

SHAMOKIN, OR THIRD, DISTRICT.

The following are the number and character of the disasters in and about the mines which resulted in death in the Third, or Shamokin, district during the year ending December 31, A. D. 1873.

DATE.	NAME OF PERSONS KILLED.	NAMES OF COLLIERIES.	Widows.....	Orphans.....	GENERAL REMARKS.
Jan'y 28..	John Huth .....	Middle Creek shaft.....	.....	.....	} Killed by a large mass of rocks falling upon them while at work in the shaft.
28..	John Spinker..... 2 persons.	Middle Creek shaft.....	1	7	
Feb. 9..	Henry Zimmerman .....	Burnside .....	1	5	Killed; the plane rope broke; the dirt wagon crushing him. Killed by an explosion of fire-damp gas.
27..	John Carney..... 2 persons.	Daniel Webster .....	.....	.....	
March 19..	John Conners.....	Williamstown.....	.....	.....	Died; crushed by wagons in getting on them.
April 26..	Adam Campbell.....	Big Mountain.....	1	5	Killed in the mine by a fall of rocks.
June 8..	William Herb.....	Brookside .....	1	6	Died; injured May 18th by a fall of coal. This disaster was the result of incaution on the part of Conrad Drumhiser, Inside Mine Boss. While exploring old workings ignited the fire-damp, which killed him, while the after-damp, brought down into the lower workings by the down-cast system of ventilation used, suffocated nine other persons who were at work in the lower level.
10..	John S. Hay, Boss.....	Henry Clay.....	1	5	
10..	Michael Mench.....	Henry Clay.....	.....	.....	
10..	Enoch Magenski.....	Henry Clay.....	1	3	
10..	Lawrence Logolski.....	Henry Clay.....	1	1	
10..	Anthony Harris.....	Henry Clay.....	.....	.....	
10..	Wm. Drumhiser.....	Henry Clay.....	1	2	
10..	Daniel Paull.....	Henry Clay.....	.....	.....	
10..	Nicholas Paules.....	Henry Clay.....	1	.....	
10..	Conrad Drumhiser, In. Boss	Henry Clay.....	1	6	
10..	Michael Deia.....	Henry Clay.....	1	3	
24..	— Davis.....	Big Lick.....	1	.....	Killed by an explosion of fire-damp gas.
24..	— Thomas..... 15 persons.	Big Lick.....	1	.....	Killed by an explosion of fire-damp gas.
July 7..	Jacob Hengle.....	Montilius.....	1	.....	Killed by a fall of coal.
9..	Thomas Rescole.....	Lincoln.....	1	1	Killed by a fall of coal.
12..	Michael O'Neill.....	East Franklin.....	.....	.....	Died from injuries received in the mines.
Aug. 3..	Alfred Price.....	Diamond, No. 1.....	.....	.....	Died; mortally injured by falling down a schute on 1st inst.
14..	Thomas Corcoran.....	Reliance.....	1	5	Killed by a fall of coal while at work.
15..	Emanuel Powell.....	East Franklin.....	1	2	Killed in the gangway by a discharge of a blast.
21..	Dan Hollenback.....	Luke Fidler.....	1	4	Died; injured by a fall of coal.
Sept. 8..	Jacob Dresler.....	Burnside.....	1	.....	Killed by a fall of gangway coal.

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Sept. 11..	Benjamin Bird.....	Bear Valley.....	1	2	Killed by a fall of coal.
13..	Joseph Burk.....	Franklin.....	.....	.....	Killed; run over by wagons.
18..	Wm. Paul.....	Montilius.....	.....	.....	Killed; crushed by dirt wagons.
18..	David Montilius.....	Cameron.....	.....	.....	Killed in the act of coupling wagons.
20..	Larry Burns.....	Otto Red Ash.....	1	6	Killed by an explosion of a blast.
20..	Wm. Morgan.....	Burnside.....	.....	.....	Killed by a large fall of coal.
20..	Henry Trego.....	Bear Valley.....	1	4	Died; legs crushed by wagons.
Oct. 9..	Wm. Becker.....	Montilius.....	1	4	Died; burned by powder explosion.
15..	John Kenny, Boss.....	Lower Rauch Creek.....	.....	.....	Died by a kick from a mule.
15..	George Stephenson.....	Hickory Swamp.....	.....	.....	Killed; crushed by a fall of coal.
29..	John Chuzeman.....	Reliance.....	1	4	Killed by a fall of coal.
Nov. 18..	John Williams.....	Bear Valley.....	1	5	Killed by a premature blast.
Dec. 13..	James Graham.....	Otto Red Ash.....	1	5	Killed by a fall of coal.
16..	Wm. Williams.....	Brookside.....	1	.....	Killed by a fall of coal.
27..	Wm. Jones.....	Burnside.....	1	4	Killed by falling in of a slope.
28..	Hy Gotshall.....	Burnside.....	1	.....	Killed by falling in of a slope.

Forty-four deaths occurred during the year; of these 7 died subsequently of their injuries. The 10 deaths that occurred at the Henry Clay colliery greatly augmented this list; but I am not without strong hope accidents from negligence and imprudence is on the decline, as satisfactory efforts are making by all to be more cautious in the future.