

Fatal Accidents - 1949

Name of victim	Address	Company	Colliery, mine, etc.	Date	Cause of injury
Adams, Guy L.	R. D. Herndon, Pa.	Wm. Schwalm & Co.	Mine	Apr. 18	Fall of coal from rib
Allford, William	1399 Murray St., Forty-Fort	Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Dorrance	Oct. 17	Fall of roof
Anderson, Benjamin W.	701 W. Grove St., Taylor	Moffat Coal Co. Interests	Pyne	June 3	Mine cars, struck, run over
Argona, Frank	202 S. Main St., Pittston	Kehoe-Berge Coal Co.	Red Ash	Apr. 19	Fall of roof
Bartoszek, Walter	Kingston, Pa.	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Woodward	June 11	Cars, caught between car & face
Batcha, Joseph	109 Church St., Taylor	Heidelberg Coal Co.	Heidelberg	Apr. 29	Fall of roof
Bell, Peter	Nuremberg, Pa.	Gowen Coal Co.	Gowen	Feb. 14	Fall of top coal
Bezdzeci, Wadic S.	30 Church St., Nanticoke	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Wanamie	Feb. 10	Cars, struck by runaway trip, when coupling link broke
Blaine, James G.	52 Waller St., Wilkes-Barre	Glen Alden Coal Co.	S. Wilkes-Barre	Mar. 31	Cars, thrown off, when rope clevice became disengaged & trip ran down plane
Boheneck, George	610 Oak St., Old Forge	Knox Coal Co.	Schooley	Aug. 16	Fall of roof
Bosack, John	Marlin, Pa.	Markson Coal Co.	Markson	Oct. 7	Fell into header between coal pockets, outside
Busocker, John C.	160 W. Broadway, Mauch Chunk	Lehigh Navigation Coal Co.	Lansford	Nov. 21	Explosion of gas
Butler, Michael P.	640 Main St., Sugar Notch	Glen Alden Coal Co.	S. Wilkes-Barre	Dec. 19	Cars, fell, run over, attempting to board moving trip
Cavanaugh, Hugh	79 Regent St., Wilkes-Barre	Glen Alden Coal Co.	S. Wilkes-Barre	Jan. 5	Explosion of gas
Chickalochick, Michael	1412 St. Ann St., Scranton	Moffat Coal Co. Interests	Taylor	Feb. 10	Fall of roof
Closser, Arthur B.	3 S. 4th St., Frackville	Phila. & Reading C. & I. Co.	St. Nicholas Breaker	Apr. 1	Crushed between elevator and shaft structure
Comer, Luke	Plymouth, Pa.	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Lance	Apr. 5	Fall of roof
Condo, Thomas	82 Walnut St., Wilkes-Barre	Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Franklin	Oct. 13	Fall of roof
Curley, Frank	Locust Dale, Pa.	Phila. & Reading C. & I. Co.	Potts	Nov. 21	Cars, caught between, when moving trip struck a standing trip
Daubenspeck, William	131 E. Lehigh St., Coaldale	Lehigh Navigation Coal Co.	Tamaqua	Apr. 13	Premature blast
Delaney, William	1223 W. Coal St., Shenandoah	Kohinoor Coal Co.	Kohinoor	Mar. 11	Burned, clothing caught fire from fire he built outdoors
Dizbarzdis, John	59 Pulaski St., Buttonwood	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Buttonwood	Oct. 14	Fall of roof
Domer, Julius	52 Sharb St., Edwardsville	*Pagnotti Coal Co. Interests	Harry E. Schooley	Nov. 14	Fall of roof
Ellard, Rudolph	221 W. Taylor St., Taylor	Knox Coal Co.	Schooley	Oct. 25	Fall of roof dislodged timber, which struck him
Ey, Raymond	416 W. Main St., Girardville	Gilberton Coal Co.	Packer #5	May 4	Mine fire
Fertig, Newton	Lavelle, Pa.	Hammond Coal Co.	Hammond	June 21	Fall of roof

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Flynn, John J.	230 Inman Park, Hanover Twp.	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Buttonwood	Dec. 22	Struck, knocked down shaft by chain used in hoisting, which broke and flew
Galinsky, Edward	Shenandoah, Pa.	Salem Hill Coal Co.	Salem Hill	Dec. 2	Run over by bulldozer, which got out of control while he was operating it
Gallagher, Edward	Larksville, Pa.	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Woodward	July 14	Blast, struck by piece of rail he fired on to break it
Gasperini, Olimpio	5 Washington St., W. Wyoming	Maltby Coal Co.	Maltby	Nov. 10	Fall of middle rock
Hannon, Patrick	107 George Ave., Parsons	Hudson Coal Co.	Baltimore #5	Feb. 16	Fall of coal from rib
Hassick, George	77 Anthracite St., Wilkes-Barre	Glen Alden Coal Co.	S. Wilkes-Barre	Jan. 5	Explosion of gas
Hudak, John	740 Mills St., Plymouth	(Susquehanna Collieries Div. M. A. Hanna Co.)	Glen Lyon	Sept. 1	Fall of roof
Hughes, John W.	102 Newport St., Glen Lyon	(Susquehanna Collieries Div. M. A. Hanna Co.)	Glen Lyon	Aug. 17	Fall of coal from rib
Kelly, William	1193 W. Centre St., Shenandoah	Gilberton Coal Co.	Packer #5	May 4	Mine fire
Kopiak, Harry	1215 New Grant St., Nanticoke	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Bliss	Dec. 19	Fall of roof
Kopko, Louis	351 E. Grove St., Nanticoke	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Truesdale	Oct. 13	Fall of roof
Kosloski, Charles S.	172 Orchard St., Plymouth	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Avondale	Mar. 11	Mine cars, apparently jumped off motor, thought trip was out of control
Kurawicki, Joseph S.	118 W. Washington St., Nanticoke	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Loomis	Feb. 4	Fall of fire clay
Kurtinitis, William	27 Morgan St., Pittston	Kehoe-Berge Coal Co.	Red Ash	Apr. 19	Fall of roof
Lisoski, William	324 East Ave., Mt. Carmel	Phila. & Reading C. & I. Co.	Reliance	Apr. 11	Cars, empty trip derailed, pinned him against trip on another track
Loney, Mordecai A.	Larksville, Pa.	Hudson Coal Co.	Loree	Dec. 19	Fall of roof
Loreti, Vincent	502 E. Scott St., Olyphant	Hudson Coal Co.	Olyphant	Jan. 17	Fall of roof and rib
Lukashefski, William	31 E. Union St., Nanticoke	(Susquehanna Collieries Div. M. A. Hanna Co.)	No. 7 Baker	May 14	Railroad cars, fell, run over
Maas, Walter	R. D. #1, Jermyn, Pa.	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Baker	Aug. 29	Mine cars, caught by low timber, knocked off car
Martin, William	Edwardsville, Pa.	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Woodward	Nov. 12	Blast
McKay, Robert	207 Green St., Edwardsville	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Woodward	Nov. 9	Mine cars, caught against rib by derailed car
Myers, Robert	88 Main St., Inkerman	Kehoe-Berge Coal Co.	Mosca	Nov. 5	Fall of coal
Newton, William H.	102 E. Hazard St., Summit Hill	Lehigh Navigation Coal Co.	Lansford	Aug. 5	Mine cars, caught between car he was running and empty car left standing on crossing
Nitkowski, Kasmer	18 E. Grand St., Nanticoke	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Loomis	Feb. 4	Fall of fire clay

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O'Brien, William	16 East A. St., Girardville	Gilberton Coal Co.	Packer #5	May 4	Mine fire
Ogin, Ernest, Jr.	290 Andover St., Wilkes-Barre	Jermyn-Green Coal Co.	No. 14	Mar. 5	Mine cars, fell off motor, coupling pulled apart, causing trip to jerk
Oravic, Andrew	5 Spencer St., Wilkes-Barre	Lehigh Valley Coal Co. (Susquehanna Collieries Div.)	Prospect	June 10	Mine cars, not properly blocked, ran away
Patterson, John	132 Park Ave., Nanticoke	(M. A. Hanna Co.)	No. 7	Dec. 21	Hook on drawhead broke, rope & clevis chain flew, struck him
Pisarz, Walter	718 Chestnut St., Kulpmont	Phila. & Reading C. & I. Co.	Alaska	Dec. 13	Fall of roof
Pollini, Albert	438 Holden St., W. Wyoming	Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Westmoreland	May 27	Fell & struck head, trying to escape dislodged prop & fall of roof
Popalis, John	128 N. Union St., Shenandoah	Phila. & Reading C. & I. Co.	Knickerbocker	Oct. 3	Rush of material in pitching chamber
Preat, Joseph	408 Adams St., Freeland	Greenwood Mining Co.	Drifton #9	Oct. 12	Fall of roof
Pringle, John	1742 Nay Aug. Ave., Scranton	Moffat Coal Co. Interests	Storrs	Apr. 21	Fall of roof
Richards, Thomas	Edwardsville, Pa.	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Woodward	Aug. 24	Material fell down shaft
Roache, Thomas	532 Main St., Sugar Notch	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Huber	May 2	Explosion of gas
Romanini, Anthony	89 Spring Court, Pittston	Pagnotti Coal Co. Interests	No. 9	Sept. 1	Fall of roof coal
Romanowski, John	401 Rear Main St., Dupont	Barney Guziar Coal Co.	Mine	May 6	Fall of roof
Russell, Thomas	932 Mt. Vernon St., Scranton	Keyser Valley Coal Co.	Mine	Oct. 22	Fall of roof
Sadusky, Albert G.	Kaska St., Middleport	Lehigh Navigation Coal Co.	Coaldale	Nov. 23	Suffocated by rush of material in chute
Sagan, Andrew	230 Phillip St., Nanticoke	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Truesdale	Jan. 20	Fall of roof coal
Shatrowskas, John	11 W. First St., Wyoming	Pagnotti Coal Co. Interests	No. 6	Dec. 20	Fall of roof
Shell, Thomas	Wiconisco Ave., Tower City	Pagnotti Coal Co. Interests	Joliett	Nov. 18	Rush of loose coal through breast battery drawhole
Shigo, Wassil	Harleigh Terrace, Harleigh	Jeddo-Highland Coal Co.	Jeddo #7	Oct. 15	Electrocuted, grasped chain which was charged, on account of a leak in pump switch
Sims, Stanley G.	Larksville, Pa.	Hudson Coal Co.	Loree	Mar. 3	Fall of buckstone
Skrabak, Joseph	527 E. Ridge St., Lansford	Lehigh Navigation Coal Co.	Coaldale	Nov. 1	Fall of roof
Sperada, Benjamin	411 S. Washington Ave., Scranton	Moffat Coal Co. Interests	Continental	Aug. 10	Fall of roof coal
Stashick, Joseph G.	22 Arch St., Glen Lyon	(Susquehanna Collieries Div. (M. A. Hanna Co.))	Glen Lyon	Aug. 17	Fall of coal from rib
Szewczuk, Michael	805 W. Grove St., Taylor	Moffat Coal Co. Interests	Archbald	Jan. 25	Fall of roof
Tretter, Joseph	211 South St., Minersville	Fegley & Tretter	Mine	Dec. 12	Fall of roof
Verbitski, Alexander	282 Mayock St., Wilkes-Barre	Hudson Coal Co.	Delaware	Jan. 10	Fall of roof
Vitz, Joseph, J.	130 E. Union St., Nanticoke	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Loomis	Oct. 8	Fall of roof

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Volowich, Edward	Box 42, R.D. 1, Hunlock Creek	(Susquehanna Collieries Div. (M. A. Hanna Co.))	No. 7	July 29	Fall of roof
Walters, Melvin C.	Donaldson, Pa.	Pagnotti Coal Co. Interests	Indian Head	Jan. 31	Fall of soggy clay, coal, top rock and surface rock
Warenko, Stanley J.	4 Enterprise St., Glen Lyon	(Susquehanna Collieries Div. (M. A. Hanna Co.))	Glen Lyon	Sept. 16	Asphyxiated by methane gas
Wargo, Joseph A.	Larksville, Pa.	Hudson Coal Co.	Loree	Nov. 15	Cars, struck, run over
Washinsky, Stanley	88 Noues Ave., Swoyerville	Maltby Coal Co.	Maltby	Feb. 22	Fall of roof
Watto, John, Jr.	326 Catawissa St., Nesquehoning	Lehigh Navigation Coal Co.	Lansford	Nov. 21	Explosion of gas
Weaver, James	Larksville, Pa.	Hudson Coal Co.	Loree	Feb. 3	Falling material from spoil bank, at stripping
Wowak, Joseph	126 E. Coal St., Shenandoah	Gilberton Coal Co.	Packer #5	May 4	Mine fire
Woynik, George	295 New Grant St., Wilkes-Barre	Hudson Coal Co.	Baltimore #5	Feb. 25	Fall of roof
Yastrumski, Thomas	103 Hudson Road, Hudson	Conlon Coal Co.	Madeira	May 24	Fall of roof
Yencha, Michael	119 E. Carey St., Plains	Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Henry	Apr. 4	Fall of roof
Yniguez, Peter	218 W. Atlantic St., Shenandoah	Phila. & Reading C. & I. Co.	Maple Hill	Jan. 19	Fall of roof
Yurchak, George	873 Miller St., Luzerne	Pagnotti Coal Co. Interests	Harry E.	Feb. 7	Fall of roof
Zatorski, John	254 River St., Nanticoke	(Susquehanna Collieries Div. (M. A. Hanna Co.))	No. 7	May 23	Fall of top coal
Ziminski, George	521 W. Green St., W. Hazleton	Cranberry Mining Co.	Cranberry	May 5	Fall of roof

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* Pagnotti Coal Co. Interests include: Harry E. Coal Co., Number Nine Coal Co., Joliett Coal Co., Indian Head Coal Co. and Sullivan Trail Co.

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