

Big Red, home of Frank Woodbridge (FW) Cheney and Mary Bushnell Cheney, 87 Hartford Road, on the Great Lawn.

The mansion was torn down in April 1932.

One of FW's daughters, Ruth Cheney Goodwin, spoke of this house in her memoir *Under the Family Tree*. Ruth Cheney, 1884-1952, married Charles Archibald Goodwin in 1912. Ruth was the youngest child of Frank Woodbridge Cheney (1832-1909) and Mary Bushnell Cheney (1840-1917). The book was privately published in 1949. Here is a quote from the book: "Christmas and the fourth of July gave full vent to the family capacity for doing things on a large scale. And Thanksgiving was the miracle of the loaves and fishes in reverse. The largest number of people I remember dining in the house on that day was seventy-two— my sister says eighty-nine. Thirty would have been considered few. When we wanted to get the whole clan together, we hired Cheney Hall. Our family had one extraordinary custom which I have never heard of anywhere else. There being fourteen in our family and thirteen in Uncle Knight's, who lived next door, it was found much easier to have the dentist come to us than to take all the twenty-seven to the dentist. So, regularly, twice a year Dr. Hopkins or Dr. Keep came to spend a week or two with us. In the interval a dentist's chair was stored in the barn, but when he arrived, it was hauled out and set up in a little room. He brought his tools with him and the whole family was put over the ropes, one after the other."



RESIDENCE OF COL. FRANK W. CHENEY, SOUTH MANCHESTER, CONN.

Above, undated postcard of "Big Red." ***Below***, 1904 photo.

