

Home On N.C. 18 North In McGrady Destroyed By Fire Sunday Morning

UPDATE: A wood frame home on N.C. 18 North in McGrady was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Niki Hamby, fire investigator with the Wilkes Sheriff's Office, said the cause of the fire hasn't been determined yet due to the extent of damage and because he hasn't been able to talk to people who lived there. Hamby said power was on to the house so he couldn't rule out an electrical cause. Hamby and Wilkes Fire Marshal Kevin Bounds both were on the scene. McGrady Fire Chief Mike Lane said flames were coming from the windows when firefighters arrived. Two women lived in the house but were gone, possibly out of town, when the fire was reported around 12:40 a.m. Sunday. Lane said very little of the house remained. He said about 40 firefighters from the McGrady, Mulberry-Fairplains, Millers Creek, Mountain View, Knotville and North Wilkesboro fire departments responded. The Cricket Fire Department was on standby for Millers Creek. The Wilkes Rescue Squad with an air cascade truck for filling air tanks and Wilkes Emergency Medical Services also were on the scene. Lane said firefighters were there until about 5:30 a.m. Sunday. There were no injuries.

Firefighters responded to a house fire on N.C. 18 North in McGrady early Sunday morning.

Firefighters from the McGrady and Mulberry-Fairplains departments were dispatched at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday and reported that the house was fully involved in flames as they arrived.

The Millers Creek, Mountain View, North Wilkesboro and Knotville fire departments were subsequently dispatched to assist with fire trucks and manpower.

The fire was at 10124 Sparta Road (N.C. 18 North). It was initially reported as being at a point on N.C. 18 North near Antler Drive.

Duke Energy was called to cut off electricity to the house.

No additional details were immediately available.