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Sparks from Power Tool Caused Farmhouse Fire

January 13, 2009 (ROANOKE COUNTY) – The Roanoke County Fire Marshal’s office has concluded that sparks from a grinder power tool caused the fire that has nearly destroyed a century old farmhouse in Roanoke County over the weekend. The male owner of the home had been working on renovating the home and was using a grinder in the staircase area of the first floor. It has been determined that sparks from the grinder ignited combustibles underneath the staircase of the first floor and then spread through a void space to the attic.

Early damage estimates are in excess of \$250,000 for the house and its contents. Firefighters were able to save many of the antiques within the home. The home may likely be considered a total loss.

Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department is committed to providing quality fire and emergency medical services to the citizens and visitors of Roanoke County, Virginia.

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