

Landmark At McKownville Destroyed Tuesday By Fire

Fire Tuesday morning destroyed the historic Old Tavern near McKownville. 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 the only 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.

part of Randel map 1805

- George Brown (first proprietor of the Old Tavern)



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part of Sidney map 1851

- Steers Hotel in upper left



part of Beers' map 1866

- Mrs Beaver's Hotel in upper left

