

Fire Burns ^{July 5, 1917} Village Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Wheeler on Fourth street was destroyed by fire shortly after noon on Friday of last week. The origin of the fire is unknown but as it apparently started in the attic near the chimney it is presumed to have caught from sparks escaping from a defect in the chimney. Mrs. Wheeler, who was at home with her two children, had just left the house to go over to a neighbor when Mr. Chas. Swanson discovered the flames and called to her. She returned immediately and entered the house to get the two children, one of whom was asleep in the bed room, and before she escaped received several burns from cinders falling from the ceilings.

A high wind was blowing at the time and with the windows all open the house was a mass of flames in an instant and burned to the ground almost before the the fire fighters could arrive. Practically all the household goods and furniture were lost.