

Fever: 1793 - A Virtual Tour

GATHERING THE INFO: As you watch the webisode, complete this chart. You may need to pause the webisode and/or watch it more than once to get all of the information.

Location	Significance -Why is this place important in the history of the yellow fever epidemic of 1793?
Port of Philadelphia on the Delaware River	French citizens and their slaves fleeing Haiti arrived on merchant ships, carrying yellow fever with them
Area near Benjamin Franklin Bridge	A rooming house that housed two young sailors; both dead by end of July
Front & Dock Streets	Many people thought Dock Creek was source of yellow fever
American Philosophical Society at 5 th & Chestnut Streets	Meeting place for College of Physicians; doctors argued over treatment for yellow fever
Christ Church Burial Ground at 5 th & Arch Streets	Benjamin Rush and Matthew Clarkson (mayor in 1793) buried here
Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church at 6 th and Lombard Streets	Church building activities set aside so that Richard Allen and others could help during yellow fever; Sarah Bass and Richard Allen buried there
Gloria Dei Church (Old Swedes') at Christian & Front Streets	Pastor Nicholas Collin buried many victims of yellow fever
Presidents' House at 6 th & Market (High) Streets	George and Martha Washington fled to Germantown to escape epidemic

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Northern Liberties/Heart of The Liberties (a separate city from Philadelphia in 1790)	Germantown Road was crowded with Philadelphians fleeing to higher ground
16 th & Spring Garden Streets	Mayor Clarkson illegally took over property of the Hamilton family to create Bush Hill, a hospital to treat victims of yellow fever
The Lazaretto, Tincum Township	A quarantine hospital constructed in 1799; ship passengers infected with yellow fever were kept here until they recovered and could go to Philadelphia
City Hall/Centre Square	From 1801 to 1811, a steam driven water system was based here. Clean water was thought to prevent yellow fever.
Fairmount Waterworks	Site of the new water purification system when Centre Square water pump couldn't keep up with growing population

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