



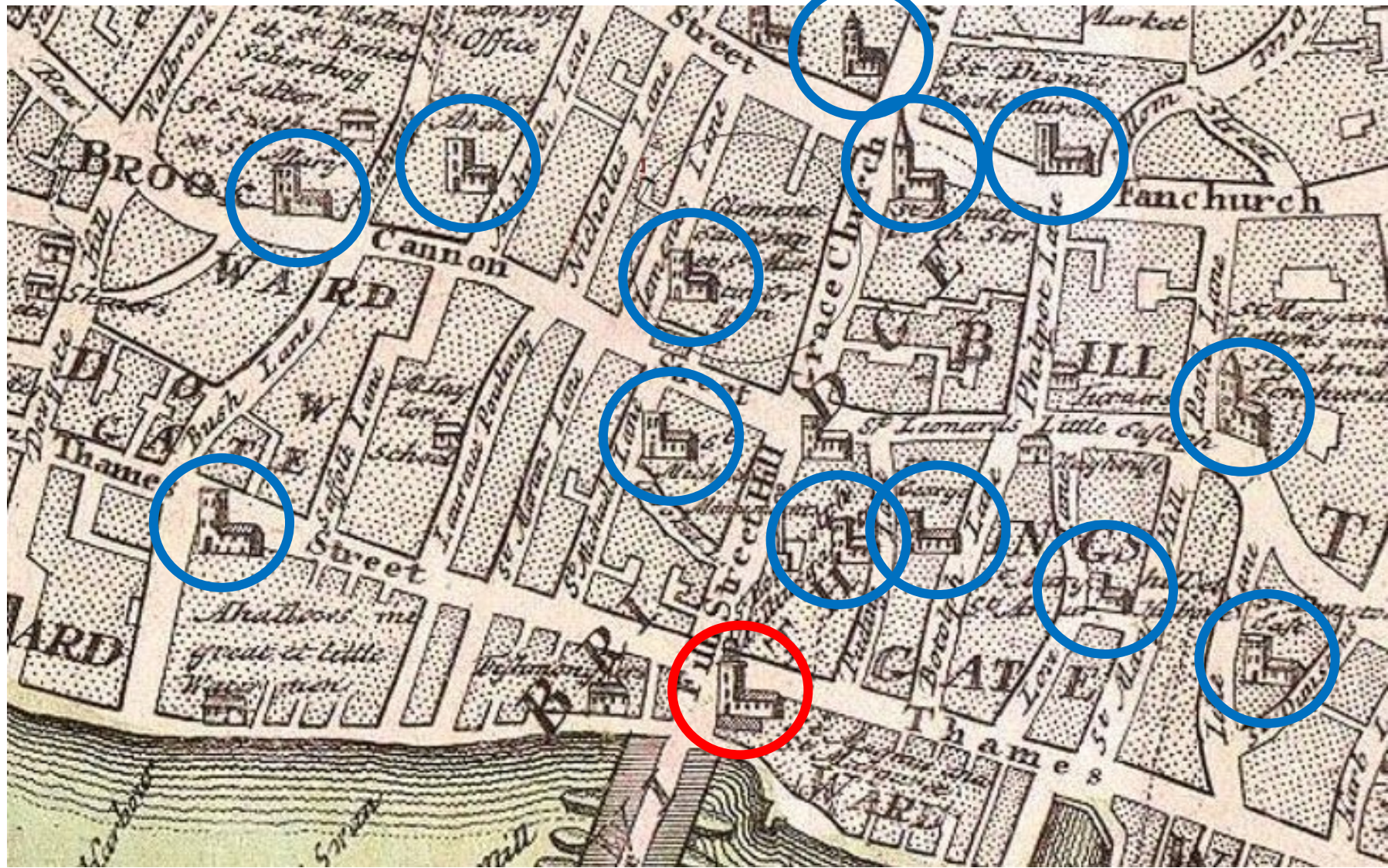
# Seventeenth century London

Part 2



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## The church of St Magnus the Martyr



Ringling the bells, which was the clearest and loudest sound across the city, in the early hours of the morning was crucial to waking people up and saving lives, by giving people time to find out what was happening and escape.

90 minutes into the fire, bells of multiple churches would be ringing - everyone across London will have known that something was wrong. [Who was the church warden of St Magnus the Martyr...?](#)



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The wind direction and a fire break in the bridge meant that the fire did not spread along it to Southwark...

**FIRE ENGINE, late 17th/early 18th century**

The only fire engines available during the Great Fire were manually operated hydraulic pumps, which were difficult to manoeuvre round the narrow streets. The real development in fire engine design came during the 1670s when Dutchman Jan van der Heiden devised a special hose and suction pipe, and his fellow countryman John Lofting, a resident of London, started manufacturing them.



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A proper fire service did not exist at the time (this engine in the church was developed afterwards...)

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