

Miner Killed In Accident

ELKCORN CITY, Ky. — A 23-year-old Eastern Kentucky miner was killed yesterday at an Elkcorn City mine as he was attempting to losen coal in a storage bin. A co-worker narrowly escaped injury.

Pike County Coroner Bradford Hall identified the victim as William Ratliff, Elkcorn City, husband of Mrs. Debbie Ratliff, and the father of three small children. Hall said early indications are the miner sufficated.

Ratliff was killed shortly after 5 p.m. yesterday at the Republic Steel Company mine at Road Creek after falling into the coal storage bin and being covered by about 15 feet of coal.

State and Federal mine inspectors are investigating the accident. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

1976 William Ratliff killed at Republic mine



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