

# COAL FATAL

Report of a Hoisting Accident at the Clear Spring  
Colliery Coal Mine West Pittson, Pennsylvania  
March 9, 1905  
7 Killed

March 9, 1905; Clear Spring Colliery, Clear Springs Coal Company,  
West Pittson, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; 7 Killed  
(From Reports of the Inspectors of Coal Mines of the Anthracite  
Coal Regions of Pennsylvania, 1905, p. 194)

These seven men were going home after their day's work. They were  
to the foot of the shaft and got on the cage and gave the signal to  
the engineer to hoist. When the cage had ascended about 250 feet,  
the rope broke out and the cage with the seven men aboard it  
dropped to the bottom of the shaft killing them instantly. The  
cause of the rope failure has not been determined.

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Report of a Rock Fall at the Lytle Colliery  
Coal Mine in Minersville, Pennsylvania  
February 18, 1905  
5 Killed

February 18, 1905; Lytle Colliery, Lytle Coal Company, Minersville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania; 5 Killed  
(From Reports of the Inspectors of Coal Mines of the Anthracite Coal Regions of Pennsylvania, 1905, p. 413)

Five men were killed instantly by a fall of rock while descending the slope in a gunboat on No. 2 west slope. The throttle of the hoisting slope engine was out of order and the officials decided to lower the men in the gunboat. They placed a false bottom in the west gunboat to make it convenient for the men to get in and out. The east gunboat was operated empty and was lowered rapidly, and jumped the track disturbing the timber on No. 2 slope, which in turn set the top rock moving and it fell about the time the west side boat arrived at the point of the accident on the slope.

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