

**Bureau of Mines Bulletin 616:  
Historical Documentation of  
Major Coal Mine Disasters in  
The United States  
Not Classified As  
Explosions of Gas or Dust,  
1846-1962**

**August 29, 1870; Preston No. 3 Colliery, Girardville, Pa.; 7 Killed**

*(From Reports of the Inspectors of Coal Mines of the Anthracite Coal Regions of Pennsylvania, 1870, p. 15)*

Seven men were killed when a wagon (mine car) was improperly placed on the cage and caught the shaft timbers near the surface. The car and men were dropped down a distance of 300 feet.