

COPENHAGEN

FIRE OF 1728

WHEN: STARTED BETWEEN 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. & LASTED FROM OCTOBER 20TH- 23RD
WHO: 7 YEAR OLD CHILD OF A MR. & MRS. RASMUSSEN
HOW: KNOCKED OVER CANDLE
WHERE: IN THE SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT ABOVE A RESTAURANT ON THE STREET CURRENTLY NAMED VESTER VOLD

EVEN THOUGH THE ALARMS WERE SOUNDED EARLY, THE FIRE CONTINUED FOR 3 AND A HALF DAYS BECAUSE THE STREETS OF VESTER KVARTER WERE TOO NARROW FOR THE FIRE PUMPS.

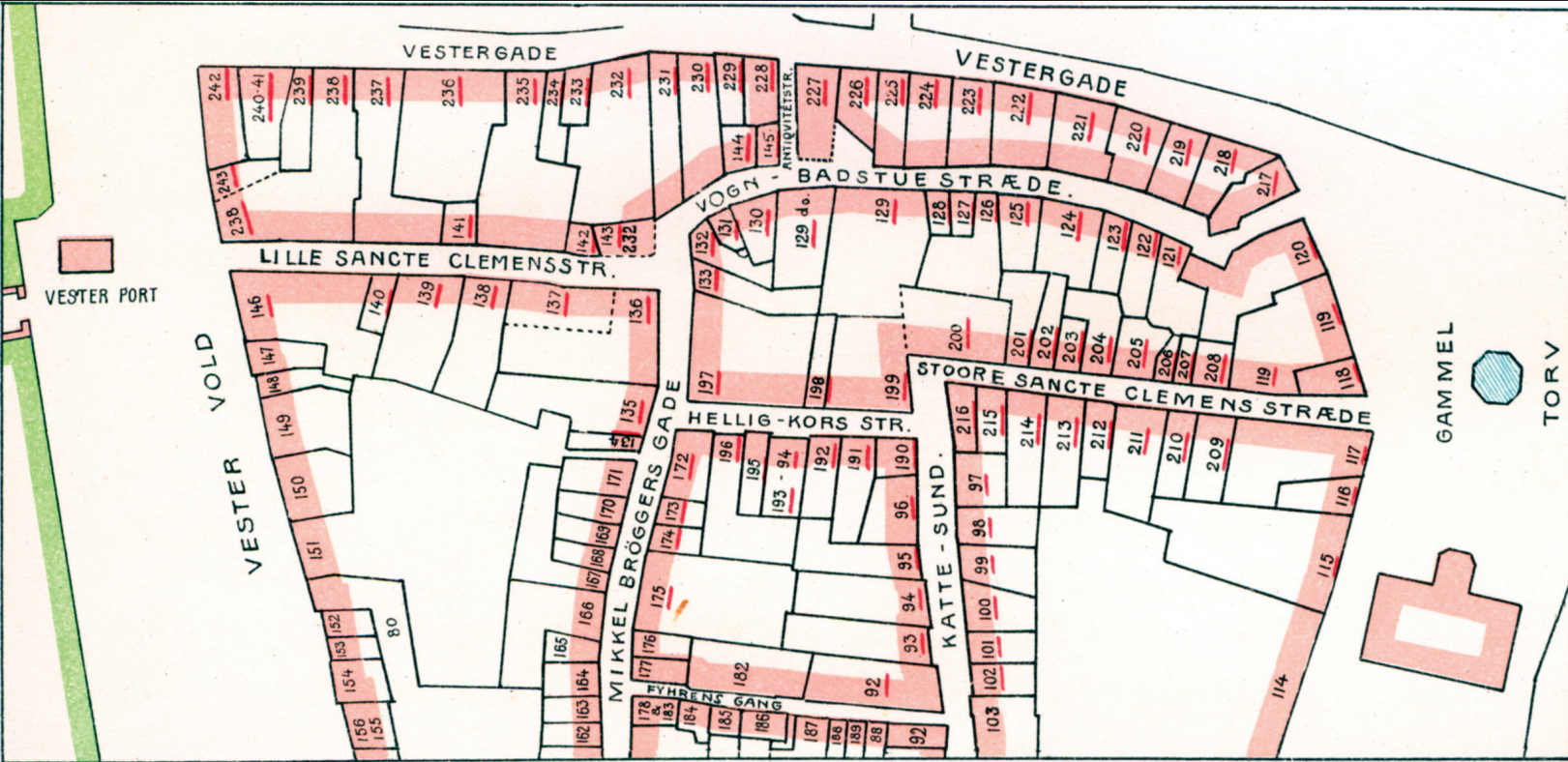
THE CULTURAL LOSE WAS LARGE AND FEW TRACES OF MEDIEVAL COPENHAGEN REMAINS IN THE CITY TODAY BECAUSE THE FIRE DESTROYED THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, PROFESSORIAL RESIDENCES, MAIN CHURCHES INCLUDING VOR FRUE KIRKE AND HELLIGÅNDSKIRKE, UNIVERSITY LIBRARY IN ITS LOFT

MILITARY COMMANDER IN THE CITY HAD THE GATES CLOSED TO PREVENT THE FIRE FROM SPREADING, THEREFORE THE WATER FROM THE CANALS OUTSIDE THE CITY WALLS COULD NOT BE FETCHED.

DURING RECONSTRUCTION A COMMISSION WAS APPOINTED TO REGULATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF STREETS. A SUGGESTION TO CREATE 12 TO 15-METRE WIDE MAIN STREETS WITH 10-METRE WIDE SIDE STREETS AND THE HOMES COULD NOT BE THE TYPICAL HALF-TIMBERED HOUSES.

BECAUSE BRICK WAS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN TIMBER, IN 1731 THE BAN WAS LIFTED. RECONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETE IN 1737 AND MEDIEVAL COPENHAGEN NO LONGER HAD TRACES OF THE ORIGINAL PATHS AND SOME EVEN CEASED TO EXIST.

OLD COPENHAGEN MEDIEVAL CITY



NEW COPENHAGEN MEDIEVAL CITY



WEDNESDAY OCT 20	THURSDAY OCT 21	FRIDAY OCT 22	SATURDAY OCT 23
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