

HILDALE MAN IS FOUND DEAD AT ABANDONED MINE STRIPPING

Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 30.—The body of Charles Waselus, fifty-eight, 200 Chamberlain Street, Hilldale, was discovered in a coal hole at an abandoned stripping in Plains Township shortly before noon Saturday. He had been missing from his home since Friday morning.

Trooper John Harkovich, Wyoming Barracks, State Police, said Waselus was apparently caught under a fall of earth while engaged in picking coal yesterday afternoon and suffocated.

Discovery of his body was made by his son-in-law, Michael Loncoski, 215 Chamberlain Street, Hilldale, who found the victim's car near the scene. He identified a small basket found near a fresh slide of earth. Loncoski and several companions surmised the man had been trapped in the fall and they discovered the body after digging a few feet into the earth.

Deputy Luzerne County Coroner S. A. Kopici investigated and attributed death to suffocation. The body was removed to the Kopici Funeral Home, Plains.

Waselus, married and the father of three children, operated a grocery store in Hilldale.

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