The State Capitol Burns

Ruins of the Missouri State Capitol, 1911.
Missouri State Archives
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The second state capitol building in Jefferson City was completed in 1840. It was destroyed by fire on February 5, 1911, when a bolt of lightning struck the dome. Local people, state officials, and prisoners from the nearby state penitentiary went into the burning building to retrieve state documents. While these efforts saved thousands of important documents, many were destroyed by flames or were ruined by water used to fight the blaze.

ANALYZING PHOTOGRAPHS & PRINTS

OBSERVE
Study the picture closely. Describe what you see.
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What details can you identify? Use the chart below to list people, objects, and activities.

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REFLECT
What clues are there as to the date of this photo/print?
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Who or what do you think is the subject of this photo/print?
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Why do you think this photo/print was created?
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Where might you expect to find this photo/print?
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Based on what you have observed list 3 things you might learn from the image.
1. _______________________________________________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________________________________________
3. _______________________________________________________________________________________

QUESTION
What questions does this photo/print raise?
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Where could you find answers to them?
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