Landmark At McKownville Destroyed Tuesday By Fire

Fire Tuesday morning destroyed the historic Old Tavern near Mc-Kownville. The huge structure, landmark for more than 100 years and a one-time stage stop, took fire about 9:45 a.m., and within an hour and a half was reduced to embers. Clark Gibson of Albany was owner

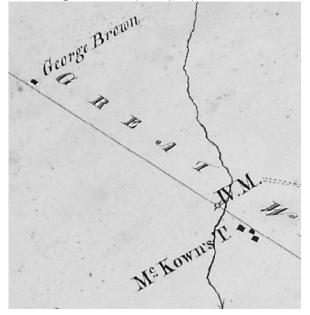
of the building. He was quoted as saying there was no insurance. The fire apparently started near the roof, a neighbor said Gibson told him. The tavern was used as a dining, dancing and swimming resort. A former pond on the rear had been converted into a swimming pool. Gibson -reportedly -was -ther-tonly person in the Tavern when the flames broke out. Despite the great heat

from the flames, gasoline in the tank feeding a service station pump in front of the tavern did not ignite.

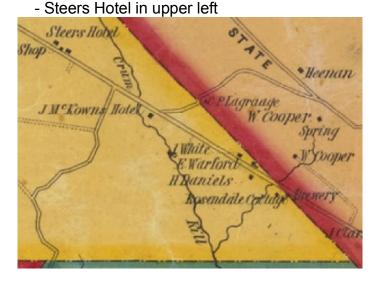
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part of Sidney map 1851

part of Randel map 1805 - George Brown (first proprietor of the Old Tavern)



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part of Beers' map 1866 - Mrs Beaver's Hotel in upper left

