

SEVEN LIVES LOST IN WEIRWOOD EXPLOSION

The Fayette Tribute gives the following account the wirewood explosion.

Any explosion in the weirwood shaft mine of the Berwind White Co., 1 mile above Pax, on Paint Creek, Weenesday night, August 6, resulted in the ceath of seven miners. The cause of the explosion is unknown as the seven victims of the disaster were the only ones working in that section of the mine. A pocket of gas was probably encountered and set off in some unknown manner.

The explosion was confined to one of the east side entries and was local in area covered. All the men in the entry were killed Other at work in other parts of of the mine were unaware of the explosion.

The dead men were Chas. Buckland, who leaves a wife and nine children; Henry Painter, married; Leroy Lowery, colored, Mike Tittner, two men named Jones and an Italian, whose namr was not yet learned.

The Weirwood mine is one of the best equipped and most care fully supervised operations on the Virginian railway. The shaft is 340 feet deep, Gas is liberated freely but ever precaution possible is exercised to prevent accident.