

## Man Injured in Fall Down Mine Shaft, Critical

**Raymond Blackstone, 28, of  
Mt. Sterling, Suffers a  
Fractured Skull**

Raymond Blackstone, 28 years old, of Mt. Sterling, who was injured at 10 o'clock Thursday morning when the coal car which he occupied fell down a 25-foot shaft of the Clyde Westcott mine, three miles south of Mt. Sterling, was reported in a critical condition last night in Bethesda hospital.

Blackstone suffered a fractured skull and a broken jaw. Portions of wood driven into his brain and skull by force of the fall were removed yesterday by the attending physician.

He was found unconscious at the foot of the shaft by Robert Lane, a pony-driver in the mine. Fellow-workmen assisted in bringing him to the surface where first aid was given. He was taken to the hospital in the Bateman ambulance.

Blackstone was the only man employed outside the mine. Westcott, owner of the mine, was inside.

The injured man, whose home was formerly in Bloomfield, has been employed at the mine for three years. He is married and is the father of two children.

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