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BRYANT POND

The old home has gone. Woodstock has lost one of its oldest and most historic landmarks. It was the last house remaining in what was once the village and business center of the town. It was built by Capt. Samuel Stephens and later purchased by Abel Bacon of Greenwood.

The Bacons lived here for nearly 75 years. Ralph M. Bacon, grandson of Abel, left the farm in 1922. Since then it was home to the Estes Yates family for some years and later was sold to W. Scott Emmons, the present owner of the farm.

During the past few years Mary Emmons has been building up a Ceramic business which has increased steadily. In April she opened a studio in Norway and in June, just a few days before the old home was destroyed by fire Mr. and Mrs. Emmons purchased a home in Norway. However a large part of the Ceramic supplies were stored at the old place and were a total loss.

On July 1, soon after Mr. and Mrs. Emmons had returned from Norway, a thunder shower approached and a bolt of lightning hit the barn and set it on fire. The Woodstock and West Paris fire departments were called but were unable to stop the fast spreading fire.

People in town are very sorry to lose a nice family like the Emmons family and that they had to leave with only what they could save from the fire with a heavy loss to their business.

Ralph M Bacon