

Teen, two cousins rescued from mine

THIDA, Ark. — Volunteers digging by hand rescued two young brothers, their teen-age cousin and a dog from an abandoned lead mine Monday, more than 24 hours after they had become trapped while searching for gold.

The trio — ages 9, 11 and 19 — were pulled out of a small pocket about 250 feet inside the Civil War-era mine. They were cold and wet, but otherwise appeared OK, said the teen-ager's father, Terry Foster.

"I thought they were going to bring them out dead," Foster said.

Some people in area believe there is gold in the mine, and the Foster boys — brothers David and William, and cousin Jeffery — thought they could find it.

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