

# BLAZE DESTROYS ROUTON HOME – RURAL LANDMARK

(From newspaper article)

Fire Thursday afternoon destroyed the old Q. E. Routon home place, a landmark in the Routon community for nearly a

century. Antiques, family papers, and pictures were lost.

The fire reportedly began when some members of the Elbert Routon family, current occupants of the home,

we're burning in the yard. The blaze spread out of control and burned the old house to the ground.

The white frame two-story Victorian home was built in the early 1880's by Q. E. Routon and his wife, Laura Bowden Routon. Routon was county court clerk at the turn of the century.

Among items lost in the fire were handwork and a large loom belonging to the late Miss Vera Routon, who taught

weaving at Union University in Jackson.

The home, on the old McKenzie highway some seven miles south of Paris, is the second Routon landmark destroyed

by fire. In 1958 just up the lane, the old S. P. Routon home burned. It was the house in which "Mr. Quince" Routon was reared.