

TWO MEN TRAPPED IN MINE SLIDE RESCUED

Two men were trapped in a slide at the John McNulty coal mine, formerly the old Lee Rudy mine, on the West Second street road, five miles west of Owensboro, Tuesday. The slide occurred about 12 noon yesterday, according to Mr. McNulty, owner of the mine.

William "Buck" Hays, 33, and Tom Gray, 61, the two men trapped in the mine, were at work cleaning a path toward the new shaft when the main shaft curb gave way. They were the only men in the mine at the time of the accident, Mr. McNulty stated.

An alarm was sounded and Mr. McNulty soon organized a rescue squad and succeeded in getting the two men back to safety within the space of an hour.

A motorized winch from the Eck Miller Transfer company was dispatched to the mine and the men removed through the new shaft on an improvised "swing chair." Neither man suffered any ill effects from their ordeal.

Later Mr. Gray assisted the rescue squad in bringing the "mine pony" to safety, while Mr. Hays aided the surface men in the rescue of the animal.

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