

VANDERBILT VILLA BURNS

Fifty Farmers Fight Blaze at Wading River, Long Island.

Wading River, Long Island, July 9.—Deep Pond villa, which was owned jointly by William K. Vanderbilt, jr., and Harry Payne Whitney, was destroyed by fire early this morning. There were several fires in the scrub pine near the building yesterday, and Daniel Hawkins, the caretaker, had to call outside aid to extinguish them.

It is thought that during one of these blazes a spark reached the roof of the villa and smouldered there until the breeze fanned it into flame. Nothing could be done to save the building, which was erected several years ago by John C. Grennell, of Brooklyn. It stood on a tract of one hundred acres and was bought for the sake of the land by Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Whitney. It is close to the eastern end of the motor parkway.

The fire came very near destroying the farmhouse and barn on the property of Thomas Donahue, at Calverton. Mr. Lane, Deputy State Fire Marshal, of Riverhead, had a force of fifty farmers assisting him in trying to check the flames. The blaze was started, it is said, by a man burning scrub oaks.