

Children Killed in Mine Accidents

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Date	Victim	Company/Mine	Location	Cause	Description	Sources
05/07/1860	Unnamed Boy	Reppliers Coal Pits	Minersville, PA	Explosion	On Monday morning about 9 o'clock at Reppliers Colliery, Minersville, an explosion of firedamp took place, shockingly mutilating 2 miners and 2 boys. One miner and one of the boys died. The explosion was caused by the neglect of the miners in leaving their safety lamps in the breasts at night, and going in in the morning with naked lamps to get them.	Source
08/13/1860	Unnamed Boy	Hoch Colliery	Forestville, PA	Explosion	An explosion of firedamp at Forestville on Monday of last week resulted in the instant death of 1 man and a boy and the fearful crushing and maiming of 2 boys. The man was the fireboss at the colliery. One of the boys struck a match in the presence of gas.	Source
04/22/1870	Multiple Boys	Diamond Slope Colliery	Wolf Creek, PA	Boiler Explosion	Disaster which originated by the explosion of a boiler at the breaker on the morning of the 22nd April, which resulted in the death of John Kelly, (a boy) William Keoch, Richard Hennesy, (boy) John H, Koelle, (boy) and Mr. Given—5 persons; and the injuring of John Combs, John Sheaffer, Christian Weaver, Thomas Campbell, Jacob Friler, Jacob Molley, Bernard Mohan, Alexander Leybach and John Sheaffer — 5 boys and 4 men.	Source
02/16/1883	Multiple Boys	Diamond Mine	Braidwood, IL	Inundation	The following children were victims of the Diamond Mine Inundation at Braidwood, Illinois: John Pearson, age 13; Mat Redmond, age 13; William McQuiston, age 14; Robert Stewart, age 14; Lewis Huber, age 15.	Source
09/18/1885	Unnamed Boy	Otto Colliery	Pottsville, PA	Explosion	A gas explosion in this mine killed one boy and fatally injured five others.	Source
12/18/1885	Multiple Boys	Nanticoke No. 1 Mine	Nanticoke, PA	Inundation	Two 14-year-old boys, Thomas Clifford and William Delaney, were among the 26 that were killed in the inrush of quicksand and water following a cave-in at the Nanticoke No. 1 mine in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.	Source
01/12/1886	Multiple Boys	Almy No. 4 Mine	Almy, WY	Explosion	The night of January 12 about 25 minutes to 12, the people of the vicinity were startled by a loud report as of thunder, and for a few seconds the sky was illuminated for miles like a bright-yellow sunset. The noise and light, proceeding from the No. 4 mine, was caused by an explosion of gas, the force of which was so terrific as to blow all of the buildings aboveground into kindling wood, sending great timbers and rocks three-quarters of a mile. Eleven men and two boys were said to have been in the mine, and all were killed.	Source

01/21/1886	William Timmons	Orrel Mine	Newburg, WV	Explosion	Among the 39 victims of the Orrel Mine explosion was 14-year-old, William Timmons. He was the door trapper of the mine and his business was to mind the door opening from a space about the foot of the shaft into the main entry. He was lying on his face about six feet from the cage. His bones were broken in several places and his heavy cloth trousers almost entirely torn from his limbs. Isaiah Timmons, the boy's father and the mine fireboss was also killed in the disaster.	Source
11/06.1888	Hugh Brown	D. & H. Coal Co.	Five Points, PA	Powered Haulage	Hugh Brown, a breaker boy, engaged in the D. & H. Coal Company's breaker, at Five Points, was instantly killed on Tuesday, by being run over by nine breaker cars. The works had shut down at three o'clock in the afternoon, but Brown, in company with a number of his associates loitered about to play. They loosened the brake on the mine cars, and they ran down the incline, striking the unfortunate boy, and killing him instantly. He was 14 years of age.	Source
11/09/1888	Multiple Boys	Frontenac Shaft No. 2	Frontenac, KS	Explosion	A total of 40 men and boys were killed in an explosion at Mine No. 2, owned by the Cherokee and Pittsburg Coal and Mining Company. The blast was so strong that it broke windows in nearby houses. There were six teenagers killed, including two 13-year-olds.	Source
06/16/1890	Unnamed Boy	Hill Farm Mine	Dunbar, PA	Fire	This mine had a 500-foot bore hole that had filled with water. A miner accidentally tapped into the bore hole and caused water to rush out. A boy at the top of the hole heard the water and tried to warn the others only to his detriment he had an open flame head lamp on which caused the natural gas that had become trapped in the bore hole to ignite starting a fire in the mine.	Source
07/11/1890	David Llewellyn	No. 5 Breaker	Lansford, PA	Caught Between	A breaker boy named David Llewellyn was almost instantly killed in No. 5 breaker of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, and his body fearfully mangled. He was 15 years of age, and was employed as a slate-picker. As the coal was coming down the chutes slowly, young Llewellyn left his seat and walked to another part of the breaker. He picked up a piece of belt and held it against the shaft at one end of the main screen. The belt was finally caught in the shaft and before Llewellyn could release his hold of the belt he was drawn up and whirled around the shaft with fearful rapidity. His body was drawn through a small space and was terribly mangled before the breaker machinery could be stopped. A sickening sight was presented to the other employees and after Llewellyn's body had been removed to his home at Summit Hill, the colliery suspended work for the day.	Source

05/23/1892	Charles McNeil	Brookside Colliery	Tower City, PA	Fall of Person	Charles McNeil, age 14, met with an accident at the Brookside colliery which resulted in his death. While at work he was caught by a rush of coal and carried into the breaker rollers, and before the machinery could he stopped his right leg was horribly mangled. The boy was at once removed to his home where Drs. Wilson and Phillips attended him, but he died about ten hours after the accident.	Source
10/11/1892	Jerry Burns	Ellengowan Colliery	Shenandoah, PA	Fall of Person	Jerry Burns, age 14, met with a horrible death at Ellengowan Colliery, near Shenandoah. He was employed as breaker boy, and while working, he fell into the rollers and was crushed to death.	Source
06/22/1893	Unnamed Boy	Susquehanna No. 1 Colliery	Nanticoke, PA	Explosion	While eight men were at work at Nanticoke in No. 6 gangway of No. 9 slope of the Susquehanna Coal Company, about three quarters of a mile from the bottom of the shaft, a terrific explosion of gas took place, which hurled the victims off their feet and scattered them in all directions killing four men and a boy instantly and seriously, but not fatally injuring three more.	Source
08/24/1894	Joseph Stanridge	Franklin Mine	Franklin, WA	Fire	Joseph Stanridge, age 16, was among 37 that were killed in a fire at this mine in 1894.	Source
04/19/1895	John Ely	Pratt No. 6 Mine	Birmingham, AL	Unknown	John Ely, age 16 or 17, was killed in the Pratt No. 6 mine, cause unknown.	
09/14/1895	James Quinn	Horton Colliery Breaker	Wilkesbarre, PA	Caught Between	James Quinn, employed in the breaker of the Horton Colliery, employed as a slate picker, was killed there by being caught between the machinery. The boy was 14 years old and was at work near the belt wheel at the rollers when he became caught between the belt and the wheel. He was removed to his home but was so badly injured that he died before he reached there.	Source
10/01/1895	Joseph Tubois	No. 4 Breaker	Wilkesbarre, PA	Fall of Person	Joseph Tubois, a slate picker, aged 16 years, met with a horrible death at the No. 4 breaker. While playing with a number of companions, he accidentally fell into a revolving coal screen. Before he could be rescued his body was ground into a shapeless mass.	Source
12/20/1895	Irvin Arthur McMillan	Nelson Mine	Dayton, TN	Explosion	Irvin Arthur McMillan, age 15, was among the 28 killed in an explosion in the Nelson Mine, believed to have been caused by open lamps.	Source
04/16/1896	Molic Addude	Nottingham Mine	Plymouth, PA	Powered Haulage	Molic Addude, 16-years-old, a breaker boy at the Nottingham mine, Plymouth, was killed while going to work. In crossing the track, a trip of oars pushed by a breaker locomotive knocked him down and several cars passed over his chest.	Source
08/03/1896	Unnamed Boy	Goodwill Mine	Goodwill, WV	Powered Haulage	A trapper was run over by loaded mine cars inside the mine. It is believed that he had gone to sleep on the tracks and was not awakened by the approach of the trip of cars. He was a negro boy of twelve years old.	

01/13/1897	Theodore Frounkenstein	New Wadesville Shaft	Wadesville, PA	Hoisting	This incident occurred while the men engaged in sinking the shaft were changing shifts. The chargeman of the day shift, with three laborers, got on the bucket to go down, taking with them the pump boy. During the time the bucket had been standing at the landing, the cross head had been frozen to the guides above the surface landing, and, unnoticed by the men, did not follow the bucket down. The bucket stopped at the pump station, 200 feet below the surface, and the day and night shift pump boys traded places. The bucket was again lowered and when about 100 feet below the pump station, the crosshead became loose by the jarring of the rope through it, and went down, striking the bucket, breaking the cross head, and one of the three chains by which the bucket was suspended, knocked the four men off, causing them to fall to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 300 feet killing them instantly. Theodore Frounkenstein, age 16, was listed among the dead.	Source
12/14/1898	Robert Johnson	Cook and White Mine	Madrid, NM	Powered Haulage	Robert Johnson, an American, trapper, age 14, died instantly in the Cook and White Mine when he fell under a pit car and his body was mashed.	Source
02/17/1899	Robert Buttram	Unspecified Operator and Mine	Scott County, TN	Unknown	Robert Buttram, age 15, was fatally injured in a mine accident in Scott County, Tennessee.	Source
04/21/1899	Francis E. Watts	Cook and White Mine	Madrid, NM	Explosion	Four men and a boy, Francis E. Watts, age 16, were killed in an explosion of gas in the Cook and White Mine at 11:50 a.m. The gas was ignited by the open lights two of the men took into the area. The four men were: Fred Aira, Italian, age 32; John Piva, Italian, age 39; John Sienowesky, a Polander, age 35; and Adam Jerosewicz, a Polander, age 35.	Source
01/18/1900	William H. McBrayer	Unspecified Operator and Mine	Campbell County, TN	Unknown	William H. McBrayer, age 16, was fatally injured in a mine accident in Campbell County, Tennessee.	Source
07/03/1900	Walter Riley	Unspecified Operator and Mine	Anderson County, TN	Unknown	Walter Riley, age 16, was fatally injured in a mine accident in Anderson County, Tennessee.	Source
11/09/1900	John G. McGlynn	Buck Mountain Colliery	Mahanoy City, PA	Explosion	John G. McGlynn, age 16, was among the 7 miners killed in an explosion at the Buck Mountain mine.	Source
02/02/1901	Robert Hise	Unspecified Operator and Mine	Campbell County, TN	Unknown	Robert Hise, age 14, was fatally injured in a mine accident in Campbell County, Tennessee.	Source
02/09/1901	William Burns	Unspecified Operator and Mine	Morgan County, TN	Unknown	William Burns, age 16, was fatally injured in a mine accident in Morgan County, Tennessee.	Source
05/07/1901	Multiple Boys	Elba Mine	Biwabik, MN	Powered Haulage	The 2 sons of Joseph Feit, ages 10 and 12, and Andrew Selakdichs, 12, were killed in the Elba Mine at Biwabik, Minnesota. The boys were playing with a car which was used in the shaft. One of the boys turned a switch the wrong way and the car crashed down the shaft opening, hurling the boys to the shaft bottom, killing them instantly.	Source

05/27/1901	Multiple Boys	New Richland Mine	Dayton, TN	Explosives	William Mathis and Tom Walker, both age 16, were killed in a series of explosions at this mine. In all, 20 were killed and 8 were injured. The origin was a blown-out shot at the head of a cross entry, followed by the explosion of a keg of powder on the main entry causing a second coal-dust explosion.	Source
06/04/1901	Walter Mason	Unspecified Operator and Mine	Grundy County, TN	Unknown	Walter Mason, age 16, was fatally injured in a mine accident in Grundy County, Tennessee	Source
07/10/1902	Multiple Boys	Rolling Mill Mine	Johnstown, PA	Explosion	At 11:30 a.m. the explosion in the Klondike section killed 112 persons, 7 by force of burns and the rest from suffocation by afterdamp. Twenty-one others were rescued alive. The destruction from the force of the detonation was small . . . attesting to its feebleness. No. 2 room had been cut through to the rib fall on No. 5 entry where gas was known to exist. The gas was ignited by coming in contact with one or both of the miners' open lamps, found in the face of the room. Listed among the dead were 2 boys: Frank Sabot, 16 years old and John Yuminski, age unknown.	
09/19/1902	Unnamed Boy	Pinnickinnick No. 1 Mine	Fairmont, WV	Powered Haulage	This miner got on the rear end of front trip of loaded cars that were being dropped out on main track by the tippelman and which were being closely followed by another section of loads which overtook the front trip, striking them and jarring the boy off. He fell to the track and four cars of coal passed over his right arm and body.	
11/04/1902	Joseph Koval	Sterrick Creek Colliery	Jessup, PA	Machinery	Joseph Koval, a 14-year-old slatepicker, was killed at the Sterrick Creek colliery of the Temple Coal and Iron company at Jessup, by being caught in the machinery. The boy's body was terribly mangled.	
07/01/1903	Unnamed Boy	Turkey Gap Mine	Ennis, WV	Powered Haulage	Victim was employed as switch boy and fell asleep at his work and was run over by trip of mine cars before it could be stopped.	Source
02/14/1905	Frank Heffer	Maltbv Breaker	Forty Fort, PA	Fall of Person	Frank Heffer, age 16, of Forty Fort and employed as a slate picker In the Maltbv breaker of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. Shortly	Source
04/27/1905	John Hopkins	Eleanora Mine	DuBois, PA	Explosion	John Hopkins, age 14, was one of 13 victims of the Eleanora Mine Explosion in DuBois, Pennsylvania.	Source

12/04/1905	Robert Gowens	Horton Mine	Horton, WV	Fire	Robert Gowens, age 14, was one of 7 miners that were killed by suffocation in the Horton mine fire. Thomas Gowens, Robert's father, was deposed and provided the following testimony: "My son, Robert, was 14 years of age last June, 1905. His occupation was helping me in mines as a miner. I worked in what is known as the third left entry, in room. My son John came into my place and asked me how many more cars I was going to load, and afterwards returned to his place of work, but returned to my place in about two or three minutes and said, 'Oh, Pa, get your things and lets get out of here,' and I grabbed my things and started. My son Robert grabbed my bucket and started with me. My older son, John, took Robert and told me to go on. The above is all the notice I had of the furnace being on fire and smoke coming back in the mine."	Source
12/13/1905	Unnamed Boy	Kanawha Gas Mine	Smithers, WV	Powered Haulage	A switch-boy attempted to jump on the front of a motor as it was approaching the mouth of the mine coming out about 200 feet from daylight, and fell under it.	
07/03/1906	Unnamed Boy	Thacker No. 2 Mine	Thacker, WV	Powered Haulage	A trapper boy had the habit of jumping on mine cars. He had been frequently warned by the mine foreman and drivers to discontinue this habit. He was trapping on the main entry between 13th and 14th left, in riding from 14th to 13th left he tried to get off but slipped and fell and the front wheel of the car crushed his leg. He was taken to the hospital at Welch but died two days after the accident. He was 13 years old.	
12/20/1906	Unnamed Boy	No. 6 Mine	Gary, WV	Roof Fall	A boy was working with his father and while shoveling material back from where his father was working, the slate fell without warning, fracturing his skull and causing death.	
01/26/1907	James Brennan	Kingston Coal Co.	Pennsylvania	Powered Haulage	James Brennan, age 14, was employed as door boy and that a car jumped the track and he was squeezed to death. The evidence was also produced that the boy was only 14 years of age and that his father, Patrick Brennan, permitted his son to work in the mines knowing that he was violating the law.	Source
03/28/1907	Unnamed Boy	Seattle Electric Co.	Renton County, WA	Fall of Persons	Victim's little son was waiting for his father to finish work so that he might ride the horse to the barn. As the father was dumping his last car, the boy fell into the hot ashes. The father jumped to rescue him and both were so badly burned that they died a few days later.	Source
06/03/1907	George Vichcowchki	Ewen Breaker	Wilkesbarre, PA	Powered Haulage	A little Polish boy named George Vichcowchki, of Willford Street, a slate picker at the Ewen breaker, attempted to board a moving coal train on the Erie railroad near the colliery, when he lost his footing and fell under the wheels, which almost cut the body in two.	Source

08/20/1907	James Henderson	Ellsworth No. 1 Mine	Pennsylvania	Struck by	James Henderson, age 16, and another older miner were killed instantly when they were struck by a pole that fell which was being used to hoist a piece of machinery.	
12/19/1907	Multiple Boys	Darr Mine	Van Meter, PA	Explosion	According to the official death toll of miners killed in the Darr Mine explosion, seventeen (17) of the dead were under the age of 18, the youngest being 13 years-of-age. These children were employed by the Pittsburg Coal Company and do not include any relatives who may have been in the mine helping fathers, uncles, and brothers.	Source
12/30/1907	George Pfiester	Hempfield No. 3 Mine	Pennsylvania	Rib Fall	George Pfiester, age 16, was fatally injured by a fall of coal at the face of a room while at work in the company of his father.	
05/13/1908	Unnamed Boy	Prospect Colliery	Midvale, PA	Roof Fall	At 12:30 noon, May 13, 1908, a fall of roof occurred in No. 4 road, No. 246 Bowkley vein in Midvale slope by which a timberman, a timberman's helper, a miner, a driver, and a doorboy, were instantly killed and two others slightly injured.	Source
10/10/1908	Samuel Skimore	Big Four Shaft	Osage City, KS	Roof Fall	Samuel Skimore, 16, was suffocated when a piece of soapstone weighing about a ton settled down on him in the Big Four shaft southeast of Osage City, Kansas. The pressure was great enough to smother him but not to break any bones.	Source
05/13/1909	Unnamed Boy	Chattaroy Mine	Chattaroy, WV	Roof Fall	A trapper left his door and caught a empty car that was passing. When he was about 200 feet in a fall occurred. The boy died seven hours later.	
07/02/1909	Edward Kirby	Parshall Mine	Brownsville, PA	Caught Between	Edward Kirby, age 17, was killed in the Parshall Mine when he was caught and crushed between a mine car and a rib of coal. Kirby was pushing a mine car when it got away from him and started down a grade at a terrific rate of speed. When he attempted to stop the car by putting a sprag under the wheels, it left the track and crushed him against the coal. He died within a few minutes from multiple fractures.	Source
07/28/1909	Unnamed Boy	LaMont No. 3 Mine	Beth, WV	Roof Fall	A boy was working with his brother when he was killed by a fall of slate. The draw slate in this mine is of a very bad nature, heavy and broken loose. The slate was overlying the cut from which they were loading. All miners had been notified to keep the slate taken down close to the face of the coal. This boy was the victim of disobedience and carelessness.	
08/31/1909	Unnamed Boy	Cretta No. 5 Mine	Coalwood, WV	Powered Haulage	A trapper's signal being misunderstood by the motor man, the motor was derailed and the boy was caught and fatally injured.	
11/13/1909	Multiple Boys	St. Paul No. 2 Mine	Cherry, IL	Fire	The youngest of the 259 miners killed is Andrew Krall, age 15. Other miners under the age of 18 include: Alfred Howard, 16; JNO. McGill, Jr., age 17; Robert Rossman, age 17; and Andrew Tinko, age 17.	Source

12/23/1909	Unnamed Boy	Mine A	Herrin, IL	Explosion	Eight men were killed and 400 others had narrow escapes in an explosion of gas today in the Chicago and Cartersville Coal Company mine at Herrin, Illinois. Open lamps carried by a party of three men and a boy are believed to have caused the disaster. All these four are among the dead. The killed are: W.T. Perce, mine engineer; Eugene Barrett, assistant engineer; Thomas Williams, assistant manager; an unidentified boy about 16 years old, George Snyder, miner; Salvator Greco, miner; Pietro Romeo, laborer, and Thomas Harber, miner.	Source
09/23/1910	Unnamed Boy	Weaver No. 2 Mine	Weaver, WV	Fall of Face	This boy was working in a cut with his father and was not employed by the company. The cut was in deep and had been standing for a week. The coal broke loose and fell on him, instantly killing him.	
11/16/1910	Charles Viorenik Wojnick	Auchinclaus Breaker	Wilkesbarre, PA	Machinery	Charles Viorenik Wojnick, aged 14, a slate picker employed at Auchinclaus breaker, was caught in a horizontal shaft on the shaker floor and whirled to death before the machinery could be stopped. While stooping over to oil the shaft, his coat was caught and the fatal whirl began which caused his death. His body, which was mangled very badly, was removed to his home.	Source
04/10/1911	Unnamed Boy	Weaver No. 2 Mine	Weaver, WV	Roof Fall	A boy was killed by a fall of slate. The roof appeared to be sound. No loose slate was in evidence and this piece fell without warning.	
10/05/1911	Johnson Mine	Johnson Mine	Hughey, WV	Roof Fall	A miner had pulled down some slate and was sounding it when the boy stuck his head under and the slate fell and killed him.	
12/12/1911	Unnamed Boy	Nova Scotia Mine	Ansted, WV	Roof Fall	A back hand was killed by a fall of a kettle bottom. The place was thought to be perfectly safe and had been examined just before the boy went in.	
03/26/1912	Unnamed Boy	Jed Mine	Jed, WV	Explosion	The explosion occurred at 7:25 a.m. when 91 men were in the mine; 11 men at the shaft bottom and in 2 entries not reached by the explosion escaped, but 1, a door boy, died after being brought to the surface.	
05/22/1912	Unnamed Boy	No. 51 Mine	Shinnston, WV	Powered Haulage	A trapper was lying on the track evidently asleep. The motorman did not see him until he was within twenty feet. He reversed the motor and applied the sand but to no avail. The motor ran over the boy.	
06/17/1912	Peter Fasoglia	Mine No. 44	Weir, KS	Unknown	Peter Fasoglia (Farsgolia), 17, was killed while at work in the Central Coal & Coke Company's Mine No. 44 at Weir, Kansas. His father, who working with him, was dangerously injured.	Source
10/26/1912	William Lasier	Unspecified Operator and Mine	Pittsburg, KS	Electrical	William Lasier, 14, was electrocuted when he came in contact with electrical wires in an unnamed drift mine near Pittsburg, Kansas.	Source

09/06/1913	Unnamed Boy	Mohawk Mine	Mohawk, WV	Powered Haulage	Victim was lying asleep on track, just outside of the mine, the engineer going out did not discover door being closed ; the engine crashed thru the door and ran over the boy, causing his death.	
03/13/1914	Unnamed Boy	Boomer Mine No. 1	Boomer, WV	Roof Fall	Victims, father and son, were loading car, a piece of draw slate fell breaking ribs and causing injury to bowels, causing death instantly to the father and the son died on March 23, 1914.	
08/20/1914	Herbert Ray Harrison	Unspecified Mine	Savannah, OK	Powered Haulage	Herbert Ray Harrison, age 12, died in a mine of the Union Mining Company. The boy had gone to the mine with his brother who was cleaning the slope. Returning in a car, the cable coupling slipped off and the car ran 600 feet to the bottom of the slope which dips over 45 degrees. The car was broken into pieces and the boy was killed. His body was badly mangled.	Source
11/30/1915	Dominick Vitrella	Boomer Mine No. 2	Boomer, WV	Explosion	Dominick Vitrella, age 16, was among the 23 killed in an explosion in the Boomer No. 2 mine.	Source
12/23/1920	Roosevelt Jackson	Unspecified Operator and Mine	Whitesburg, KY	Powered Haulage	Roosevelt Jackson, a youth of Lott's Creek, was so severely injured in a mine car accident that he died within a few hours.	Source
06/07/1921	Unnamed Boy	Zenith Mine	Gary, WV	Machinery	A grease boy was killed when he was caught in a gear wheel.	
09/08/1921	Henry Grabawski	Unspecified Mine	Centralia, IL	Powered Haulage	Henry Grabawski, trapper, age 17 years, single, was killed by motor in Centralia Coal Company's mine.	Source
12/13/1921	Joe Paskavich, Jr.	Unspecified Mine	Valier, IL	Powered Haulage	Joe Paskavich, Jr., trapper, age 16 years, single, was run over and killed by a motor in Valier Coal Company's mine.	Source
02/22/1922	Joseph Venegonia	Mine No. 10	Murphysboro, IL	Powered Haulage	Joseph Venegonia, laborer, age 17 years, single, was run over and killed by a pit car in Consolidated Coal Company's mine No. 10.	Source
02/25/1922	Raymond Palmer	Unspecified Mine	Fulton County, IL	Roof Fall	William Berry, miner, age 44 years, married, and Raymond Palmer, apprentice miner, age 16 years, single, were killed in Spoon River Colliery Company's mine by a fall of clod.	Source
11/18/1925	Ocie Conley	Unspecified Mine	Paintsville, KY	Elevator	Ocie Conley, age 15, was injured at the Consolidation Coal Company last week by the elevator and died from injuries at the Paintsville Hospital. The boy was operating the elevator it is said and was caught between the elevator and the first floor while his feet were hanging over. His leg was broken and his arm broken in two different places. Physicians say he was internally injured and that these injuries caused his death. The Paintsville Herald, Nov. 25, 1925.	Source
01/23/1926	William Cook	Harvey Gap Mine	Rifle, CO	Explosion	William Cook, age 6, was killed due to an explosion which occurred at the Harvey Gap mine near Rifle, Colorado. The explosion, which occurred 100 feet from the mine entrance hurled pieces of a mine car hundreds of feet outside the opening. The Cook boy was in the mine office, 300 feet from the mine opening and was killed when fragments of the coal car were hurled through the walls of the building. William's father, a miner, was injured in the explosion.	Source

05/17/1930	Multiple Boys	Terry-Butterskill Quarry	Union, WV	Explosives	Two workmen and four children were killed when six boxes of explosives let go with a terrific force in a blacksmith shop at a rock-quarry operated by A. B. Terry of Roanoke, Va., sub-contractor of a road improvement project. The four children, who were playing nearby, were badly mangled. The Welkie boy, water boy for the road workmen, lived for half an hour before he succumbed to his injuries. The home of Mrs. Wiseman, a widow, is located near the quarry.	Source
06/06/1934	Pal Hall	Unspecified Operator and Mine	Cream City, OH	Cave-in	Pal Hall, age 12, was crushed to death in a cave-in while digging coal for family consumption in a small unnamed mine near his home.	Source
07/28/1934	Unnamed Boy	Unspecified Operator and Mine	Berea, KY	Explosives	Six men were burned from an explosion of black blasting powder which resulted in their death. Two of the victims were operators of a truck mine, two were coal loaders, one was a truck driver, and a small boy, 13 years old, who was loafing in the building at the time of the explosion. Apparently there was an argument over money between the two mine owners and the others gathered to listen. Evidence indicated that a pistol shot was fired into a keg of blasting powder and caused the blast.	
04/11/1950	Unnamed Boy	Abandoned Mine	Cawood, KY	Roof Fall	A 10-year-old boy was killed instantly by a fall of rock while digging house coal in an abandoned mine.	
09/13/1950	Unnamed Boy	Elliott Mine	Wilton, KY	Roof Fall	A boy employed as a coal loader in the Elliott mine of the Elliott Coal Company, Wilton KY was killed instantly from a fall of roof about 45 feet in by the mouth of the no. 3 room left off the right entry. The accident occurred about 3 p.m. November 2, 1950.	
11/02/1950	Unnamed Boy	Elliott No. 1 Mine	Woodbine, KY	Roof Fall	This 14-year-old boy was killed by a fall of roof while digging coal from a closed mine.	
02/14/1951	LNO Gambrel	Sizemore Farm	Erose, KY	Roof Fall	A young school boy was killed instantly by a roof fall in a shallow excavation on the Sizemore Farm. The accident occurred about 11:30 a.m., February 14, 1951; the office at Barbourville, KY was notified of the occurrence at 4:30 p.m. Gambrel was 12 years old and is survived by a mother, father, sister and brother.	
01/04/1953	Unnamed Boy	Saint Louis Mine	Franklin County, MN	Blasting	A 10-year-old boy was fatally injured by flyrock while watching blasting at an open pit mine.	
11/24/1953	Unnamed Boy	Smokeless Mine	Boynton, PA	Roof Fall	While visiting his father in the mine, a 15-year-old boy was killed by a roof fall taken in by his father.	
12/26/1956	Multiple Boys	Trail Mountain No. 2 Mine	Orangeville, UT	Explosion	A coal dust explosion occurred in this mine, fatally injuring the operator and two 12-year-old boys who were visiting the mine.	

11/02/1957	Robert P. Thompson	Unspecified Operator and Mine	Coupon, PA	Cave-in	Robert P. Thompson, 14, schoolboy, died after rescuing John T. Vingless, 13, schoolboy, from a cave-in, November 2, 1957. While John and Robert were digging for coal in a small pit four and a half feet deep at an abandoned strip mine, one side of the pit collapsed and clay, slate, and coal in a high ridge above it slid onto them.	Source
05/31/1962	Kenny Kowalchuk	Abandoned Mine	Ghost Pine Creek, MI	Fall of Person	Kenny Kowalchuk, age 4, was found dead 34 hours after he tumbled into an abandoned mine shaft. Mine officials believed his fall started a trickle of loose dirt that eventually buried him.	Source
09/06/1963	Unnamed Boy	Unspecified Mine	Forestville, MD	Fall of Person	A young boy was killed when he slipped or fell over the highwall and was buried by a slide of sand and gravel.	
03/08/1965	Multiple Boys	Unspecified Mine	Coalgood, KY	Roof Fall	Three boys under the age 17 were all killed in a roof fall in this abandoned auger mine.	
06/13/1965	Unnamed Boy	No. 2 Uranium Mine	Apache County, AZ	Asphyxiation	A boy died of suffocation in a stockpile of sand.	
07/16/1966	Unnamed Girl	North Tamarack No. 4	Houghton County, MI	Fall of Person	A 7-year-old girl fell into an abandoned shaft.	
08/17/1968	Unnamed Boy	Unnamed Gravel Pit	Park Falls, WI	Rock Slide	An 8-year-old boy was suffocated when he was buried by a slide of ground at a gravel pit.	
02/10/1969	Unnamed Boy	Unspecified Operator and Mine	Gordon, KY	Unknown	A 14-year-old boy with no mining experience was killed while assisting his father in getting coal from an opening of an abandoned mine for personal use.	
02/26/1972	Multiple Children	Buffalo Mining Company	Saunders, WV	Dam Collapse	According to the official list of the dead, External Link 44 infants, toddlers, juveniles, and teens under the age of 18 are included as victims of this horrific event.	Source
01/29/1976	Unnamed Boy	Kline Sand	Woodward, OK	Vehicle Accident	A mother and her young son (passenger) were killed instantly when the truck she was driving was struck by a train.	
05/19/1995	Unnamed Boy	Portable Crusher No. 2	Wenatchee, CA	Landslide	A crusher operator and the 5-year-old son of another employee were fatally injured when a massive slope failure engulfed the crushing/screening plant and related equipment.	Source
07/21/1996	Unnamed Boy	Chemstone Plant No. 1	Buchanan, VA	Electrical	On July 21, 1996, a 15-year-old boy was killed at a limestone quarry. The boy was fishing in a river on mine property with several of his friends. The water became energized due to a short in the electrical wiring to a 480 volt water pump located on the shore of the river. A wire cable led from the pump to the water. The victim died from electrocution. This is the 30th fatality reported in calendar year 1996 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 1995, there were 22 fatalities reported in these industries. This death is the second fatality classified as electrical this year. There was one electrical fatality during the same period in 1995.	Source

08/20/2004	Jeremy Kyle Davidson	Strip No. 13 Mine	Inman, VA	Rock Slide	In the early morning hours of August 20, 2004, the greatest tragedy that can befall a family happened to Dennis and Cindy Davidson of Inman, Virginia. Their 3-year-old son, Jeremy Kyle Davidson, was killed while sleeping in his bed. Jeremy was killed when a large rock, estimated at 1,000 pounds, crashed through his bedroom wall after rolling approximately 649 feet down a steep, wooded hillside. The rock was dislodged during road reconstruction on a mining operation located above and behind the Davidson's residence.	Source
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