

TABLE IV—List of fatal accidents that occurred in and about the mines of the Fifth Bituminous District, for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date of accident.	Name of Person.	Occupation.	Age.	Married or single.			Name of Colliery.	County.	Nature and Cause of Accident in Brief.
					Number of widows.	Number of orphans.			
Feb. 9.	Jacob Green.	Stable boss.	41	M.	1	3	Leisenring No. 1,	Fayette.....	Was killed by falling down the hoisting shaft. The morning was very cold and the air coming up the shaft being warmer than the air outside, condensed and made clouds of steam. The deceased being unable to see the cage at landing on account of the steam, opened the wrong gate and stepped into the shaft instead of on to the cage as he expected.
Mar. 30.	Lewis Kongil.	Miner.	28	S.			Nellie.	Fayette.....	Had drawn out all his posts except one. He went back to cut this post to let the roof fall, and while cutting the post the roof fell upon him, killing him instantly. No person but himself was to blame for his death.
April 10.	Charles Johnson.	Miner.	22	S.			Grindstone.	Fayette.....	Was drawing out some slate posts to let the slate fall when the jarring of knocking out the posts caused some loose slate between the posts to fall on him. He was killed almost instantly.
12.	Andy Zokovle.	Miner.	39	M.	1	7	Lemont No. 2,	Fayette.....	Killed by a fall of roof coal and slate. He was mining out a stump of coal to load his last wagon when the roof gave way coming over the timbers and props and covering up the wagon. His son who was working with him had barely time to get out. The father could not get past the wagon, and was covered by the falling slate and instantly killed.

21,	Chas. Abraham,	Slope cleaner,	22	S.	.....	Mt. Braddock,	Fayette,.....	Was in a shelter hole on the slope to allow the empty trip to pass him. When the front part of the trip reached where he was standing, a truck loaded with wooden rails on the front of the trip left the track and the ends of the rails caught him and broke both legs below the knee. He was taken to the hospital and died from the effects of his injuries in about ten days.
22,	Thomas Ross,	Miner,	21	S.	.....	Grindstone,	Fayette,.....	Killed by a fall of slate. He was holding a light for his butt John Sher to draw out the slate posts, and while Sher was knocking out the posts Ross stepped into the face of rib, when some slate fell out between the posts and injured him so that he died almost instantly.
27,	Martin Adamcheck,	Miner,	40	M.	1	Leisenring No. 3,	Fayette,.....	Was working in a rib and neglected to set up sufficient props to protect himself. He was loading a car with coal when a large quantity of roof and slate fell on him, breaking his neck.
June 20,	Frank Bucarat,	Miner,	44	M.	1 3	Lemont No. 2,	Fayette,.....	Was instantly killed by being run over by cars. He was up on tippie for his checks, and while coming back down he stepped off one track to avoid a loaded trip of cars and stepped right in front of the empty trip. He was struck on the head and concussion of the brain caused death.
July ..,	Joseph Horrastia,	Miner,	21	S.	.....	Oliver No. 2,	Fayette,.....	Killed by fall of roof coal and slate. He had not put in a sufficient number of props to secure his place. Instead of taking extra precautions there was not a single post inside the clay-vein, with the result that as he kept digging in the face the space became greater between the face and clay-vein until it would no longer stand unsupported and fell, killing him instantly. He had been told by mine foreman to set up props, but did not do so.
24,	Steve Sklevar,	Miner,	47	M.	1	Grindstone,	Fayette,.....	On July 24, about 7 o'clock in the morning an explosion of gas took place in this mine, whereby five men were killed and two very severely burned, a full account of which is given elsewhere.
24,	John Yankora,	Miner,	17	S.	.....	Grindstone,	Fayette,.....	
24,	Lucas Szaszfay,	Miner,	38	M.	1 1	Grindstone,	Fayette,.....	
24,	George Hutneck,	Miner,	34	M.	1 2	Grindstone,	Fayette,.....	
24,	Mike Mikealek,	Miner,	31	M.	1	Grindstone,	Fayette,.....	
Aug. 14,	Frank Rosenaker,	Miner,	25	S.	Wheeler,	Fayette,.....	Killed by a fall of slate in his working place. He was told by the mine foreman to put up a post, but put off doing so until he should first load a wagon of coal. While loading the wagon the roof fell on him.

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Aug. 26,	Fred. Gesky,	Miner,	43	M.	1	6	Leith,	Fayette,.....	This man had finished his days work, and was drawing out posts preparatory to making a rib fall. He had drawn out all but one of the posts (which he had left back in the gob to steady the roof while he was taking out the others). The roof did not fall when he got the posts out, and in order to make it fall he determined to go back and knock out the post. While doing so the roof came down and covered him.
Sept. 2,	Richard Rowley, Sr, ...	Mine foreman,	57	M. W.		9	Juniata,	Fayette,.....	Was riding down on a loaded trip on the incline plane. On the empty track the switch had been broken and did not close when the last trip had gone over it. When the empty trip came to that point it took the wrong track and ran into the loaded cars on side track, which were suddenly stopped. The loaded cars on the other track ran on until the momentum of the loaded cars broke the coupling of the rear car (on which the deceased was riding), when the great tension of the rope being suddenly released flew back, throwing deceased against the roof and off the car, which ran over him, breaking his neck and killing him instantly. He was violating the law by riding on the car.
6,	Sim Stah,	Miner,	38	M	1	3	Oliver No. 1,	Fayette,.....	Deceased was working in a rib and failed to set up posts to protect himself. While working next the gob, and outside the posts, a piece of slate and coal fell on him, breaking his neck, killing him instantly.

3,	Joe Rush,	Miner,	46	M	1	5	Youngstown,	Fayette,	Was drawing out posts to make a fall of a rib. He had all the posts but one. He went back to knock out this post and while doing so the roof fell on him killing him instantly.
29,	William Ostrander,	Miner,	26	S			Cheat Haven,	Fayette,	Was working in a rib and while drawing out posts he was caught by a fall of slate, which broke his leg and injured him internally. He was sent to the Cottage Hospital, Connellsville, where he died two weeks afterwards.
Oct. 10,	James A. Jolly,	Miner,	29	M	1	2	Oliphant,	Fayette,	Was lifting a wagon on the track in his room, a small piece of slate fell out between two slips and caught his head on the rail, fracturing his skull.
14,	Mike Fabean,	Miner,	42	M	1	4	Oliver No. 1,	Fayette,	With two others were drawing out posts to make a fall. They had got all the posts out but one, which had been left to steady the roof while drawing out the others. As the roof did not fall, the deceased determined to knock out the other post, and against the entreaties and protests of the two others went back into the gob to cut out this post. He had only struck two blows with his axe when the roof fell and covered him.
19,	Andy Risner,	Miner,	45	M	1	5	Leisenring No. 2,	Fayette,	Was killed by fall of roof coal and slate while he was drawing out posts making a rib fall. His back was broken, from which he died in a few days.
Nov. 4,	Martin Fuller,	Miner,	33	S			Leith,	Fayette,	Fuller was making a fall and was drawing the posts to leave the roof fall down. He left one in to steady the roof while drawing out the others. He went back to draw out this post when the roof fell, killing him instantly. His butt who was holding the lamp was also caught by the fall and killed. It took several hours to recover their bodies.
4,	Andy Nemic,	Miner,	22	S			Leith,	Fayette,	
7,	Michael Stockage,	Miner,	38	M	1	3	Juniata,	Fayette,	Went into his brother-in-law's place to load a wagon for him; while loading the wagon some roof coal and slate fell out between the posts and injured him to such an extent that he died two hours after having been taken home.
25,	John Shultz,	Driver,	23	S			Elm Grove,	Fayette,	Deceased lost control of his trip of cars which ran into an empty trip, and he was caught between the wagons and injured internally. He died in a few minutes after he was released from the cars. He was a reckless driver and had often been warned against running too fast.

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Dec. 14,	Joseph Peawa,	Miner,	24	M.	1	1	Oliver No. 2,	Fayette,.....	Was taking down roof on heading and had cut along one side, all but a little spur of coal, and while going through it fell on him and broke his back. He was sent to the hospital and died from the effects of his injuries one month afterwards.
21,	George Fredenek,	Miner,	32	M.	1	3	Bessie,	Fayette,.....	Met his death by being struck with coal from a blast which blew through the rib. He was 130 feet away from his own working place when he was killed. The parallel to the main entry had been left back because of water, and in order to catch up with main entry extra men had been put to work making cutthroughs. The parallel was about holed into one of these cut-throughs, and a shot was being fired, which blew through into the cut-through where the deceased and his butty were sitting. The coal from shot struck him on the head, fracturing his skull, killing him.

23,	Henry Hager,	Track layer,	45	M.	1	4	Sumner,	Fayette,	Found on top of fall 50 feet from shaft evidently making his way to shaft bottom.
23,	Samuel Meese,	Boss driver,	38	M.	1	4	Sumner,	Fayette,	Found in stable, not mutilated. Burned severely.
23,	Albert Meese,	Trapper,	14	S.			Sumner,	Fayette,	Found at right hand corner of No. 1 cage. Living when found. Burned all over body.
23,	William Thomas,	Cager,	32	M.	1	4	Sumner,	Fayette,	Found near cage on south side. Evidently having been blown across cage's ways. Top of head, arm and leg blown off.
23,	Peter Orris,	Cager's helper,	33	M.	1	4	Sumner,	Fayette,	Found near cage on south side. Burned and mutilated.
23,	Mike Matsick,	Miner,	22	S.			Sumner,	Fayette,	Found up main entry near timbers. Badly mutilated and burned.
23,	Andy Yaminski,	Miner,	27	S.			Sumner,	Fayette,	Found in No. 3 room, 3d butt, left north side. Badly burned. Supposed to have ignited gas in his room, causing explosion.
23,	Paul Samides,	Miner,	31	S.			Sumner,	Fayette,	Found at bottom of shaft between cages awfully mangled. Both legs and part of head blown off.
23,	Mike Pavolick,	Miner,	32	S.			Sumner,	Fayette,	Found on parting near shaft bottom. very badly mangled.
23,	Joe Podolenski,	Miner,	27	M.	1		Sumner,	Fayette,	Found on No. 1 butt right, near 4th break-through, north side. Burned and otherwise injured.
23,	Mike Rohal,	Miner,	40	M.	1		Sumner,	Fayette,	Found on No. 1 butt right north. Burned and very badly mutilated.
23,	John Kuelsik,	Miner,	37	M.	1	2	Sumner,	Fayette,	Found on main entry north 400 feet from shaft. Head crushed and otherwise mangled.
23,	Unknown,	Miner,					Sumner,	Fayette,	Found between 5 and 6 rooms on No. 3 entry left north side. Badly burned.
23,	George Vasellko,	Miner,	29	S.			Sumner,	Fayette,	Found in No. 3 room 2d butt right north side. Burned and cut about head.
23,	Joseph Magger,	Miner,	26	S.			Sumner,	Fayette,	Found between No. 2 and 3 rooms, 2nd butt right north side. Burned about head and legs.
23,	George Kovash,	Miner,	45	S.			Sumner,	Fayette,	Found on No. 2 entry right north side. Head mashed and other injuries.
23,	Joseph Budshot,	Miner,	32	S.			Sumner,	Fayette,	Found near bottom of shaft. Very badly mutilated.
23,	Andy Pavolick,	Miner,	30	S.			Sumner,	Fayette,	Found near shaft bottom. Slightly burned. Badly mutilated.
23,	Andrew Ruposhee,	Miner,	35	M.	1	3	Sumner,	Fayette,	Found in No. 3 room, 2d butt right north. Head crushed and slightly burned.

These persons were all killed by an explosion of gas which was supposed to have been ignited in No. 3 room on No. 3 butt entry, north side of shaft, by Andy Yaminski, who worked in said room. Full description of accident in another part of report.

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Dec. 30,	William Grine,	Miner,	26	M.	1	2		Lottie,	Somerset.....	The deceased was undermining coal along side entry to make a side track. He had left sprags of coal in at intervals, and was cutting out one of these when the coal and rock fell on him, killing him almost instantly. He alone was responsible.
30,	Daniel Filetski,	Miner,	25	M.	1	....		Leisenring No. 1,	Fayette.....	Was splitting a rib where the rooms on each side of it had fallen in and the pressure on the rib had opened up the overlying strata and it was cracked in several places. It was well timbered, however, and made secure as far as practicable. Suddenly the roof gave way and came over the timbers and caught deceased before he could get out. It took about 7 hours to recover his body from under the material which fell on him. This seems to have been an unavoidable accident.

TABLE V—List of non-fatal accidents that occurred in and about the mines of the Fifth Bituminous District, for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date of accident.		Name of Person.	Occupation.	Age.	Married or single.	Name of Collery.	County.	Nature and Cause of Accident in Brief.
Jan.	2.	James Moore,	Trackman,	21	S.	Leisenring No. 1,	Fayette,	Chest and lungs injured, caused by car jumping track and squeezing him between car and rib.
	27.	Thomas Mulnix,	Stable boss,	65	M.	Juniata,	Fayette,	Leg broken. Kicked by a mule.
	29.	John Britt,	Driver,	35	M.	Leisenring No. 1,	Fayette,	Squeezed about hips. Car left track and caught him between rib.
Feb.	15.	John Carrol,	Miner,	56	M.	Leisenring No. 1,	Fayette,	Hand injured. While lifting car on track the bumper of car caught his hand on the rail and crushed it.
	22.	Charles Tolt,	Miner,	29	M.	Grindstone,	Fayette,	These two men were burned about face, hands, arms and breast by a premature explosion of gunpowder in a drill hole.
	22.	Jacob Buckor,	Miner,	36	M.	Grindstone,	Fayette,	
Mar.	1.	Riley Martin,	Miner,	27	M.	Stewart,	Fayette,	Head and face cut and ankle sprained by having been caught between car and rib. His butt let the car run down the room, when Martin tried to catch it to prevent it from running away, but was hurt in the attempt.
	3.	C. B. Wilson,	Hauler,	24	M.	Mt. Braddock,	Fayette,	Kicked by a mule.
	4.	George Cope,	Driver,	35	M.	Stewart,	Fayette,	Bruised across hips. While spragging a car it left the track and he was caught between it and the rib.
	7.	Steve Alshopka,	Miner,	23	M.	Leisenring No. 1,	Fayette,	Left leg fractured. Fall of roof coal and slate in his working place, through negligence in not setting up posts to secure the roof.
	15.	Andrew Cornick,	Driver,	28	M.	Paul,	Fayette,	Right leg and two ribs broken. Was trying to jump on front of loaded car and missed his footing and fell in front of car.
	16.	Perry Tate,	Miner,	33	M.	Wynn,	Fayette,	Hurt across back. Struck by fall of roof coal and slate in his room.

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Mar	22.	George Franks,	Miner,	23	M.	Juniata,	Fayette,	Collar bone and three ribs broken. Caught between post and wagon while it was coming out of his room.
	29.	Patrick McIntyre,	Miner,	25	S.	Leisenring No. 1,	Fayette,	Cut on face, hands and side bruised and lacerated. He fell into the shaft and fell against the rope, which he caught and held on to, sliding down it to the bottom. He had a most miraculous escape from death.
	30.	Thomas Lee,	Miner,	33	S.	Trotter,	Fayette,	Two small bones in foot broken; fall of slate.
April	1.	William Hawn,	Miner,	55	M.	Hocking,	Somerset,	Two ribs broken; fall of coal.
	3.	John Greglak,	Miner,	20	S.	Trotter,	Fayette,	Bone of leg splintered. Empty car caught him; between rib, and wagon wheel ran over his leg.
	25.	George Melisky,	Miner,	40	M.	Paul,	Fayette,	Right leg broken. A piece of slate fell off the side of working place on his leg.
May	26.	Frederick Wise,	Miner,	56	M.	Merchants No. 2,	Somerset,	Leg broken above knee; fall of coal.
	1.	Frank Monaghan,	Miner,	19	S.	Morrell,	Fayette,	Broken leg; fall of slate.
	4.	Frank Livengood,	Machine scraper,	25	M.	Merchants No. 1,	Somerset,	Arm injured by machine.
	5.	Ernest Reiber,	Machine runner,	33	M.	Merchants No. 1,	Somerset,	Both legs severely bruised. Machine broke loose from its fastening and machine bar fell on his leg.
	11.	James Malloy,	Track boss,	35	M.	Leisenring No. 1,	Fayette,	Ankle broken. While pushing loaded car on cage his foot was caught between timber of cage and bumper of car.
	31.	John McSloy,	Mine laborer,	45	M.	Trotter,	Fayette,	Heel crushed and bruised. Foot caught by cage at bottom of shaft.
	31.	George Johnson,	Shot firer,	40	M.	Grindstone,	Fayette,	Arm broken and shattered by explosion of powder.
	2.	George Retka,	Miner,			Smock,	Fayette,	Broken leg; fall of slate in working place.
	7.	Conrad Smith,	Miner,	40	S.	Grindstone,	Fayette,	Hurt on back; fall of slate in working place.

	12,	William Ambrose,	Driver,	19	S.	Nellie,	Fayette,.....	Squeezed about body. Caught between wagon and rib.
	14,	Joseph Robertell,	Miner,	40	....	Nellie,	Fayette,.....	Body and legs bruised. Caught between cars.
	20,	John Gordon,	Driver,	31	M.	Lemont No. 2,	Fayette,.....	Foot badly crushed; car ran over it.
	20,	William McDade,	Driver,	29	M.	Lemont No. 1,	Fayette,.....	Leg broken; caught between cars.
	21,	Mike Brinsa,	Miner,	18	S.	Mahoning-Atlas,	Fayette,.....	Arm and leg broken; fall of slate in working place.
	21,	Frank Roemo,	Miner,	27	S.	Mahoning-Atlas,	Fayette,.....	Injured; fall of slate in working place.
	29,	Matthew Fair,	Motorman,	34	M.	Merchants' No. 2,	Somerset,.....	Right leg broken. Motor ran off down grade; He jumped off to turn switch to prevent motor running over tippie) and fell, breaking his leg in two places.
July	3,	William Brown,	Miner,	13	S.	Merchants' No. 1,	Somerset,	Foot hurt, one toe taken off. Caught in the machinery of mining machine.
	3,	Peter Conley,	Miner,	55	M.	Merchants' No. 1,	Somerset,.....	Leg broken and breast crushed; fall of coal.
	8,	Joseph Billock,	Miner,	31	M.	Lemont No. 2,	Fayette,.....	Right leg broken above knee; fall of top coal and slate.
	24,	Mike Orbin,	Miner,	34	M.	Grindstone,	Fayette,.....	Burned about head and body. These brothers were working in Grindstone mine when an explosion of gas occurred in No. 19 entry, killing five men and burning these two men severely.
	24,	Mathias Orbin,	Miner,	32	M.	Grindstone,	Fayette,.....	
	26,	Chas. Watson,	Driver,	28	M.	Nellie,	Fayette,.....	Body and legs bruised. Mule kicked his light out, and the wagons caught him.
Aug.	18,	John Fibain,	Miner,	27	S.	Leisenring No. 1,	Fayette,.....	Hip dislocated. While knocking out post; coal and slate fell on him.
	18,	August Kurtz,	Miner,	43	M.	Trotter,	Fayette,.....	Compound fracture of left leg, bruised about head and back; top coal fell on him.
	18,	Mike Sapurnack,	Miner,	30	M.	Trotter,	Fayette,.....	Left leg broken and hip bruised; slate fell on him.
	22,	Carrie Ford,	Miner,	50	M.	Leith,	Fayette,.....	Head cut and body bruised; fall of coal.
	30,	John Bogoski,	Miner,	40	S.	Grindstone,	Fayette,.....	Leg broken; piece of slate fell on him.
Sept.	4,	Antony Dzivilleski,	Miner,	30	S.	Grindstone,	Fayette,.....	Thigh broken; fall of slate.
	9,	Thomas Chittie,	Miner,	29	M.	Youngstown,	Fayette,.....	Hurt across hips and back; fall of slate.
	20,	John Zymoas,	Driver,	21	S.	Nellie,	Fayette,.....	Foot hurt by mine wagon.
	23,	Bartol Catney,	Driver,	20	S.	Oliver No. 2,	Fayette,.....	Broken arm; cars collided and squeezed him between cars and rib.
Oct.	4,	Martin Matchrock,	Miner,	38	M.	Leisenring No. 2,	Fayette,.....	Fracture of right knee joint; fall of slate.
	14,	Uriah Roebuck,	Rope rider,	20	S.	Glen McLaran,	Somerset,.....	Both bones in ankle broken; main haulage rope struck him on leg.
	19,	Andrew Merlick,	Miner,	32	M.	Sumner,	Fayette,.....	Eyesight, head and breast injured; charge of gunpowder exploded while he was tamping.
	21,	Bosina Memcheek,	Miner,	38	M.	Leisenring No. 3,	Fayette,.....	Ruptured and contusion of side; fall of slate.
	23,	Joseph Chonineo,	Driver,	28	M.	Nellie,	Fayette,.....	One finger on right hand cut off; fell on rail and wagon ran over his hand.
	24,	Andrew Livenetoski, ...	Miner,	27	S.	Ferguson,	Fayette,.....	Face and back injured by fall of draw slate.
v.	16,	William Truman,	Machine cutter,	25	S.	Glen McLaran,	Somerset,.....	Back injured slightly by fall of slate.
	22,	John Ball,	Miner,	50	M.	Elm Grove,	Fayette,.....	Body crushed and arm cut; fall of coal.

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Nov. 24.		Henry Sailer,	Machine scraper,	27	M.	Glen McLaran,	Somerset,	Knee injured by fall of coal.
1909.	4.	Joshua Taylor,	Readman,	45	M.	Leisenring No. 2,	Fayette,	Left leg broken above ankle; haulage rope struck him.
	5.	Charles Rankin,	Driver,	35	M.	Crossland,	Fayette,	Bruised about the body and head; wagon ran over him.
	8.	R. E. Harding,	Machine scraper,	25	M.	Glen McLaran,	Somerset,	Slight fracture of bones of ankle. Riding on cars of rope haulage trip (against rules) and fell in jumping off.
	11.	John Shimco,	Driver,	29	M.	Elm Grove,	Fayette,	Breast crushed and fingers badly mashed; fell in front of loaded cars.
	11.	William Rimmel,	Driver,	27	M.	Nellie,	Fayette,	Foot hurt; fell in front of cars.
	15.	Andrew Bokser,	Miner,	26	M.	Lemont No. 2,	Fayette,	Head and arm cut; fall of roof.
	21.	Joseph Gimpey,	Miner,	32	M.	Bessie,	Fayette,	Flesh wound on head and slightly bruised on back; struck by coal from a shot blown through the pillar.
	22.	Jacob Sherosky,	Miner,	16	S.	Eleanora,	Fayette,	Scalp wounded; fall of slate.
	23.	John Skoff,	Miner,	37	S.	Sumner,	Fayette,	These three persons were burned very severely about the head, face, breast and hands, by an explosion of gas in Sumner mine. The miner in No. 1 left entry, south side. The drivers in the stable.
	23.	Jonas Meese,	Driver,	23	M.	Sumner,	Fayette,	
	23.	Harry Atwood,	Driver,	22	S.	Sumner,	Fayette,	
	25.	John McVay,	Miner,	22	S.	Oliver No. 1,	Fayette,	Collar bone broken; squeezed between mine car and rib.