



**Central Street**  
*Between Boylston Deli &  
Historic Town Hall*

“The Red Barn Grain Bin Restaurant sat between the Boylston Center Store (now the Boylston Deli) and the Historic Town Hall. It was purchased by Kate Taylor in the 1930’s. She had seen a restaurant in Skaneateles, New York and used it as a model when she decided to create a restaurant. Because it had been a grain bin barn, there were both a ramp with cleats as well as stairs leading into the dining room, the ramp having been used to haul in the grain. The restaurant was only open in warm weather since there was no heat in the barn. Open hours were noon to 8 PM daily, except Mondays.



The tables and chairs were old and unmatched, each seating four persons, the entire restaurant serviced perhaps 45 people. The tables were set with place mats and napkins. The water bottles and glassware were made of Mexican glass.

Edith and about six local girls, the waitresses, wore jumper style floral dresses with white blouses. The skirt of the dress was stiffly starched. Each waitress served every table. One would serve the fruit cup, another the salad and so on. A seven-course meal consisted of fruit cup, soup, salad, chicken, a second meat, potatoes, vegetables, fritters and a dessert, priced at a dollar and half in 1934. The Red Barn Restaurant closed in the early 1940’s.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Boylston Historical Series, Filgate, 2012