

TABLE IV.—List of Fatal Accidents occurring in and about the Mines of the Second Bituminous Mine District for the year ending December 31, 1891.

Date of accident	NAME OF PERSON.	Occupation.	Age.	Widow.	Number of orphans.	Name of Colliery.	Location County.	Nature and Cause of Accident
Jan. 9.	Daniel Loughner.	Driver.	17			Southside.	Westmoreland.	Killed by falling under a wagon as he was bringing a trip of coal out of the mine.
27.	Jacob Meyer.	Miner.	15	1				
27.	William Bowman.	do.	27	1				
27.	James Riley.	do.	18	1				
27.	August Launk.	do.	14	1				
27.	John Eaton.	do.	14	1				
27.	Pretz Newel.	do.	20	1				
27.	Jesse Crum.	do.	17	1				
27.	William Snaith.	Fire-boss.	55	1				
27.	Arthur Lazzel.	Miner.	31	1				
27.	Daniel Gordon.	do.	33	1				
27.	John Blam.	do.	60	1				
27.	W. D. Woods.	do.	33	1				
27.	George Brunward.	do.	33	1				
27.	John Doyle.	do.	43	1				
27.	William Lewis.	do.	24	1				
27.	Louis Lewis.	do.	26	1				
27.	Thomas Brown.	do.	17	1				
27.	James Murphy.	do.	14	1		Mammoth.	Westmoreland.	
27.	John Van Dorn.	do.	21	1				
27.	Martin Branon.	do.	28	1				
27.	William Hunter.	do.	1	1				
27.	John Tamase.	do.	46	1				
27.	Joseph Haragosz.	do.	26	1				
27.	Michael Stanik, Sr.	do.	52	1				
27.	Michael Stanik, Jr.	do.	19	1				
27.	Andrew Berko.	do.	35	1				
27.	John Klimko.	do.	40	1				
27.	Stephen Rusnak.	do.	19	1				
27.	John olenik.	do.	19	1				
27.	Stephen Svatz.	do.	36	1				
27.	John Figlar.	do.	25	1				
27.	John Noyotin.	do.	23	1				
27.	Stephen Svatz.	do.	21	1				
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27.	Michael Salaj.	do.	23	1				

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TABLE IV—Continued.

Date of accident.	NAME OF PERSON.	Occupation.	Age.	Married or single.	No. of orphans.	Name of Colliery.	Location-County	Nature and Cause of Accident
Jan. 27.	John Darai.	Miner.	20	Y	1	Mammoth.	Westmoreland.	Killed by an explosion of fire-damp, carburetted hydrogen. All these men were killed by an explosion of fire-damp. That is, fire-damp was the primary cause of the disaster, but fully 75 per cent. of the men were smothered by after-damp generated by the coal dust. The dust was lifted by the force of the explosion and was battered against the posts and the sides of the ribs nearly an inch in thickness. The nationalities of the persons killed are as follows: Twenty-six (26) of them were Americans, Germans, Irish, Scotch and English, 2 Bohemians, 13 Poles and 68 Slavs, and it is known that they leave 27 widows and 45 orphans in this country, and there are said to be 31 widows and 71 orphans in the countries of their various nationalities.
27.	Stephen Okular.	do.	20	Y	1			
27.	Joseph Depta.	do.	20	Y	1			
27.	John Kunc.	do.	22	Y	1			
27.	Nicholas Panko.	do.	22	Y	1			
27.	Andrew Varchol.	do.	22	Y	1			
27.	Michael Zurco.	do.	22	Y	1			
27.	John Dzdziak.	do.	22	Y	1			
27.	Valentine Likora.	do.	38	Y	1			
27.	Nicholas Luchy.	do.	54	Y	1			
27.	Bartholemew Wojtosz.	do.	51	Y	1			
27.	Jacob Congva.	do.	26	Y	1			
27.	Simon Hamiaczyk.	do.	19	Y	1			
27.	Stephen Janicko.	do.	40	Y	1			
27.	Andrew Hlovac.	do.	20	Y	1			
27.	Patrick Tumelty.	do.	17	Y	1			
27.	Stephen Rymbala.	do.	19	Y	1			
Feb. 3.	Michael Zoworesak.	do.	30	Y	1	Westmoreland shaft.	Westmoreland.	Zoworsak, a Hungarian miner; he had not been in the mine but a short time; he was killed by a fall of slate; on investigation I discovered that he did not have a sufficient number of props under the slate to secure it against falling; he had posts close at hand, if he only had used them.
20.	Jacob Williams.	do.	35	Y	2	Penn shaft No. 1.	do.	Williams was a Polander and only had been in this country a short time, and he leaves a widow and two children in Poland; he and some others had come to the shaft bottom to go out, and by some means he got under the cage and was instantly killed; the coroner held an inquest and the coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.
Mar. 26.	Thomas Mitchell.	do.	35	Y	1	Larimer No. 4.	do.	Mitchell was an American miner; he had his leg and collarbone broken, and was injured internally; he was taken to the West Penn Hospital and died there on April 14th; an inquest was held by Coroner McDowal and a verdict of accidental death was rendered.
April 11.	John Fearn.	do.	67	Y	1	Alexandria mine.	do.	Fearn was an Irish miner, his breastbone was crushed by a fall of coal; he was lying down holeing under the coal, and he did not have the coal spragged as he should have had in order to protect himself; he died the following day; the coroner held an inquest and a verdict of accidental death was rendered.

Ma 23.	Serozzlon Doninico,	Miner,	40	1	. . .	Smithton No. 1,	Westmoreland,	Doninico was an Italian miner, had a wife and family in Italy; he had mined coal for two months, and he was killed by a fall of slate; it appears that he had been knocking a post out when the slate fell; the coroner held an inquest, and after examining several witnesses, a verdict of accidental death was rendered.
June 1.	John Enhaus,	do.	35	1	4	Standard No. 2 shaft, . . .	do.	Enhaus was a Hungarian miner, and he had a wife and four children in Hungary; he came to the shaft bottom to get a light, and instead of going on the other side of the shaft through the manway, he walked right under the cage and was instantly killed by it when descending.
3.	John Kuntz,	do.	45	1	. . .	Spring Hill,	Allegheny,	Kuntz was a Polandier, he had only been in the mines a short time before the accident; he was killed by a fall of slate; he had no post under it and was killed through ignorance of the nature of the slate; the coroner held an inquest and rendered a verdict of accidental death.
30.	Hugh Anderson,	do.	55	1	5	Osceola mine,	do.	Anderson was a Scotch miner; he was fatally injured by a fall of slate and died in five hours; he had two posts set under the slate, but they were not enough, considering the nature of the slate, and Anderson should have known that, because he was an old miner; the coroner held an inquest and a verdict of accidental death was rendered.
July 9.	John Kaminskea,	do.	41	1	2	Westmoreland shaft, . . .	Westmoreland,	Kaminskea was a Polandier, he had only been in the mine a short time; he was killed by a fall of slate, the assistant mine-boss had told him to set a post under the slate, his little boy had also pointed out to him the loose nature of the slate, but it seems that he would not take any warning and his death was the result.
27.	Edward Goff,	Laborer,	41	1	8	United No. 1 shaft,	do.	Goff was an Englishman; at the time of the accident he and seven others had gotten on the cage to come up the shaft there was no cover on the cage, they were using it for taking timber down the shaft, and some one threw a block of wood carelessly on the landing and it fell down the shaft and killed Goff instantly.
Aug. 7.	John Smith,	Miner,	35	1	2	Port Royal No. 1 shaft, . .	do.	Smith was a Polandier; he was instantly killed by a fall of slate; he did not have the slate properly posted at the time of the accident, the coroner held an inquest, and the jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.
18.	John Demster,	do.	59	1	8	Coal Run mine,	do.	Demster was a Scotchman; he was severely injured by a fall of slate while drawing a rib and he died on September 8th.
22.	John W. Woods,	Laborer,	19	S.	. . .	Oak Hill No. 4 mine,	Allegheny,	Woods was an American, and as he was dropping cars from the tippie he fell between the cars and was crushed to death; the coroner held an inquest and the jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.
28.	Nickola Buezer,	Miner,	26	1	3	Larimer No. 4 mine,	Westmoreland,	Buezer was a Hungarian miner and had a wife and three children in Hungary; he was killed by a premature blast; he did not get away but a short distance from the shot, and he was struck on the head by a lump of coal, causing his death in three hours.
31.	John Barbery,	do.	32	1	. . .	Big Chief mine,	do.	Barbery was an Italian miner; he knew but little of the dangers encountered in mining or he would not have gone under the slate to knock the post out; three tons of slate fell on him crushing his life out.

Sept. 5.	John Ayers.	Miner.	22	S.		Larimer No. 4 mine. . . .	Westmoreland.	Ayers was an American miner; at the time of the accident he was drawing posts out in a rib; there was a miner by the name of John Smith working with him at the time. Smith had told him not to go back after the post, but Ayers paid no attention to him and went back, and he was instantly killed by the falling roof, and it took some time to get him out from under the fall.
Oct. 20.	Lewis Brock.	do.	29	1	2	Larimer No. 4 mine. . . .	do.	Brock was an Italian, and he leaves a wife and two children in Italy. He had his brains crushed out by a fall of slate; he had the slate posted but he did not use the proper judgment in setting the post under the slate.
Nov. 5.	James Steel.	do.	73	1		Oak Hill No. 4 mine. . . .	Allegheny. . . .	Steel was an American miner; he was going to his work in the morning and a driver came up behind him and drove the mule and water wagon right over the old man. The driver stated that he did not see him; the driver was going very fast at the time. Steel's shoulder blade was broken and he was injured internally, and he died twenty-four hours after the accident; the coroner held an inquest and the jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.
20.	William Blubaker.	do.	17	S.		Youghiogheny shaft. . . .	Westmoreland.	Blubaker was an American; he was working with an older brother; he was standing a short distance back from the face when a fall of coal knocked a post out striking him on the head fracturing his skull, causing his death in two days after.
27.	Peter Kearney.	do.	78	1		Alexandria mine.	do.	Kearney was an Irish miner; at the time of the accident he was riding to his work in a wagon on the dilly road and as he was about to get out of the wagon he struck his head against a post and fell between the wagon and the rib, and was fatally injured and died on the 30th.
Dec. 2.	John Coyle.	do.	41	1	1	South Side mine.	do.	Coyle was an Irish miner; he was instantly killed by being struck on the temple by a post as he was taking them out in an entry stump.
6.	George Tropke.	do.	47	1	2	Standard No. 2 shaft. . . .	do.	Tropke was a Hungarian miner; he was instantly killed as he was taking posts out of a rib; the man who worked with him warned him not to go back after the post, but he paid no attention to him and was buried under the fall.
8.	Ignatus Madur.	do.	35			Penn Gas No. 1 shaft. . . .	do.	Madur was a German miner; he was fatally injured by a fall of slate and died in a few days; he had very little knowledge of the danger encountered in mining.
8.	John Shultz.	do.	35	S.		Southwest "B" shaft. . . .	do.	Shultz was a Polander; he was instantly killed by a fall of roof coal and slate as he was taking posts out in a rib.