

## Independent Mine Worker Rescued

Robert Hampton, Jr., 35, Aristes, father of five children, was rescued by fellow workers yesterday after being buried more than three hours under a fall of rock and coal in an independent mine on Aristes Mountain.

Hampton was trapped under the fall while dressing down the top. Jack Smith, Aristes, was inside the mine with Hampton. He summoned Water Hixson, operator of an outside hoist. Within several minutes, they uncovered Hampton's face enabling him to breathe.

In order to remove the remaining rock and coal covering Hampton, Smith and Hixson had to prop up the roof of the mine to keep more of the top from falling. They worked more than three hours before they finally rescued Hampton.

Hampton was first taken to his home and then a brother, William, drove him to Ashland Hospital. Hospital attaches said he sustained multiple contusions and abrasions of the body. His condition is described as satisfactory.

1961 Robt Hampton rescue from cavein at mine after 3 hours



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