



• This is all that was left of the old Manning Estate home in Hamilton-road, Spearwood, after a fire swept through the building early yesterday morning.

Fire Destroys An Old W.A. Homestead

Fire gutted one of Western Australia's oldest family homesteads early on Wednesday morning. It was engulfed by an extensive bushfire at Spearwood.

Known as The Manning, or Davilak estate, Hamilton-road, Spearwood, its multi-roomed house had been unoccupied for years.

In the past two years vandals had reduced the house to a derelict and yesterday's fire left only the century-old walls standing.

The estate is owned by Mr. Sebastian Galati, of Hamilton-road, Spearwood, and the house was insured.

The Fremantle fire brigade attended at 120 a.m. but could only watch the house burn.

NO WATER

There was no water supply and their tender carried only about 50 gallons.

A neighbour, Mr. V. C. King, went to the house when he first saw the scrub burning but found it already alight.

When he returned to the main road a passing

motorist had called the brigade.

Firemen used water knapsacks and sand to stem the bushfire.

Grandson of the original owner, Mr. Lucius Manning (80, of View street, Peppermint Grove, said yesterday that he had been born in the homestead.

He did not know how early the first part of the building had been erected, but the last addition had been completed 80 years ago.

The house had about 18 rooms. It once had 15 servants and many tick-of-leave convicts had worked on the estate.

Mr. Manning said that the name Davilak was given to the estate by his family and was derived from the swamp called "Devil's Lard" by the aborigines.

All old colonial relics had been auctioned many years ago.

Yesterday afternoon the Fremantle fire brigade was called out again when the fire threatened another house.

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after the disastrous fire on top floor.

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THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS Thurs. to Wed.

SALTED CASHEWS	4oz.	2/6
ALMOND KERNELS	4oz.	2/11
BRAZIL KERNELS	4oz.	2/11
MIXED KERNELS	4oz.	2/11

• SANITARIMUM also express their sincere appreciation to the members of the Fire Brigades for their efficiency in preventing further loss!

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