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The X within a circle on the map indicates the place where the shot was discharged and Y indicates the location of the electric battery which was used to discharge the shot.

From the evidence submitted at the inquest it appears that the door nearest the No. 2 West Butt heading had been left open allowing the air current to pass through the door and depriving the heading beyond the door of a moving current which permitted the gas to accumulate.

State of West Virginia,

County of Marion, to-wit:

An inquisition at Stafford Mine of The New Central Coal Company, in said County, on the 22nd and 24th days of September, 1902, before A. T. Manning, Coroner of said County, upon view of the bodies of Moses Williams, Karl Koch, August Ammiel and Liborio Tarquinia, there lying dead, and John Keating, who died on September 23rd, 1902, (and Robert H. Hoover, who died on September 25th, 1902). The jurors sworn to inquire when, how and by what means the said Moses Williams, Karl Koch, August Ammiel, Liborio Tarquinia came to their deaths on the 22nd day of September, 1902, at about 9 o'clock a. m., and John Keating on September 23rd, 1902, (and Robert H. Hoover on September 25th, 1902), as the result of an accident which occurred in the mine of The New Central Coal Company, in Pawpaw District, Marion County, West Virginia, caused by an explosion produced by a miner firing a shot, which explosion was occasioned by the neglect of some miner or person working in said mine leaving open the door leading from heading No. 2 into No. 2 West Butt, and thereby diverting the air from its proper course along No. 2 heading at said door for a short space of time, and lessening the air at the point where said shot was fired. We further find that said Company was not in anywise negligent; but that its mine was in first-class condition in every particular.

In testimony whereof the said Coroner and Jurors hereunto set their hands this the 24th day of September, 1902.

T. A. FLEMING, *Coroner.*
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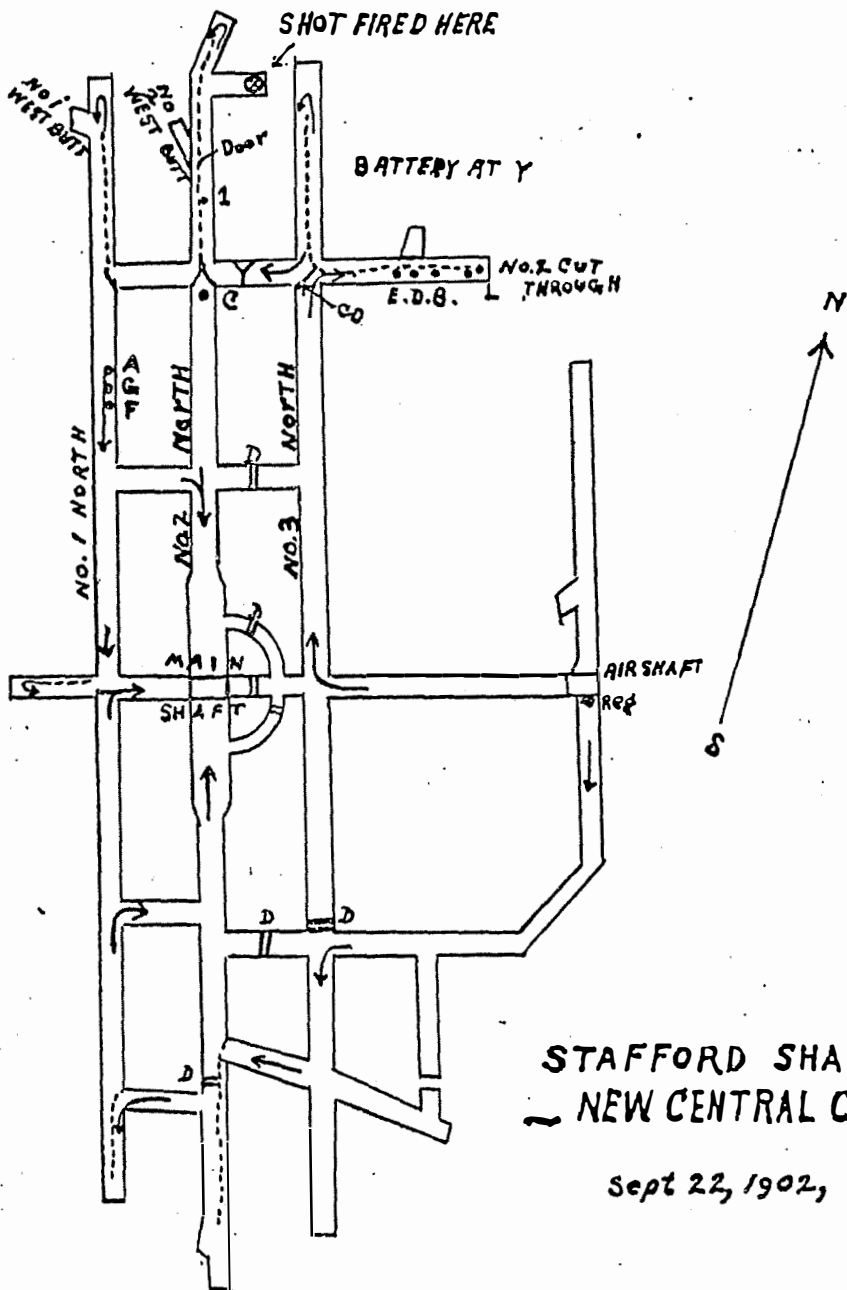
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— NEW CENTRAL COAL Co.**

Sept 22, 1902,

- Air current
- ⌘ Door
- Brattice
- C.D. = Canvas 'door
- . = Location of bodies



Coal Fatality

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Stafford Shaft Mine 46-00000 .
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Victim Name

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