



FILE PHOTO OF HISTORIC HARTWELL FARM IN LINCOLN

## *Historic Lincoln Farm Burns*

LINCOLN — The historical Hartwell Farm, a restaurant well known for its chicken soup, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin Sunday night.

The blaze started shortly after 10 p.m., and the restaurant, located off Rte. 2A, was almost immediately engulfed in flames.

Miss Marion Fitch, who bought the Hartwell Farm in 1924 with the late Miss Jane Poor, called the fire department, but when firemen arrived, the farm was already burning heavily.

The charred wood and ashes of the structure leaves behind the memory of an event that gave Hartwell Farm its historic significance in this town.

During the Revolution, shortly after Paul Revere was captured by the British, Dr. Samuel Prescott, who rode with Revere, went to the farm of Samuel Hartwell.

Prescott alerted Hartwell, a gunsmith, who dressed and joined the Lincoln Minutemen. The rest of the Hartwell family sped down the road and warned a Capt. Smith that the British were coming.

The door that Gen. Prescott knocked on was still part of the Hartwell Farm when the fire hit.

Miss Fitch and Miss Poor, converted the farm into an eating place, in 1929. The menu of 25 items remained the same each day.

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