1794 – Great Fire at Pearl Street destroys 7 ropewalks and 95 houses

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The dotted line on this hand drawn map by Reverend Jeremy Belknap shows the origin and extent of the great fire of 30 July 1794, which destroyed the seven ropewalks downtown near Fort Hill [see detail]. The map also notes the location of prominent buildings such as Bulfinch’s Tontine Crescent and Belknap’s new house, built in 1787.