



# **Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department News Release**

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## **Fire That Destroyed Century Old Farmhouse Still Under Investigation**

January 12, 2009 (ROANOKE COUNTY) – The Roanoke County Fire Marshal’s office is still investigating a house fire that destroyed a century old farmhouse in the 4800 block of Glade Creek Road late yesterday afternoon. Investigators worked through the night, but still have more work to complete before they will be able to determine the cause of this fire.

The 1867 farmhouse is still standing, but the third floor finished attic is completely destroyed. Additionally, there is heavy fire damage on one entire side of the home and extreme water, smoke and heat damage throughout. Fire crews attempted to salvage some of the antiques from inside the home, but are not sure of their condition at this time.

The volunteer firefighter who was sent to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries was released late last night and is expected to be okay.

It has now been confirmed that a father and his two daughters lived in this home, but only the father was home at the time of the fire and he escaped without injury. Two pet dogs also escaped without harm. The father called 9-1-1 to report smoke in the home as his smoke detectors was sounding.

There are no fire hydrants in this area, so crews had to draft water from Glade Creek and pump it through fire trucks. Norfolk Southern railroad traffic was shut down so firefighters could stretch fire hose across the tracks.

The home is most likely going to be considered a total loss.

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