

OLD KING'S TAVERN SAVED FROM BLAZE

MAJOR DENISON AND DEPUTY
COMMISSIONER RICE PRE-
SERVE THE HISTORIC
STRUCTURE,

Horseback Riding; Albanians Come
Upon Inn of Century Ago With
Smoke Issuing From Closet
—Direct Fight.

The historic King's tavern on a trail through the sand plains west of Albany, was saved from destruction by fire yesterday afternoon by Major Albert E. Denison, Tenth Infantry, and Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety William J. Rice. The King's tavern is one of the oldest buildings in this section. Workmen told of the incident last night.

Major Denison and Deputy Commissioner Rice were horseback riding along a trail through the sand plains when they noticed smoke issuing from the tavern. They spurred their horses and, arriving at the tavern, gained an entrance to find the smoke coming from an old closet, which was enveloped in flames. Workmen with fire apparatus were opposite on another trail and the knowledge of Major Denison and Deputy Commissioner Rice of the country made them masters of the situation. They quickly galloped to the workmen, making the stretch in fast time, and they hurried back with some of the men and apparatus, in time to save the old taven. The Albanians directed the fight.

King's tavern is a two-story structure and is more than a century old. It is situated on the old King's highway, which at one time ran through the sand plains west from the Speedway, over the old route before the making of the Western turnpike. It was in King's tavern that the present Country club was organized and it was in the same tavern that matters of State and great gatherings were held in the years gone by.

At present the tavern is unoccupied and its decaying boarding and interior give it an appearance of the time-worn loneliness on the plains. The tavern is still owned by the Country club and it is believed tentative plans are being made for preserving it. The blaze discovered by Major Denison and Mr. Rice is believed to have been started by tramps.

McKOWNVILLE.

Many in this place have been ill with la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Trick and Mr. and Mrs. Zeigler called on Mr. and Mrs. Fuchs Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Zeigler of Coeymans spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trick.

On Sunday afternoon the old Country Club house burned to the ground.

Delta Chi Rho society held its regular meeting Monday night.

Epworth League Wednesday evening. Leader, Rev. L. R. Guthrie. Mission study class will follow the meeting.

Ladies' Aid society met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thomas Helme.

Miss Ruth A. Cornelius spent a few days with her grandmother in Albany, last week.

Mrs. Arthur Rapp of Guilderland was a guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Drumm, last week.

Mrs. H. S. Rapp and Miss Ethel M. Abrams, who have been ill with la grippe, are better.

On Friday another life-long resident of this place died, Abram Smith. His funeral was held Monday from the home of his daughter in Guilderland.

The ladies will hold a clam chowder supper in the church on Thursday evening, April 1st. Everybody keep this date in mind.

Mrs. G. A. Manville, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. M. Strobe, of Albany, spent last week with her brother at North Adams.

Last Monday afternoon the funeral of Mrs. Susan Albright, wife of the late Lawrence Albright, took place at her late home. Rev. L. R. Guthrie and Rev. M. A. Hammond officiated.

The C. E. society of the Bloomingrove Reformed church will give an entertainment entitled "How the Club Was Formed," in our church on Thursday evening, April 8th. Admission, 25 cents.