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July

July has produced **51 mine disasters** with 5 or more fatalities.

See more at <http://bit.ly/2S9OMtP> 🔍 👁

The **top 5 deadliest disasters** were:

Rolling Mill (PA) — 112 dead

Powhatan (OH) — 66 dead

Sonman (PA) — 63 dead

Daly West (UT) — 34 dead

Duvin (KY) — 28 dead

July Mine Disaster Calendar 📅

Be sure to visit our July calendar page. There you’ll find scores of successful rescues and incidents of rescuer death that we’ve uncovered from news archives and accident reports. To date we’ve collected information on more than **1,350 rescues** and over **475 rescuer deaths** dating back to 1846. See more at

<http://bit.ly/2vVvd11> 🔍 👁

July 2

Successful Rescue on July 2, 1923 🍺

Northside Mine Cave-in, Bicknell, Indiana — Three miners and a Shetland pony were trapped by a cave-in at the Northside mine in Bicknell, Indiana. On June 28, the three miners were rescued. Because of the dangerous conditions, mine officials decided that the pony could not be rescued. At the urging of the rescued miners, company officials consented to let the men continue with the rescue effort for the pony, and after — **10 days** — of confinement, the pony was rescued. See more at <http://bit.ly/36bUyn3> 🔍 👁

July 3

Glen Alden Coal Company
Pettebone No. 6 Colliery Roof Fall
(a.k.a Peach Orchard Mine)
Kingston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

July 3, 1926

No. Killed – 7

See more at <https://bit.ly/3fomGaw> 🔍 👁

Successful Rescue 🍺

Seven miners were killed, and eight others injured, some seriously, in a roof fall at the Peach Orchard mine of the Glen Alden Coal Company. Four bodies had been recovered. After an **undisclosed period**, eight others were rescued and taken to hospitals. See more at <https://bit.ly/3qqhGlp> 🔍 👁

July 3

At the time, this incident distinguished itself by being the **first Mining Disaster in Ohio**, and the 19th mining disaster in the United States since 1839 with more than 5 fatalities.

Atwater Coal Company
Atwater Slope Mine Fire
Atwater, Portage County, Ohio

July 3, 1872

No. Killed - 10

See more at <https://bit.ly/3KZmpuq> 🔍 👁

Historical Marker Inscription:

On July 3, 1872, 16 men and a 9-year old boy descended the 170 foot shaft in the Atwater Coal Company Mine located in Atwater Township south of Route 224 and East of Route 225. The mine was situated on the property known as the S. G. Shaffer Farm. By mid-day, 7 miners survived the brutal fire in the mine. Richard Roberts, Robert Roberts, William Roberts, Thomas Maines, Joseph Otey, John Williams, John Howells, John Jones and a 9-year old George Hufford gave their lives to the first Mining Disaster in Ohio and the 19th mining disaster in the United States since 1839 with more than 5 fatalities. In 1873, Ohio was second State to pass a law for the safety of Miners.

July 4

Successful Rescue on July 4, 1975 🍺

Piedmont Mineral Associates Mine Cave-in, Mineral, Virginia — Three miners who were trapped 150 feet underground by a cave-in at a zinc mine were brought safely to the surface by rescuers after an **undisclosed period**. One suffered what were described as minor injuries. Deputy Sheriff Louis Proffit of the Louisa County Sheriff's Department said the cave-in occurred at a mine operated by Piedmont Mineral Associates. The three men were identified as Horace Sherry, George Dickson, and Roosevelt Groom, who was taken to the University of Virginia Hospital. See more at <https://bit.ly/3Fx2spo> 🔍 👁

July 5

On July 5th we commemorate the anniversary of the 1944 Powhatan mine fire in Belmont County, Ohio. 🏠

North American Coal Corporation

Powhatan Mine Fire

Powhatan Point, Belmont County, Ohio

July 5, 1944

No. Killed – 66

See more at <http://bit.ly/2pLQinY> 🔍 👁

Rescuer Death 🚒

Immediately upon receiving the news of the fire, George Emery, a 45-year-old foreman and father of four children, went into the pit to help the trapped men. Hours later he had not returned.

July 6

Successful Rescue on July 6, 1938 🍺

American Eagle Collieries Cave-in, Ameagle, West Virginia — Spurred on by the cries of a trapped comrade, rescue workers brought George Nessos, 59, out from beneath a slate fall and went back again for another miner they feared was dead. Nessos was taken to a hospital for treatment of severe injuries. Farther back in the American Eagle Collieries company mine the workers expected to find the body of Clyde Compton, 30. They had heard nothing from him since the big pile of slate fell first fell. See more at <https://bit.ly/31ZJpq5> 🔍👁

July 7

Successful Rescue on July 7, 1915 🍺

Johnson Colliery Lost Person, Dickson City, Pennsylvania — Lawrence Brady, 60, was found in an abandoned working of the Johnson mine at Dickson City, near Scranton. He had been wandering aimlessly for nearly — **3 days** — in the darkness of an underground prison which seemed to offer no means of escape. Brady was employed for several years at the Johnson colliery. About three months earlier he quit his job, but instead of removing all his tools, he hid some of them in an abandoned part of the workings. Recently he became re-employed and decided to gather his hidden tools. Knowing that he would be gone for some hours he carried a lunch with him in a dinner pail. According to Brady's story, he had only proceeded a short distance through an old chamber when the light of his lamp played out, and he was left in the darkness, not having any matches with him. Rescuers found his dinner pail at the top of the heading and following the course indicated by its position, found the missing man. See more at <https://bit.ly/2U0V8Rd> 🔍👁

July 8

Successful Rescue on July 8, 1915 🍺

William Penn Colliery Cave-in, Pottsville, Pennsylvania — Julius Kramitzski was rescued without a scratch after being trapped at the William Penn colliery for **5 hours**. Kramitzski was employed in the West Mammoth vein, No. 1 level. He was engaged in chopping down an old prop when the top gave way closing him in.

When the entombed man was taken out, he said he did not feel any ill effects from his experience. See more at <https://bit.ly/3KbrqhA> 🔍👁

July 9

In honor of the 20 miners killed in the Pursglove No. 2 mine explosion in 1942. ✚

Pursglove Coal Company

Pursglove No. 2 Mine Explosion

Pursglove, Monongalia County, West Virginia

July 9, 1942

No. Killed - 20

See more at <http://bit.ly/2shxrpu> 🔍👁

The year prior, the Pursglove No. 2 mine received a U. S. Bureau of Mines safety award for producing more than 3,000,000 tons of coal without a fatal accident.

Chester Lucas, 28-year-old cutter, who survived the blast along with other members of his crew, said the explosion occurred about four and one-half miles from the main entry. Lucas, working about two miles from the blast center, said he felt the concussion and the "dust began to roll" through the mine. He added that he and the others working in the area ran at once to the entry.

July 10

Rescuer Deaths on July 10, 1920 🧑‍🚒

Henry DeWinter, Hugh Hughes, and James Hudson lost their lives while wearing oxygen breathing apparatus in an abandoned slope of the Black Diamond No. 2 mine of the Pacific Coast Coal Company, Black Diamond, Washington.

Hughes and DeWinter, wearing Draeger apparatus, were members of the Black Diamond mine rescue team which had gone down the slope to measure the height of the water in the slope as part of their mine rescue training practice.

Hudson, wearing Gibbs apparatus, lost his life while assisting with the recovery of the bodies of Hughes and DeWinter. See more at <http://bit.ly/2RyttUh> 🔍👁

Pacific Coast Coal Company

Black Diamond No. 2

Mine Rescue Training Fatalities

Black Diamond, King County, Washington

July 10, 1920

No. Killed – 3

For more information regarding fatalities related to self-contained breathing apparatus, visit <https://bit.ly/3ERIWrg> 🔍 👁

July 10

Commemorating the anniversary of the **22nd deadliest coal mine disaster** in the United States.

Rolling Mill Mine Explosion

Johnstown, Cambria County, Pennsylvania

July 10, 1902

No. Killed – 112

<https://bit.ly/35LrgxQ> 🔍 👁

Successful Rescue 🍺

Four men, who were brought out alive the night of the Rolling Mill mine disaster, were taken to the Memorial Hospital, controlled by the Cambria Steel and Iron Company. Among these were John Rotalick, Henry Rodgers, Valentine Schalla, and William Robinson. And the next day, at 2 o'clock p.m., rescuers sent out for medical assistance to treat three others found alive. They were John Cook, Philip McCann, and George Hologyak.

Rescuer Deaths 🚒

Mine foreman, **Harry Rodgers**; assistant mine foreman, **William Blanchard**; and fire bosses, **John Whitney** and **John Thomas** were overcome by the afterdamp while attempting to rescue other miners.

Video: <http://bit.ly/2pNKc6j> 🎥

July 10

Successful Rescue on July 10, 1917 🍺

Rock Salt Mine Explosion, Ithaca, New York — **21 hours** after the explosion of gas, one man was found alive at the bottom of the shaft of the Rock Salt Corporation by a Bureau of Mines rescue party. His leg had been caught and he was trapped by some timber. He was freed and taken to the surface. The party started

to recover the body of the other man and brought it to the surface about two hours later. See more at <https://bit.ly/3PNLETN> 🔍 👁

July 11

Rescuer Death on July 11, 1904 🚒

Daniel Davis died attempting to save William Monroe from suffocation at Sherodsville, Ohio, July 11, 1904. Davis, 23, coal miner, was overcome by black damp while walking into a mine to rescue Monroe, 38, who was helpless from the gas but was later rescued. The Carnegie Hero Award was posthumously awarded to Daniel for his bravery. 📌 See more at <https://bit.ly/3Intvpc> 🔍 👁

July 12

No workers should ever have to endure the risk these miners were forced to every day they went to work. Safety regulations came too late for these men. ☠

Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company

Sloss No. 1 Iron Mine Haulage Disaster

Bessemer, Jefferson County, Alabama

July 12, 1923

No. Killed - 5

Five men were killed and 15 injured when a train of cars ran wild down the slope of the No. 1 ore mine of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company. The men were riding the cars when the couplings parted 800 feet from the bottom of the slope.

See more at <http://bit.ly/387iauf> 🔍 👁

July 12

Successful Rescue on July 12, 1963 🍺

In a miracle survival that confounded experts, three teenage boys were found alive after spending — **2 days** — in an abandoned, gas-ridden mine. The youngsters were found nearly a half-mile from the mouth of **No. 2 shaft of Castle Shannon Coal Company** which had not been used for more than 25 years. Their rescuers were U. S. Bureau of Mines Inspectors Everett Turner, James Hutchens, and Jennings Breedon. The boys, Danny O'Kain, Billy Burke, and Bobby Abbott were taken to St. Clair Hospital where they were treated for exposure and dehydration. See more at

<http://bit.ly/35XQy7f> 🔍 👁

July 13

Successful Rescue on July 13, 1966 🍺

Unnamed Uranium Mine Cave-in, Ambrosia Lake, New Mexico — Three dirty but happy Indian miners, trapped all night 100 feet down in a New Mexico uranium mine, scrambled out unhurt Wednesday after a perilous rescue. The trio had spent — **16 hours** — in a cubicle four by eight feet in size, with eight feet of solid limestone separating them from a main tunnel of the small rimrock mine. There were air holes into the chamber and rescuers were able to pass food into them through a passage drilled through the limestone. The men were in good condition. When they got out, they embraced their families, talked briefly to newsmen, shook the hands of their rescuers, and then got in their cars and went home. It occurred on the 13th of the month, but it wasn't a Friday. 🐱 See more at <https://bit.ly/3Gwf01N> 🔍 👁

July 14

Lost miner located on July 14, 1892 🍺

Terence O'Brien, age 70, was rescued from the **Gaylor shaft at Plymouth, Pennsylvania**. O'Brien, a foreman, had been lost — **52 hours** — in the mine without food. His light had gone out and he wandered off in an old heading. It was speculated that he might become insane from his experience. See more at <http://bit.ly/31LgpPH> 🔍 👁

July 14

Commemorating the anniversary of the Duvin mine explosion which killed 28 miners. ✚

Duvin Coal Company
Duvin Mine Explosion
Providence, Webster County, Kentucky

July 14, 1939

No. Killed - 28

See more at <http://bit.ly/2E6zekc> 🔍 👁

Successful Rescue 🍺

Five of the men in the explosion area escaped, 4 being slightly cut and bruised. A trip rider standing near a telephone at a parting was knocked down but received no

injuries; he called the top foreman and then helped two injured men out of the smoke and fumes to a place where a locomotive was sent to bring them to the shaft. Two of the rescued, Ernest Johnson and Douglas Cates, had been caught beneath the fallen walls, Dennis Walker, was not hurt. William Reynolds, who had been working near the shaft was injured.

July 15

In memory of the 20 lives needlessly lost in the Baker mine. 🛐

Glendora Coal Company Baker Mine Explosion Sullivan, Sullivan County, Indiana

July 15, 1937

No. Killed - 20

See more at <http://bit.ly/34Px1V7> 🔍👁

Successful Rescue 🍺

Four men burned badly but still alive were rescued from the Baker coal mine shortly after the explosion trapped them and about 20 other miners. Within the next **two hours**, eight more were rescued alive from the fire-swept area. Only two of them had escaped severe burns.

July 15

On July 15th we commemorate the anniversary of the Sonman mine explosion which extinguished the lives of 63 miners. 🛐

Sonman Shaft Coal Company Sonman "E" Mine Explosion Portage, Cambria County, Pennsylvania

July 15, 1940

No. Killed - 63


See more at <http://bit.ly/2Ec9EtL> 🔍👁

Successful Rescue 🍺

Some of the survivors of the blast were slightly burned by the hot air that rolled through the mine. Thirteen of them came out of the 18th heading and eight escaped from the 16th heading. Edward Bem, one of these survivors, said the men crawled

on their hands and knees and finally made their way to the 'dip' where they were rescued after an undisclosed period.

July 15

Commemorating the loss of 34 miners including 3 rescuers in the Daly West and Ontario mines. 

Daly West and Ontario Silver Mines Explosives Detonation Park City, Summit County, Utah

July 15, 1902

No. Killed – 34

See more at <http://bit.ly/2sgM9wW>  



Rescuer Deaths

34 miners were killed following a magazine explosion in the Daly West and Ontario Silver Mines in Park City, Utah. The magazine, located in the Daly West mine, exploded after miner, John Burgy, entered carrying a lit candle. Three of the deceased were rescuers: **John McLaughlin; James Smith; and Jack Ballon**, all of whom died of asphyxiation while rendering aid and searching for survivors.

McLaughlin died after making his second trip into the mine. Several of the dead were in the adjacent Ontario mine. Except for Mr. Burgy, all the miners died from asphyxiation.

July 16

Rescuer Deaths on July 16, 1950

The fire was first detected by a pumpman who encountered smoke while being hoisted in the Lark Shaft from the 2500 level to the 1200 level. He returned by cage to the 2500 level to notify the hoistman by telephone and died sometime later after closing the water doors when a power outage occurred. The other four men died while attempting to rescue him. See more at <http://bit.ly/2Sp4pPM>  

American Mining, Smelting & Refining Co. Lark Section - U. S. and Lark Mine Fire Lark, Salt Lake County, Utah

July 16, 1950

No. Killed - 5

July 16

Successful Rescue on July 16, 1935 🍺

Bootleg Anthracite Mine Asphyxiations, Bunker Hill, Pennsylvania — The presence of mind and courage of Bert Hoffa, 15, was responsible for the rescue of the boy's grandfather, John Bainbridge, from a damp-filled mine hole on the mountain north of Bunker Hill. Bainbridge, a former borough fire chief, was at work in the mine hole with his grandson when he was overcome by black damp.

The boy, weakened himself and barely conscious, managed to drag his grandfather 100 feet underground to a point where the air was clearer. There, almost exhausted but realizing that both might die if help was not secured, he climbed to the surface. The boy's sudden emergence into pure air caused him to collapse unconscious at the top of the miniature mine, where he was found by a party of miners working nearby. He was taken to his home, where he was revived by a physician. Both damp victims would recover, physicians said.

Miners who found Hoffa and participated in the rescue of Bainbridge declared that the boy's feat of dragging his grandfather to safety was almost unbelievable in view of the youth's slight physique and the fact that he was severely affected by the damp himself. See more at <https://bit.ly/3dr5i4t> 🔍👁

July 17

Successful Rescue on July 17, 1897 🍺

Mammoth Gold Mine Cave-in, Phoenix, Arizona — James Stevens was rescued after being trapped for — **13 days and 10 hours** — in the Mammoth mine near Phoenix, Arizona. He had no food for the entire time since he had eaten his lunch before the cave-in occurred. His water supply was gone in three days. According to the report, his 160-pound frame was reduced to no more than 90 pounds. His mind was clear although he admitted to thoughts of suicide towards the end of his wait. Rescuers waited until it was dark to bring him out, fearing the light of day might damage his eyes. See more at <https://bit.ly/2YMSLkC> 🔍👁

July 18

Successful Rescue on July 18, 1934 🍺

Peabody Mine Cave-in, Sullivan, Indiana — Caught beneath a heavy fall of slate, John Owen, a miner, dug himself out after — **five hours** — of painful effort. He was severely crushed but would probably recover. See more at

<https://bit.ly/3rCOWFs> 🔍 👁

July 19

Successful Rescue on July 19, 1916 🍺

Babcock Mine Cave-in, Joplin, Missouri — Four miners were rescued — **56 hours** — after becoming trapped by a cave-in at the Babcock mine near Joplin, Missouri. See more at <https://bit.ly/3NBsDRQ> 🔍 👁

July 20

Successful Rescue on July 20, 1935 🍺

Bootleg Anthracite Mine Cave-in, West Glendower, Pennsylvania — Trapped in an independent mine operation at West Glendower, Edward Kimmel, 30, was rescued alive — **four hours** — later and escaped with comparatively minor injuries. Kimmel and two fellow workers were driving an independent mine hole when the workings suddenly collapsed, trapping Kimmel in back of the fall. His companions summoned aid from nearby holes, and within a short, time a large force of men was engaged in removing debris. After four hours, the mass of rock and coal was penetrated, and Kimmel was found alive. A physician gave Kimmel medical and surgical attention at the scene, and he was conveyed to his home where he was expected to recover. See more at <https://bit.ly/3Fo3NyZ> 🔍 👁

July 21

Here's one of those amazing successful rescue stories highlighting the bravery of the rescuers. 🏠

Banovich Silver Mine, near Tonopah, Nevada — On July 21, 1914, two men overcome by powder smoke at the bottom of a 95-foot shaft were brought out by two Bureau of Mines men from car 5. The rescuers descended the shaft, tied ropes under the armpits of the unconscious miners, and had them hoisted to the surface, where oxygen and artificial respiration were used for two hours. One miner fully

recovered, but no sign of life appeared in the other miner. See archived news at <http://bit.ly/2J6Zyib> 🔍👁

July 22

Successful Rescue on July 22, 1905 🍺

Pond Creek Mine Rescue, Hazleton, Pennsylvania — John Dusheck saved the life of Miss Emma Martin while conducting a sight-seeing party of the Pond Creek mine near Hazleton. While in the mine, a gust of wind blew out the lights and Miss Martin went ahead in the darkness. Just as she came upon the brink of a 100-foot shaft, Dusheck seized her, saving her from an awful death. The end of the article states "the incident broke up the trip." **Indeed!** See more at <http://bit.ly/37cl2UQ>



July 22

Remembering the nine miners killed in the 1972 Blacksville No. 1 Mine Fire at Blacksville, West Virginia. ✚

***Consolidation Coal Company
Blacksville No. 1 Mine Fire
Blacksville, Monongalia County, West Virginia***

July 22, 1972

No. Killed - 9

See more at <http://bit.ly/2GLzzZh> 🔍👁

Audio - <http://bit.ly/2GLrinQ> 🎙

The fire resulted when a continuous mining machine being transported on an equipment carrier along the 3 North track haulageway contacted the energized trolley and/or trolley feeder wire. The resulting arcing ignited the oil and other combustible material on the continuous mining machine or equipment carrier. It appears that a high-resistance low-current ground fault occurred when the machine contacted the energized wire.

Under such a condition there would not have been a sufficient current demand to open the circuit breaker and disconnect power to the 3 north trolley system. It is conceivable that two or three minutes elapsed before the current demand exceeded the 3,000 amperes necessary to operate the circuit breaker. Such a ground fault could generate sufficient heat to ignite any hydraulic oil on the machine.

July 23

Siltix Mine Explosion ***Mount Hope, Fayette County, West Virginia***

July 23, 1966

No. Killed - 7

See more at <http://bit.ly/2NYfUZY> 🔍 👁

Successful Rescue 🍺

Eleven men in the 6 left section heard the explosion, but they were unaware of what happened, and they erected a barricade in the return entries about 250 feet from the entrance to the 6 left section when they encountered smoke and fumes in the return entries. The men remained behind the barricade until they were rescued about 2 hours later. After leaving the barricade, seven of these men assisted in recovery operations in the 2 left mains section; two of these seven employees and three additional men were overcome by smoke and fumes and were removed from the mine.

Bureau of Mines investigators believe that the explosion originated in the shuttle car haulway about 100 feet outby the faces of No. 4 room off No.1 entry, 2 left mains, where an explosive mixture of methane and air was ignited by electric arcs and sparks from a shuttle car. Forces of the explosion extended throughout the 2 left main section into 6 left and 6 right off 2 left mains and were dissipated after traveling about 1,700 feet outby in 2 left mains.

July 24

In memory of the 18 miners killed at the Superba and Lemont mines. 🛐

H. C. Frick Coal and Coke Company **Superba and Lemont Mine Inundations** **Evans Station, Fayette County, Pennsylvania**

July 24, 1912

No. Killed - 18


See more at <http://bit.ly/2YBW2Bz> 🔍 👁

On July 24 a tremendous downpour of rain occurred in the vicinity of Uniontown, Pa., that found its way into the Superba mine and trapped 14 men. At about the

same time the flood found its way into the Lemont mine about 1 mile away, drowning four men.

Of the other 14 men lost, several were within rescue distance, but the rush of the water carrying with it timber and heavy debris, finally battered and beat them back until they were totally exhausted and lost.

July 24

In memory of the 27 miners lost in the 1947 Old Ben No. 8 mine explosion. 

Old Ben Coal Company Old Ben No. 8 Mine Explosion West Frankfort, Franklin County, Illinois

July 24, 1947


No. Killed - 27

See more at <http://bit.ly/2LJodcx>  

Successful Rescue

At the time of the explosion, 264 men were in the mine, and all those not in the immediate area of the explosion escaped, unaided. All the deaths were due to burns and violence resulting from the explosion. Following an **undisclosed period**, four men in the immediate explosion area were rescued but one man died approximately ten hours after being taken to the surface.

July 24

Remembering the Quecreek Mine Rescue that took place at Friedens in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, where nine miners were trapped underground for **over 77 hours**, from July 24 to 28, 2002. All nine were rescued. 

Black Wolf Coal Company Quecreek Mine Inundation and Rescue Friedens, Somerset County, Pennsylvania

July 24-28, 2002

See more at <http://bit.ly/2LAVVzt>  

July 25

Successful Rescue on July 25, 1907 🍺

North Franklin Colliery Cave-in, Shamokin, Pennsylvania — After being entombed — **thirteen hours** — by a rush of coal in the North Franklin Colliery, the rescuing party reached William Crawford alive, but badly injured. His brother, Emanuel, was found dead. See more at <https://bit.ly/3KqwbEj> 🔍👁

July 26

Successful Rescue on July 26, 1927 🍺

Rahn Colliery Inundation, Tamaqua, Pennsylvania — Two miners were rescued after being confined for — **two hours** — in the flooded Rahn Colliery near Tamaqua. The rescued miners were Peter McHugh and John Smith. Palmer Jones, 19, drowned in the incident. See more at <http://bit.ly/3lVmPmS> 🔍👁

July 27

Successful Rescue on July 27, 1907 🍺

Shenandoah City Mine Cave-in, Shenandoah, Pennsylvania — In the Shenandoah City mine, Michael Wilcoski, a miner, was rescued from almost certain death by a rescue party. Wilcoski was loading a car in a gangway when a fall of coal occurred, extending for over forty feet. Large lumps of coal fell in such a position that Wilcoski was pinned fast, but the lumps served as support and the full weight of coal did not rest on him. Rescuers worked for — **five hours** — before a tunnel was made and the walls braced so he could be released. See more at <https://bit.ly/3txFWry> 🔍👁

July 28

Successful Rescue on July 28, 1898 🍺

Richmond No. 3 Mine Fire, Scranton, Pennsylvania — After an **undisclosed period**, 40 men were saved from a fire in the Richmond No. 3 mine of the Elk Hill Coal & Iron Company near Scranton, Pa. The miners owe their rescue to the bravery of Foreman Hugh McCutcheon. Fire broke out in the engine and fan houses at the head of the shaft. McCutcheon was lowered to the bottom vein and gave the men warning. As he stepped away from the carriage, the fan house collapsed and fell down the shaft. Within five minutes smoke and gases filled the workings, but the

men were able to reach the surface via a slope to the 2nd and 1st veins. See more at <https://bit.ly/3FLrcdN> 🔍👁

July 28

Successful Rescue on July 28, 1905 📅

Jeddo Mine Cave-in, Upper Lehigh, Pennsylvania — For nearly **seven hours**, Andrew Wisda, a miner, was entombed in the Jeddo mines and was rescued alive. Wisda was working in a breast fifty feet up from the gangway, when a heavy fall took place below him. He was unconscious when taken out, but soon revived in the air. See more at <https://bit.ly/3qL3FoX> 🔍👁

July 29

Successful Rescue on July 29, 1942 📅

Bootleg Anthracite Mine Cave-in, Raven Run, Pennsylvania — John Mischishin, 47, Frackville, was trapped and entombed in a bootleg mine slope at Raven Run for **23 hours**. The miner was working at the bottom of a 53-foot slope when the timbers collapsed. When the break came the timbers formed a partial canopy over the worker to protect him from crumbling rock, coal, and earth. When the collapse occurred, the trapped miner was buried to the hips, while a piece of rock knocked off his miner's cap and lamp. He hugged the side of the canopy formed by collapsed timbers until the rescuers removed tons of debris before they were able to extricate the entombed man. Upon his release, physicians at Ashland State Hospital said Mischishin suffered hip and back injuries and was in a severe state of shock, but they anticipated his recovery. See more at <https://bit.ly/33BUNJt> 🔍👁

July 30

Successful Rescue on July 30, 1911 📅

On July 30, 1911, a cave-in occurred at the **White Oak Mine at Villa Heights, Missouri** trapping 32-year-old Joseph Clary from the same town. For the next — **3 days** — one of the most dramatic rescues on record would be carried out, ending with the successful rescue of Mr. Clary on August 2nd. See more at <http://bit.ly/2O7tWs8> 🔍👁

July 31

Successful Rescue on July 31, 2000 🍺

Willow Creek Mine Explosion and Fire, Helper, Utah — More than 10 hours following the explosions in the Willow Creek Mine, four injured miners were laboriously brought to the surface by mine rescue teams. The rescued men included William Burton, Tyson Hales, Cory Nielsen and Shane Stansfield. Two other miners were found dead by rescue personnel.

RAG American Coal Holdings, Inc.

Plateau Mining Corporation

Willow Creek Mine Explosions & Fire

Helper, Carbon County, Utah

July 31, 2000

No. Killed – 2

See more at <http://bit.ly/2w4Ln8o> 🔍👁