

Mining – The Wallsend Explosion

Source 1

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

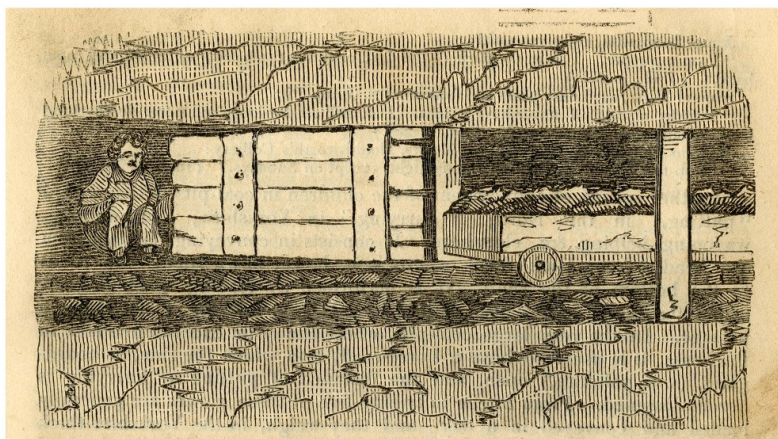


Image: Children in Mines and Collieries, p.41 (1842)

Text: Mining and Coal Trade Papers; Section 10, p.37, by John 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, Clark 1869, p. 154

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, Clark 1869, p. 15

Source 6

Age Name

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

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

Source 7



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