

Nov. 13. 1939

George E. Rose

FIRE - HOUSE NO. 229


I attach hereto copy of Mr. Gregory's report of Nov. 13 on the burning of house #229, which was located on Maggard's Branch just above the machine shop and supply house. This house was burned completely down about 2:30 A. M. Saturday, Nov. 11, 1939.

The house was occupied by Sam Robinette, who is a truck driver for the store. Practically all of his household goods were burned and he did not have any insurance. In talking with Sam Robinette he said that the fire started in the opposite end of the house in which the family were sleeping and there was a big fire which had a great deal of headway when he first discovered it. He has a large family of children and by the time he had them all awakened and out of the house with sufficient clothing to keep them warm the fire had then gained such a start he was not able to save any of his household goods.

From investigations made and from what Sam Robinette said the fire was not caused from an overheated stove or defective flue or chimney nor was it caused from defective wiring. This was a one-story building with an unfinished attic. Nothing had been stored in the attic.

Yours very truly,

WISCONSIN STEEL COMPANY

By   
R. E. Gaibreath, Superintendent

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CC to Mr. Ballard - ✓