

TABLE IV - List of Fatal Accidents occurring in and about the Mines of the Third Anthracite Mine District, for the year ended December 31, 1890.

Date of accident.	No. of accident.	NAME OF PERSON.	Occupation.	Age.	Widow.	No. of orphans.	Name of colliery.	Location, Luzerne county.	Nature and cause of accident.
Jan. 1.	1	John Bogoos,	Laborer,	25	.. . . .	.. . . .	Tunnel No. 6,	Glenlyon,	Instantly killed by a fall of top coal. While loading a car in a counter gang-way a bridge of top coal unexpectedly fell and caused the injury. The miner narrowly escaped.
	6.	Mike Fifer,	"	27	.. . . .	.. . . .	Shaft No. 6,	"	Fatally hurt by a fall of rock. Though cautioned against going under a projecting piece of dangerous rock, he went under unseen and the rock fell on him; he died on the way to the hospital.
	7.	Fred Kluges,	Miner,	37	.. . . .	.. . . .	Shaft No. 3,	Plymouth township.	Deceased fired a shot which dislodged two props, and while in the act of replacing one of them a large piece of slate fell on him killing him instantly.
	24.	John Corkill,	"	45	1	2	West End,	Mocanaqua,	While working coal loosened by a blast, a large piece of sandstone fell on him injuring him so that death ensued in about three hours after.
Feb. 1.	5	Paul Schultz,	Timberman,	42	Wid.	1	Nottingham,	Plymouth,	The first five named men were instantly killed and the other three fatally injured by an explosion of fire-damp. Humphrey died on the way home, Jones died in thirty-six hours after the accident, and Dunstan died February 8. Thomas Lake, David Fox, John P. Thomas, Peter Lynn and John Dennis were more or less painfully injured by the same explosion. For full description of the accident see other part of this report.
1.	6	David J. Williams,	"	45	1	1			
1.	7	John Crossin,	Driver,	22	.. . . .	.. . . .	
1.	8	Edwin Parry,	Laborer,	30	.. . . .	.. . . .	
1.	9	John Davies,	"	32	.. . . .	.. . . .	
1.	10	John D. Humphrey,	Timberman,	42	1	6			
1.	11	Joseph Jones,	Miner,	35	1	.. . . .		
1.	12	James Dunston,	Fire-boss,	48	1	4			
	3.	Joseph Loskowski,	Laborer,	25	.. . . .	.. . . .	Shaft No. 6,	Glenlyon,	Deceased had just descended the shaft in company with a cage full of men; finding, after stepping off at the bottom, that he was on the wrong side he attempted to run across just as the cage was starting up, and he was caught and crushed to death between the cage and side of shaft; several persons shouted to him keep off but with no effect.
	6.	Thomas Thomas,	Slate picker,	12	.. . . .	.. . . .	Breaker No. 3,	Plymouth township.	Killed while playing with a revolving shaft; his clothing caught and causing him to be wound around it causing his death.

Month	Day	Name	Occupation	Age	Sex	Marital	Location	Location	Description
	7. 15	Peter Carpinski	Laborer	29	1	1	Tunnel No. 3	West Nanticoke	While the miner was prying down a piece of loose bony-coal deceased and another laborer were standing close by; the miner on discovering that the roof above was also coming jumped away, shouting to the others to do likewise, but deceased stood confusedly still and roof fell on him killing him instantly.
March	3. 16	Frank Cull	Miner	53	1	8	Shaft No. 3	South Wilkes Barre	At about five o'clock p. m. the boy Jameson inadvertently ignited a large gas feeder on the gangway side at a point 400 feet inwards from the shaft; the mine foreman soon reached the place and sent Jameson to call the workmen out; six of whom were working at a point 2,800 feet inside of the seat of the fire and the runner was with them. They were at the head of a rock plane leading down on a grade of 12 degrees to the Stanton mine, and the air current was moving from South Wilkes Barre towards the Stanton and conveying the smoke from the fire in that direction. The men and the two boys attempted to go out through the smoke towards South Wilkes-Barre and were all suffocated. For full description of the accident, etc., see other part of this report.
	3. 17	Hugh Dugan	"	37	1	4			
	3. 18	Thomas Williamson	Laborer	31	1	4			
	3. 19	James O'Donnell	"	43	1	3			
	3. 20	Michael Ferry	"	32					
	3. 21	Patrick McRealus	"	24					
	3. 22	Thomas McDonnell	Runner	20					
	3. 23	James W. Jameson	Driver	17					
	5. 24	James Leonard	Rockman	26	1	1	Dodson	Plymouth	Fatally injured; while tamping a light charge of dynamite into a hole in a rock the dynamite exploded. He was using an iron bar and was driving it with a hammer; he died March 8, 1890.
	22. 25	Patrick McGinty	Driver	19			Empire	Wilkes-Barre	Fell under moving cars and was fatally injured; died on March 29.
	26. 26	Oliver Thomas	"	17			Lance No. 11	Plymouth	Head crushed while coupling cars; died the same day.
	29. 27	David J. Price	Miner	53	1	9	Shaft No. 1	Edwardsdale	When firing a blast the squib "missed" and while in the act of igniting a second squib it instantly fired and exploded the blast; Price was so badly injured that death ensued the same day.
April	2. 28	William A. James	"	34	1	1	Slope No. 4	Nanticoke	All killed except Price and Beranski, and they died from their injuries the same day. The accident was caused by an explosion of fire damp. John J. Griffith, George Elmy, John Ruddick and Michael Barinski were severely injured by the same explosion. A full description is given in another part of this report.
	2. 29	Morgan Price	"	36	1	2			
	2. 30	James Adams	"	35	1	6			
	2. 31	James Gubovage	Laborer	38					
	2. 32	Joseph Beranski	"	35					
	18. 33	Ritz Makofski	"	30			Nottingham breaker	Plymouth	Killed committed suicide by throwing himself under a train of cars on culm dump.
	19. 34	John Murphy	Miner	38	1	9	Lance No. 11	Plymouth	Killed; a missed squib held fire until pushed into the powder by deceased which caused the blast to explode.
May	2. 35	Andrew Ondiz	Laborer	32	1	2	Dodson	"	Instantly killed by fall of rock; he returned immediately after blast was fired unknown to miner; fall of roof came on him.

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May	15, 36	John Allen.	Fire boss.	35	1	4	Jersey No. 8, Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	Ashley.	At about 9 o'clock a. m. on the 15th day of May a large area of the workings of the Baltimore seam in this mine, extending over the first, second, third and other lifts west of the slope, suddenly collapsed and caved in, cutting off the escape of twenty-eight men in the top split seam in the first lift. In about two hours after an explosion of gas occurred in which these twenty-six persons were killed. An opening was made into the mine by about six o'clock p. m., and John Allen, the fire boss, Robert W. Roberts and Anthony Frayne were brought out alive, but the three were badly burned and injured. Allen died at 4 o'clock the next morning. The bodies of the others were reached at about 8 a. m., on the 16th of May, except those of Mike Henry, Michael Scally, Robert Pritchard and two others who were found on the 17th. The explosion took place from a match lighted by John Allen which ignited a body of gas. If he had exercised the care that should have been taken under the circumstances they could have been brought out uninjured by about 7 o'clock that evening, or if he had led the men, immediately after the cave-in and before the place filled with fire-damp, down to the bottom split gangway they could have all walked out. The passage through which the fire bosses traveled frequently from one split to the other was still open and not affected by the cave-in, but it was filled with fire-damp in about half an hour after they were closed in. Allen had made serious mistakes before and he was evidently not a reliable man in cases of danger.
	15, 37	Daniel Sullivan.	Miner.	45	1	2			
	15, 38	John Hanson.	"	40	"	"			
	15, 39	Thomas Voytocka.	Laborer.	21	"	"			
	15, 40	Barlek Repisyk.	"	26	1	"			
	15, 41	John Krost.	"	25	1	"			
	15, 42	Anthony Panatbor.	"	27	1	"			
	15, 43	Charles Jones.	Carpenter.	46	1	5			
	15, 44	Owan Williams.	"	43	1	1			
	15, 45	Henry Jones.	"	40	1	1			
	15, 46	Richard Jones.	"	30	1	1			
	15, 47	David Edwards.	"	50	1	1			
	15, 48	Owen H. Parry.	"	20	"	"			
	15, 49	Mike Henry.	"	62	1	5			
	15, 50	Mike Scally.	Miner.	38	"	"			
	15, 51	John Scally.	Laborer.	20	"	"			
	15, 52	John Gwark.	"	24	"	"			
	15, 53	Thomas Williams.	Miner.	38	1	1			
	15, 54	Romber Pritchard.	"	31	1	1			
	15, 55	Joshua Williams.	"	31	1	3			
	15, 56	John L. Williams.	"	32	1	1			
	15, 57	Thomas D. Closs.	"	35	1	1			
	15, 58	Henry H. Parry.	"	40	1	1			
	15, 59	John James.	"	30	"	"			
	15, 60	Ellis D. Williams.	Laborer.	53	1	1			
	15, 61	Thomas Davies.	Carpenter.	45	1	4			

17,	62	Robert Kreigg,	Carpenter,	36	1	5	Empire,	Wilkes-Barre,	Both instantly killed by an explosion of fire-damp; they did not exercise sufficient care while renewing a door and gas accumulated and was brought to their lamps and exploded.
17,	63	William H. Thomas,	Carpenter helper,	23					
26,	64	John Nesgroski,	Laborer,	40	1	1	Alden,	Alden,	Instantly killed by a fall of rock; it was a long, narrow piece of rock which fell unexpectedly on the track a distance of thirty feet back from the face of the breast.
26,	65	Isaac Thomas,	"	26			Dodson,	Plymouth,	While standing a prop a fall of roof came upon him causing injuries resulting in his death in a few hours after.
28,	66	Richard Davies,	"	47			Wanamie No. 18,	Wanamie,	While helping to lift a car on track the lever slipped and struck him on the abdomen; he walked home thinking he was not severely injured but he died in 22 hours.
June	12,	Jos. Baskinski,	"	21			Slope No. 4,	Nanticoke,	Killed by a fall of coal. The miner heard the coal cracking and jumped away shouting to deceased to look out, but deceased got bewildered and jumped under the fall.
	25,	Samuel Gregory,	Driver,	20			Shaft No. 4,	Plymouth,	Killed by a trip of cars at foot of plane. He evidently mistook the track and stood on the one on which the cars were running and they ran upon him.
July	16,	John Lyons,	Laborer,	25			Dorrance,	Wilkes-Barre,	By a mistake he stumbled into the cage pit when it was filled with hot water; he was taken out immediately but he was scalded so that he died on the 22d of July.
	21,	Saverio Allienell,	"	22			Breaker No. 6,	Glenlyon,	While unloading a railroad car of prop timber one rolled upon and killed him.
	22,	John Quinn,	Driver,	17			Nottingham,	Plymouth,	Killed by being crushed between cars at the junction of two roads.
	23,	John Tugdy,	"	22			Warrior Run,	Warrior Run,	Fell off the front end of a car and the car ran upon him injuring him so severely that death ensued on the 25th of July.
Aug	2,	John Kelly,	State picker,	15			Woodward breaker,	Plymouth township,	Fatally injured, and died that night, by being struck by sheave-wheel in breaker while going behind it for his dinner pail.
	20,	Michael Guperko,	Laborer,	26	1	1	Slope No. 4,	Nanticoke,	Killed on slope by runaway trip of cars; they were cleaning the slope and when a trip of cars were being hoisted the rope broke and the cars ran back. Thomas Parfit and Elias Griffith were painfully injured at the same time.
Sept.	4,	John E. Jones,	Miner,	28	1	1	Shaft No. 4,	Edwardsdale,	Fatally injured by an explosion of fire-damp; died September 6th. He and the mine foreman, John Armstrong, went up an old fall in an abandoned breast and unexpectedly ignited a body of gas. Armstrong escaped with severe burns on face and hands.

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Sept	12.	76	George Ford.	Miner.	39	1	2	Shaft No. 3.	South Wilkes-Barre.	Instantly killed; while descending a shaft on the water tank; his safety lamp fell into a body of gas beneath and caused an explosion. The gas had accumulated after the water had been taken out of that portion of the shaft beneath the Hillman seam. Ford's body was recovered at about 2 a. m. September 15; it was found in the water tank.
	16.	77	Thomas Rock.	Laborer.	31	1	1	Reynolds No. 16.	Plymouth.	Killed by top coal falling and rolling which crushed him against the end of a car.
	19.	78	Hugh Parker.	Door tender.	67	1		Avondale.	"	A car ran against the door which he was in the act of opening and he was fatally injured; he died on the 2d of October.
	20.	79	James Boswell.	Fire boss.	44	1	5	Hollenback.	Wilkes-Barre.	The first two were instantly killed and the other two were suffocated by after-damp; the result of an explosion of fire-damp which was caused by the two fire-bosses walking into a body of gas with naked lights. The gas having accumulated in a large body at an unexpected point. For full description see another part of this report.
	20.	80	Anthony Jennings.	"	30					
	20.	81	Larry Casey.	Laborer.	24					
	20.	82	James Sullivan.	"	26	1				
	22.	83	Andrew Metro.	Miner.		1		Shaft No. 1.	Edwardsdale.	Both went into an abandoned breast to get some old rails for use in their own breast and having naked lights exploded a body of fire-damp. Both were fatally burned and both died on the 24th day of the same month.
	22.	84	Michael Washko.	Laborer.						
Oct.	4.	85	Joseph Grotus.	"	25			Nottingham.	Plymouth.	Fatally injured. He was helping the miner to pry a piece of rock down and just as the rock was falling he slipped and fell under it; he died on reaching the hospital.
	8.	86	Charles Armstrong.	"	70			Gaylord shaft.	"	Armstrong was killed and Wilson fatally injured by an explosion of gas. A blast in a cross cut bursting through into the adjacent breast ignited a body of fire-damp producing an explosion. These two men were on the gangway waiting for the blast and the concussion of the explosion caused the injury. Wilson died October 13.
	8.	87	Robert Wilson.	Miner.	44	1	2			

	9.	88	John Basela,	Laborer,	25			Dodson,			While loading at upper side of car a large mass of coal fell off the upper rib and crushed him to death against the car.
	31.	89	Peter Kearny,	Miner,	68	1	6	Jersey No. 8,	Ashley,		While working a shot out at face of breast a large lump of coal fell down upon him killing him instantly.
Nov.	10.	90	Andrew Poyawis,	Laborer,	40			Maffet,	Sugar Notch,		Fell off the cage when ascending the shaft and was instantly killed.
	15.	91	John Beaumont,	Miner,	36	1	5	Empire,	Wilkes-Barre,		Instantly killed by being struck by a piece of slate which fell from the roof.
	24.	92	Wm. Zimmerman,	"	21	1	1	Dodson,	Plymouth,		While running from a blast he stumbled and fell, and being unable to reach a place of safety he was struck by a piece of coal from the blast and injured so that death ensued on the following day.
	25.	93	Frank McCauley,	Driver,	16			Shaft No. 1,	Edwardsdale,		A small quantity of gas ignited frightening the mule and causing the deceased to fall under the cars; he was so severely injured that death ensued before he was conveyed home.
	27.	94	John Johnson,	"	18			Red Ash No. 1,	Wilkes-Barre,		Fell while unhitching the mule from a runaway car out on the culm-dump. The car ran upon him and fractured his spine; he died in a few days.
	29.	95	John McDonald,	Miner,	55			Hollenback,	"		Fatally injured by a blast which exploded when he was in the act of igniting the match; he died December 1.
Dec.	3.	96	Samuel Rakrutchet,	Laborer,	43	1	1	Slope No. 1,	Nanticoke,		Fatally injured by a fall of top coal while he and his miner were returning together to see the result of a blast; died December 4.
	13.	97	Martin Tuberty,	Miner,	45	1	5	Shaft No. 3,	Plymouth township,		Was in the act of charging a hole for blasting when a piece of top coal fell on him and injured him so that death occurred on the 17th.
	17.	98	Joseph Pedresski,	Laborer,	30	1	1	Shaft No. 2,	Nanticoke,		A large piece of slate fell on the gob and slid down upon him crushing his leg; he was taken to the hospital and died there.
	17.	99	William Kennedy,	Miner,	53	1		Balt. Shaft No. 2,	Wilkes-Barre,		Instantly killed by a blast; it fired while he was igniting the match.
	23.	100	William Dougal,	Laborer,	19			Jersey No. 8,	Ashley,		Instantly killed by a small piece of top coal which fell on him. The miner was close by talking to him when the accident happened.
Totals, . . .	100					55	176				

N. B. - One fatal accident was reported which was not included in the above list; S. S. James, a non employe, who was killed at the Empire breaker on March 26th. He was standing on the track of a culm car and was struck and crushed between the car and breaker structure.

Recapitulation of Fatal Accidents.

OCCUPATION.	Number.	Per cent.	NATIONALITY.	Number.	Per cent.	CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS.	Number.	Per cent.
Miner.	30	30	Welsh	29	29	By explosions of gas.	51	51
Laborer.	39	39	Irish.	26	26	By falls of roof and coal.	15	15
Drivers and runners.	10	10	English.	10	10	By mine cars underground.	8	8
Brattlee and timber men.	13	13	Polish.	18	18	By explosions of powder and blasts.	6	6
Fire bosses.	4	4	Hungarian.	8	8	By falling down shafts.	4	4
Rock men.	1	1	German.	3	3	By miscellaneous causes under- ground.	11	11
Door tenders.	1	1	Scotch.	3	3	By miscellaneous causes on sur- face.	5	5
Slate pickers.	2	2	American.	2	2			
			Italian.	1	1			
Total.	100	100	Total.	100	100	Total.	100	100