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PIKE COUNTY

REPUBLIC STEEL CORPORATION

REPUBLIC MINE

JOHNNY ADAMS, WHITE AMERICAN TIMBERMAN, AGE 30, WITH 12 YEARS' MINING EXPERIENCE, WAS SO SEVERELY INJURED BY A FALLING POST, THAT HE DIED 37 DAYS LATER. HE LEAVES TWO DEPENDENTS.

ADAMS WAS REMOVING TIMBERS FROM ALONG THE MAIN BARRIER PILLAR TO BE SET AS SAFETY TIMBERS TO START A NEW LIFT ON A ROOM PILLAR. HE HAD REMOVED FOUR POST AND STRUCK THE FIFTH POST TO KNOCK IT FROM UNDER THE ROOF WHEN A PIECE OF SLATE MEASURING 2' X 5' X 8" FELL. THE SLATE RODE THE TIMBER TOWARDS ADAMS STRIKING HIM IN THE ABDOMEN AND INJURING HIM INTERNALLY.

RECOMMENDATIONS: THAT WHEN RECOVERING TIMBERS A POST PULLER BE USED. THAT NO TIMBERS BE REMOVED UNTIL A CAREFUL EXAMINATION HAS BEEN MADE. THAT ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS BE TAKEN TO PREVENT ACCIDENT FROM FALLING SLATE OR ROOF.
