

Coal Fatality

Eckman

McDowell

WV

Pulaski Iron

Pulaski Mine

46-00000

12/14/1906

Victim Name

Panthena

**Rhodes (died
12/19/06)**

Four miners were killed by an explosion of 400 kegs of powder on the outside of the mine. The powder had just been unloaded from a railroad car and was being hauled in the mine cars to the powder magazine. The last two in the list are women who were in a house that was wrecked by the explosion.

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Joseph

Steel

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*PULASKI IRON COMPANY,
Powder Explosion, December 14, 1906.*

At the Pulaski mine at Eckman, McDowell County, a car load of about 400 kegs of powder had been unloaded into four mine cars and was being hauled to the magazine by an electric motor attached to the cars.

The men who had been engaged in unloading the powder were riding on the mine cars, some on the kegs of powder.

Just as the trip of cars was passing a tenement house the powder exploded, due to the electric current forming an arc with some of the powder cans.

One woman was by a window within the house and another woman was in the yard near the house at the time of the explosion. The house was demolished and the women and the men on the trip of cars so badly burned that the two women and four of the men died, one man dying while en route to the Miners' Hospital at Welch and the others dying at the Hospital. For a list of the persons killed and injured, see pages 217, 218 and 230 of this report.

Respectfully,

JAMES W. PAUL,

Chief of Department of Mines.

Charleston, W. Va.

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Ad.

Mullins

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Ales

Finney

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Victim Name

Martha

**Johnson (died
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James

**Witcher (died
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