

FATHER AND SON DROWNED

Victims Overcome by Black Damp in Abandoned Mine Shaft

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OWENSBORO, Ky., July 13.—Scores of citizens and neighbors of Joseph Fuqua, 50, kept sorrowful vigil tonight at the shaft of the abandoned Fern Hill coal mine, a short distance west of Owensboro, where Fuqua was drowned this afternoon in a futile attempt to rescue his 15-year-old son, Robert, who had been overcome by black damp fumes.

Early this morning Fuqua and his son started out to pick blackberries. The theory is advanced that the boy was leaning over the shaft and fell into the water, overcome by the fumes.

The position of the bodies, both plainly visible, indicate the heartbreaking attempt at rescue. Owing to the presence of the black damp the bodies had not been brought to the surface at a late hour tonight. A lunch basket, with most of the food untouched, and the boy's straw hat near the shaft entrance led to the discovery of the bodies.

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