

About the "Old Tavern" when it was being taken down.

One of the most ancient and interesting landmarks of West Cambridge and Arlington is disappearing. The building is the original Cutter Tuffs Tavern – dating back to the period when this section was known as Menotomy and before the incorporation of the town of West Cambridge. History says "A Public House was kept here in 1734". The proprietor was William Cutler. He owned an kept slaves- Dinah Ishmael and others – two of whom were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. All along the years when the Tavern keeping was required, this house enjoyed its full share of popularity

Before the time of railroads the produce was conveyed overland Baggage Wagons the cattle were driven from place to place in droves. The extensive land around this house, served to pasture the numerous herds. The drovers must "put up" at night and found this Hostilrie and hospitable stopping place – where they could gather around the ample fireplace, tell stories, and toast their frugal lunches over the coals. The long line of sheds and watering trough has disappeared: by the lonesome appearance of these gone by taverns, the young people of today, can hardly imagine the hum of business which once surrounded the premises.

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