

# *Land & Buildings Seend*



## *Fire Destroys Dwelling*

A fire occurred about mid-day on Thursday, in the dwelling house of Mr Pocock, a farmer living at Inmarsh, in the parish of Seend. Mr Pocock and his wife had gone to Devizes market, leaving their two daughters and a son at home. They returned to find their house burnt to the ground! It appears that a labourer who was at work near the premises observed some smoke issuing from the roof, and at once gave alarm, but before any available assistance could be obtained, the thatch was on fire in all directions. And in less than two hours the whole building was destroyed.

The house was a very old one with a great deal of timber about it, and the fire is supposed to have originated in a beam connected with the chimney. A great deal of cheese was hurriedly got out of the store room, but owing to not being removed far enough away, was either destroyed or rendered worthless by the heat. Most of the furniture was saved, but very much injured; and we regret to say that both Mr Pocock and his landlord (the Duke of Somerset) were uninsured. The labouring people, we are told exerted themselves to the utmost in rendering every assistance in their power.

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