

Coal Fatality

Welch

McDowell

WV

Dixon-Pocahontas Fuel

Dixon-Pocahontas Shaft Mine

46-00000

7 /19/1906

Victim Name

William

Crew

Victims were killed in an gas explosion.

*DIXON-POCAHONTAS FUEL COMPANY,
Gas Explosion July 19, 1906.*

The Dixon-Pocahontas Fuel Company while engaged in sinking a shaft about 3 miles east of Welch, in McDowell County, encountered gas before the coal bed was reached.

On July 19, 1906, while the workmen were descending in the bucket the open lamp carried ignited the gas, the flame of which came to the top of the shaft.

The hoisting engineer, seeing the flame, immediately raised the bucket to the surface and found one man in it, four others having fallen to the bottom of the shaft and being instantly killed.

To prevent a repetition of such a disaster the shaft was equipped with a small ventilating fan.

For a list of persons injured and killed, see pages 217 and 229 of this report.

Respectfully,

JAMES W. PAUL,

Chief of Department of Mines.

Charleston, W. Va.

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Victim Name

Wallace

Mitchell

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Gallamore

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Victim Name

Palmer

Harris

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