

**TIMELINE OF MOUNT AIRY'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FIRES
of the 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY**

Date	Location	Cause	Damage
1853	Prospect Methodist Church, Woodville Road.	Unreferenced	Church building
April 11, 1884 Afternoon	Todd Acreage Ridgeville along tracks	Train Sparks	Fencing, straw, timber
May 16, 1885 Midnight	Barnes & Spurrier Homes	Arson	2 Homes, \$1,950 loss
Jan 3, 1903 1:00 a.m.	H.B Moxley Lumber & Feed, North Main Street	Suspicious	\$4,000 loss of buildings, stables, lumber and straw.
January 29, 1903 12:30 a.m.	Anderson & Company North Main Street	Undetermined	\$6,500 loss of building and warehouse. \$8,000 loss of merchandise.
Feb 24, 1903 2:00 a.m.	Business District Main Street South of RR Tracks	Defective stove flue in Clay & Clary Grocery	\$75,000-\$100,000 loss. 17 buildings, 3 human injuries.
August 7, 1904	Ruland Bakery, Wilson Hotel and Stable Fires	Undetermined	2 buildings damaged, and several stables at \$2,000
September 17, 1904 1:00 a.m.	Anderson & Company South Main Street	Undetermined	4 buildings, \$6,000 loss
July 16, 1905 1:30 a.m.	Clary Livery Stable	Arson	4 horses, straw, hay, livery stable. \$2,000 loss
March 25, 1914 Noon	Business District North of RR Tracks, West side of Main Street	Started in Mill while shoveling coal into furnace.	\$85,000 loss. 14 buildings and merchandise. 1 barn. 100 prized chickens.
December 10, 1922 6:00 a.m.	Bowman & Glover properties	Undetermined	3 buildings, \$3,000 loss
June 4, 1925 10:00 a.m.	Business District North of RR Tracks, East side of Main Street	Undetermined cause - on roof of F.B. Zepp Dry Goods store	\$200,000 loss. 11 buildings and 13 businesses.
Feb 8, 1930 3:00 a.m.	Commercial Bank Building South Main Street	Undetermined. Started in basement near furnace.	Unreported dollar loss. Smoke and fire damage to 2 buildings and furnishings.
Feb 8, 1930 9:45 a.m.	Resnick Apartment above Watkins 5 & Dime South Main Street	Undetermined, suspected child knocked over oil stove	\$500 loss. 2 human injuries.
Feb 1, 1935 10:00 a.m.	Home of Mrs. Albert Nice, South Main street	Arson	Unreported dollar loss. Smoke and fire damage to residence.
Feb 10, 1935 1:15 a.m.	Mount Airy High School, North Main Street	Arson	\$35,000 loss. Building and books and school equipment.
Feb 5, 1947 Midnight	Clothing Factory, North Main street	Undetermined	\$50,000 loss. Building, machinery and stock.
Oct 22, 1951 3:00 a.m.	Smith's Grocery South Main Street	Electric Refrigerator	\$5,000 loss of building. \$6,000 loss of merchandise.
Feb 5, 1954	Strohland Poultry Farm	Undetermined	\$10,000 loss in building.

Evening	Ridgeville		2,500 chickens.
May 26, 1961 1:55 a.m.	Mount Airy Appliance and Furniture Warehouse, Park Ave	Suspicious	\$10,000 loss in building. \$30,000 loss in merchandise.
Oct 18, 1961 4:00 p.m.	Smith's Grocery South Main Street	Burning Trash nearby	Unreported dollar loss. Fire damage to building. Interior Smoke damage
April 5, 1963 1:30 a.m.	Mount Airy Appliance and Furniture Store, South Main Street	Suspicious	\$100,000 in building housing 4 businesses and all contents.
May 2, 1969 5:30 p.m.	Mount Airy Mill, North Main Street	Undetermined, appears to have started in storage area near coal bin	\$150,000 loss of building and merchandise.
April 1966 - May 12, 1969 Morning	Barn Fires at several Mt. Airy and Frederick Farms	Arson	14 Barns, \$300,000 loss in buildings and equipment
Dec 9, 1974 11:00 p.m.	Beck's Hatchery Chicken House, Park Ave	Arson	\$10,000 loss of building.
Dec 17, 1976 overnight	New MAFD Mack Mainline Pumper Truck	Undetermined, overnight fire at service station	\$50,000 fire truck.
March 6, 1977 2:00 a.m.	Prospect United Methodist Church, Woodville Road	Arson	Unreported dollar loss. Smoke & fire damage to building. 5 firemen injured in auto accident.
July 1, 1982 2:00 a.m.	Bohn's Furniture & Appliance Store South Main Street	Unknown	Unreported dollar loss. Smoke and fire damage to building and interior.