

Old Land Mark Gone

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The Blankenship hotel, one of the first houses built in the town, was destroyed last Sunday night by fire. The fire boys responded as soon as the alarm was given, but the flames had gained such headway it was impossible to save the building, although the fire was entirely put out before the front porch and wall was burned. A good portion of the furniture was saved, but was badly damaged. We understand there was \$750.00 insurance on the house and contents, which would be about half its worth. If it had been possible to have gotten the hose attached a few minutes earlier the main part of the building could have been saved. But taking everything into consideration, we think the fire boys did mighty well.