

# Mining - The Wallsend Explosion

## Source 1

"The gas, oozing through the crevices of the door, had fired at his candle which...exploded the gas."

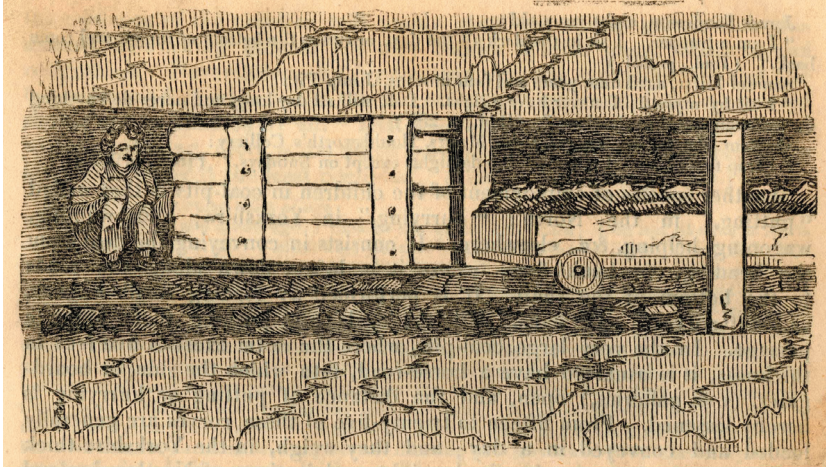


Image: Children in Mines and Collieries, p.41 (1842) Text: Mining and Coal Trade Papers; Section 10,10 p.37,, by JohnJoh Sykes (1835)

## Source 2

"One man's arm was so severely scorched that the flesh dropped from it while enduring the operation of dressing"

Newspaper Article, Pitman's Papers, c.19th , Vol I

## Source 3

"...their clothes burnt and torn, the hair singed off, the skin and flesh torn away in several places, with an expression as if the spirit had passed away in agony...two men, one with a light, the other bearing something on his shoulders. It was a blackened mass, a poor dead burnt boy he was taking out."

The Mines of Northumberland and Durham, Clarke 1869, p.163

## Source 4

"Eleven horses also, which were in the pit at the same time, were killed."

The Mines of Northumberland and Durham, Clarke 1869, p.154

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## Source 5

“an act of real heroism was performed by a...man named Lawson. He and eight boys...within 160 yards of a point of escape...were all found dead together. The explosion in a distant part of the mine had alarmed him, and [refusing] to leave his younger charges to battle for themselves he...hurried the six elder boys before him and taking each of the two [younger] ones by the hand had travelled till the [gas] had terminated at once their progress and their lives.”

The Mines of Northumberland and Durham, Clarke 1869, p.15

## Source 6

Age	Name	
75	Ralph Waggott	
31	Matt. Soulsby	
9	George Kyle	
21	John Waggott	
18	John Hall	} Brothers
11	George Hall	
10	Joseph Wanlas	
24	William Reay	} Brothers
28	Andrew Reay	
11	Thomas Huggup	
17	Henry Appleby	} Brothers
11	James Appleby	

The Wall's End Miner; or A Brief Memoir...by James Everett (1838)

## Source 7



Pitman's Papers, 19th century, Vol. II

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