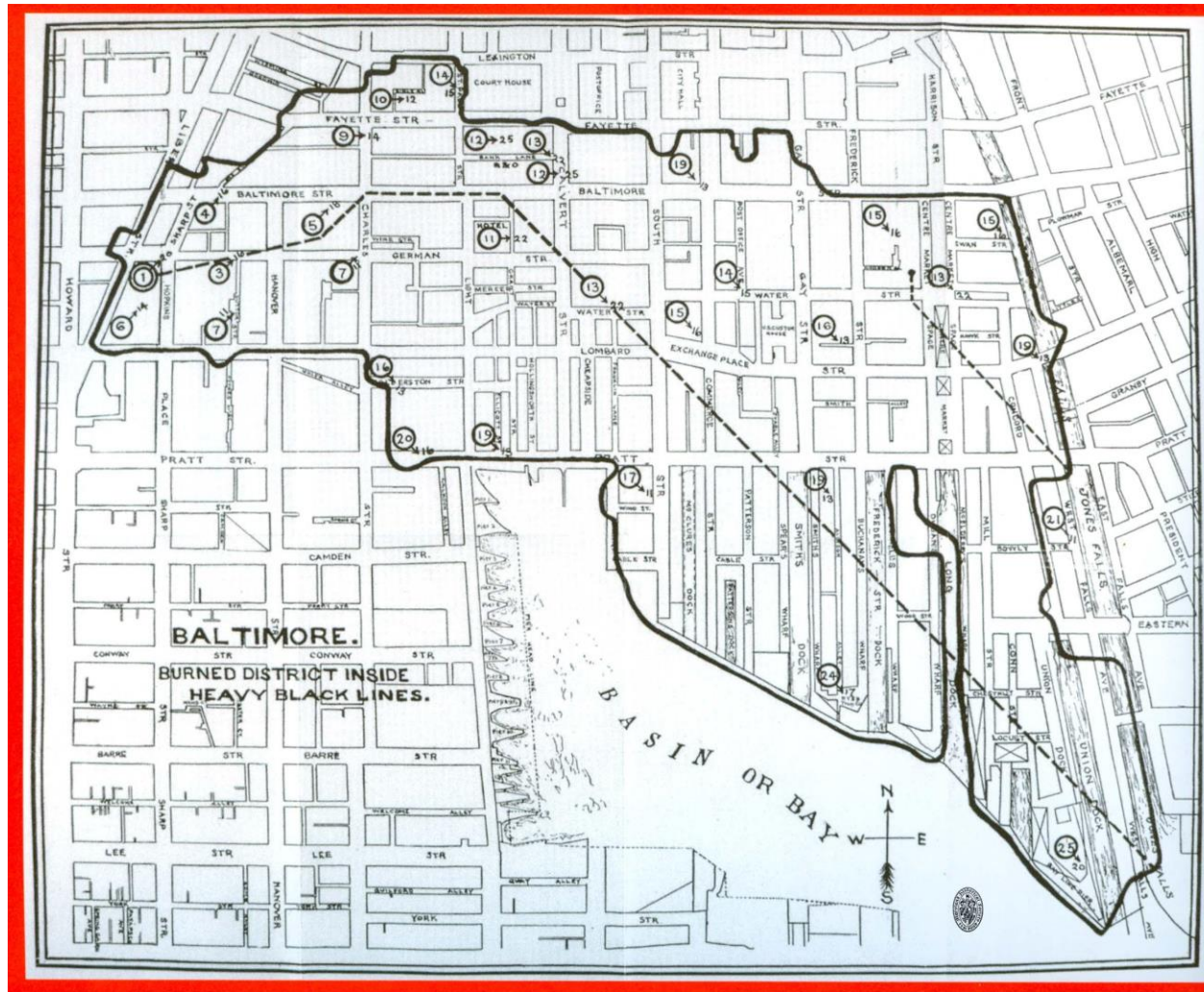


The Great Baltimore Fire: How a Community Changes



The Baltimore Fire Publications Collection, 1904-1906, Box 1 Folder 8, MS 3154, Maryland Historical Society

This map shows the areas of Baltimore that was burnt in the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904. The fire started at “1” and ended at “25”.

- 1) What do you think the dotted line shows? _____
- 2) The fire was spread by the wind. Using the compass on the map, what three directions did the fire move?

- 3) What streets or geographic features are near where the fire ended? Does that area still exist in Baltimore today?

- 4) How many buildings were destroyed by the fire? (Hint: Everything within the thick line.)



Baltimore - Fires & Explosions - 1904 - Views - During - From Federal Hill, Subject Vertical File, Maryland Historical Society <https://www.flickr.com/photos/119886413@N05/15519572858>

- 1) Is the photo on the left from before, during, or after the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904? _____
- 2) Do you see any buildings that are in both photos? If so, describe the building: _____

- 3) Do you think Baltimore is better prepared for a fire today than in 1904? If so, why? _____

AN ACT

An Act to create a commission on the Burnt District of Baltimore City; to define its duties and powers; to regulate its methods of procedure; to define the extent of said district; to provide for opening, extending, widening, straightening and closing streets, lanes and alleys; for establishing public squares and market spaces, building lines and the width of sidewalks in said district; for adding to, extending and partly filling the harbors or basin of Baltimore City; and for establishing public wharves and docks, and to provide for appropriating a portion of the general sinking fund of Baltimore City and other moneys for the purposes of this Act.

Burnt District Commission Report, Sherlock Swann Papers, 1888-1924, Box 1, MS 3064, Maryland Historical Society

1) What are some of the changes that happened in Baltimore after the Great Baltimore Fire: _____

2) Why do you think these changes were made? _____