

Two Men Killed At Abandoned Mine

JASPER, Ala. (UPI)—Two men lost their lives and a third narrowly escaped injury Monday when a rock slide crashed down a hillside at an abandoned mine near here.

Walker County officers identified the fatalities as Robert Homan, 47, a disabled miner, and Odell Winters, 39. Homan was killed in the rock slide, and Winters was trapped about two hours, rescued, and taken to a hospital here where he died several hours later.

The two, with Winters' brother, Floyd, went to an old coal mine about 11 miles southeast of here to dig out a truck load of coal.

Witnesses said about 30 tons of rock dislodged and fell in three places in the mine, trapping the two about 40 feet below the top of the pit.

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