

VERDICT IN THE CASE OF J. MORINAGA.

Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Dec. 16, 1904.

We, the Jury duly impaneled and sworn according to law by Mike J. Dankowski, Coroner, in and for Sweetwater County, State of Wyoming, to investigate into the cause of the death of one J. Morinaga: after viewing the body and place of the accident and hearing the testimony of witnesses,

DO FIND: That the said J. Morinaga came to his death about 3:30 o'clock P. M. Dec. 15th, 1904, at the Wyoming General Hospital from injuries received from a fall of rock in No. 3 Entry, No. 2 Plane, of Mine No. 8 Union Pacific Coal Company of Rock Springs, Wyoming. We the jury find that J. Morinaga met his death by carelessness on his own part.

(Signed)

C.A. Shedden

Joseph Berta

Frank Ransom

Presented to me this 16th day of December, A.D. 1904, in the town of Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Mike J. Dankowski

(Sgd)

Coroner.

state of Wyoming

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Inquest in case of I Morinaga

county of Sweetwater

Killed in Mine No 8 12/15/04

I Haiata being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

Harry Nishiyama--interpreter.

Q Where do you work ?

A No 8 mine

Q What part of the mine do you work in and in what capacity ?

A Third entry as coal miner

Q Working in partnership with Mr. Morinaga ?

A Yes

Q Have him state what you know in regard to the accident and how it happened.

A He was noticed the place looked awful bad but loaded up one more car and then pull out afterwards--try to put prop in and while working in that place the coal fell and he was injured.

Q They knew the roof was bad and unsafe to work under

A His other partner noticed it and did not know himself. He was working in the next room, so he did not know himself

Q Who is his partner?

A The man in the hospital

Q He knew the roof was loose

A His partner is in the hospital. This boy worked in the next room so he did not know in that place

Q Was there any props in the entry?

A Yes in the second trip props there

By Bert-Juror.

Q What time was that?

A A little after nine

Q What time did the accident occur

A A little after ten.

Q Did they fire any shots that morning?

A Yes, just the first thing in the morning

By coroner

Q Did you notice where they put in that shot

A He is working in a different place. He did not see

By Bert

Q Did he see where they put in that shot?

A No the coal all fell so he could not hardly reach in there where they put the shot in

By Coroner

Q Did they have plenty of empty cars that mornin' ?

A Four cars left from yesterday evening and six cars in the morning altogether 10 cars

Q Ask him where the man was that was killed when he got there?

A Right side of the car

Q On the inside or outside ?

A If we walk in from the entry--the right side.

Q On the side close to the coal they were taking down.

A Just right by the coal. They tried to cload the car so he was standing right inside the coal.

Q Ask him if the man was able to talk when he got to him?

A He was in condition to talk but he was in pain so he could hardly explain himself.

-c-- I Haiata - - - -

B Itaya being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:
 Q Who is he working for and how long working where he is ?
 A He worked for 6 months in No 8
 Q What part of the mine did he work in yesterday
 A Back entry--three entry.
 Q Was he working with I Morinaga ?
 A Yes he was working with him
 Q Have him explain as near as possible how this accident occurred
 and what the man was doing at the time?
 A He is working on the same place and Morinaga worked inside and
 he worked on the outside-- one other partner (Man in hospital)
 3 men on that place. While they working on that place they
 noticed the roof was a little loose. They both tried to run
 away at the same time the rock fell and caught Morinaga and
 injured him.
 Q What was Morinaga doing there at the time the rock fell.
 A First time they are loading on this side--when you go in
 from the entry--the left side and they noticed the roof in
 going loose so they tried to escape from the inside and
 run to the outside so he he away around and ran to the out-
 side from the right side and he is caught
 Q He was around the side of the car when caught?
 A Yes the first time he is loading the car on the left side
 and every one noticed the roof was going loose so he tried to
 go around the empty car and to escape away from the rock
 and he is caught on the right side.
 Q Ask him if they put in a shot that morning?
 A About half past six in the morning they put in a shot
 Q Where did they put it in ?
 A About 2' from the roof.
 Q After they put in the shot did they sound the roof
 A After they shot down they sounded the roof and they noticed it
 was unsafe but they thought it would not come down so soon.
 Q They thought it would hold up long enough to load a car and
 got caught?
 A Yes.
 Q Were there any props and caps there?
 A Props in on that trip with same car.

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X Ozaki being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

Q What is your business

A Coal miners in No 8 mine, No 3 entry

Q How long has he worked there

A About 3 years working in No 8

Q How long has he worked with the man that was injured yesterday

A He knew Morigana over three years but he is working on this entry about 1 1/2 months

Q Have him state all he knows in regard to this accident?

A He is working with I Haiata the first witness. He does know anything about it but when another partner to call for help so he went to their room

Q How far is their room from this entry?

A About 50'.

Q When he got to this entry what was the condition of things there

A The rock was down already when he entered so he tried to help the other partner to take the rock off and helped the patient into the car and pulled it to the outside and go up with him to the hospital.

- - R. Ozaki - - -

Geo. B. Pryde being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

Q What is your business?
A Mine foreman, No 8 mine
Q Did Mr. Morinaga work under you
A He did
Q Where was he working yesterday
A No 3 entry, No 2 plane
Q How long has he worked in that room, Mr. Pryde
A I have only been at No 8 since February. He has been working there since I have been there. His partner stated he has been working for the Company 4 years.
Q Were you called in there after the accident occurred?
A I was.
Q What did you find?
A I found that the rock had come down on top of the car.
Q Was Mr. Morinaga still there
A He was taken outside
Q What was the general condition of this room when you got there
A Not in good condition
Q What Morinaga and his partner ordered any props
A They had ordered props the night before
Q Did they receive them?
A They did the following morning
Q Have you ever been in their room when they put in a shot
A I have been in their room after they put in a shot and saw where they had put it in.
Q Did you see where the hole had been put in yesterday morning.
A I did
Q Where did they put it in
A Where the car was standing but on the lower forward corner
The left hand side going in
Q How far from the roof?
A Drilled in the roof about 3 inches.
Q What are the rules in regard to putting in a shot of this kind.
A They have been repeatedly warned not to drill holes closer to the roof than 6 or 8 inches
By Bert-Jurer.
Q Did you notice that hole to-day?
A Yes.
Q Did you notice any drill marks in the room before, where he had been working
A I did not
Q They knew what the orders were in regard to drilling these holes?
A Oh, yes.

Geo. B. Pryde

Geo Fitchett being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

Q What is your business
A Co work No 8 mine
Q How long have you worked there?
A Sixteen years
Q Were you in this No 3 entry yesterday
A Yes
Q With Mr. Pryde?
A Mr. Pryde sent me in there to get the cars out as you saw
there to-day
Q Did you look around and see where the shot had been put in.
A When I went in, I inspected the room to see if it were safe
After I saw it was safe, I examined all around and saw the
drill hole in the roof I sent the partner out to
bring Mr. Pryde in and show it to him. He saw where it was.
I guess he was satisfied.
Q What are the rules concerning putting in shots in regard
to distance from the roof.
A The rules do not cut any figure with these people
if you go in where the holes are put to near the roof,
they say "Next time we do better." You can not be there
all the time with them.
Q What are the rules in regard to shots
A They should be put in different places. Where the roof is good
Company men put their holes in about 18" from the roof
Q Did you see any props in this entry?
A Yes
Q Cap pieces also
A Yes.

Geo. Fitchett.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *S. Mounaga*
Occupation, *Miner*

Date of Accident, *December 15th*
Location, *Rock Springs*

Place injured in Mine, state where,

190 ⁴ Time *10:30 A. M.*
Mine No. *8* Entry No. *3* Room No. *2* Plane

Name of Mine Supt. *Geo. F. Black*
Age of Person injured, *39 years*

What Family, if any, *1*
How long in employ, of Co., *4 years*

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Harry Nishiyama*

Is he an efficient man, *Yes* Condition of Life or Circumstances,
Where and in whose charge left, *Wyoming General Hospital.* Was he temperate, *Yes*

Name of Physician called, if any, *R. Harvey Reid,*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, *Left leg and right arm injured by fall of rock in working place. Died from injuries several hours later.*

Fatal

Cause, *At noon today, I visited the place where this man was injured and found that he had been loading a car when rock came down and injured his left leg and right arm. He knew the rock was loose and ought to have timbered it or taken it down, but I learned from S. Mounaga, a partner of his, that he wanted to load one more car before putting up props. This is one trouble we have with the Japanese - failure to timber their places properly when told to do so.*

(Sgd) *Geo. B. Pryde,*
mine Foreman
8 mine.

ACCIDENT REPORT, U.P. COAL CO.

T. Fuzicaki was working as a miner on #3 Entry pillar in the mine of 8 with J. Morinaga on the 15th of December, 1904 as usual and injured his fingers of right hand by some stone falling. At the meantime he was trying to escape but failed.

Agent & Interpreter

(Sgd) H. Nishiyama.

(Signature)

Date

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Title,

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No. ✓

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, T. Fujicaka

Occupation, miner

Date of Accident, December 15th

190 4 Time

10:30 a.m.

Location, Rock Springs

Mine No. 8

Entry No. 3

Room No. & Plane

If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt. Geo. F. Black

Age of Person injured, 26 years

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co., 2 years

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Was he an efficient man,

Where and in whose charge left,

Name of Physician called, if any,

Name of Mine Foreman, Geo. B. Pryde,

Married or Single

Single

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Harry Nishiyama, Rock Springs, Wyo.

Was he temperate,

yes

Wyoming General Hospital

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, 3 fingers on his left hand injured by rock falling in his working place.

Released

Cause, I visited the place at noon today where this man was injured and found that a good deal of rock had fallen. He knew the rock was loose and ought to have timbered it or taken it down. He claims to have had no timber to timber with but I found a good deal of timber in the working place some of which went in before the man was injured. They ordered timber from me last night and it was sent in on the first trip this morning, but they frequently allow their stock of timber to be exhausted before ordering more. The roof indicates that it might have been broken by a shot, but I could find no trace of any

(Sgd)

George B. Pryde

Mine Foreman

8 mine

(Signature)

Date

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Title,

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES.

STATEMENT

December 29th, 1904.

I was riding up on a loaded trip from 7th entry to 2nd entry No. 1 mine on the night of December 24th at 12.30 A.M. at the second entry I went to jump off of trip to go into 2nd south back entry to turn on the syphon that carry water down to station pump at the 6th. When I jumped, my coat caught on wire and jerked me back. My right leg was caught in some way bracing wire it and also my left foot was caught bracing the lower leg. I got up and crawled into where syphons were and turned them on and then went down to 6th to station pump and started pump and pumped all of the water out. At 3 o'clock my leg was paining me a great deal and I went home.

(Signed) Jas. Bosworth.

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES.

Statement,

December 29th 1904.

I was riding up on trip to help rope runner to load some material for mine when Jas Bosworth got hurt. He was on one car ahead of me when he went to jump off at 2nd level his coat caught on corner of car and jerked him back against trip and dragged him a few feet. I halloed to rope runner but he could not hear me and when we got to the top I told him, I thought Bosworth had got hurt and we went back down to look for him, but he was had got away from where he was caught so I thought I was mistaken, untill I got down to sixth level with material then I found out for sure he was hurt. After we got material unloaded we told him he had better go home as he seemed to be in much pain, and rope runner took him on top on trip and I went home with him to see that he got there alright. Then reported matter to night foreman Em. Bell. I think it was about 3 o'clock or after when he went home.

(Signed) E.F. Clift.

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,

Occupation,

Date of Accident,

Location,

If not injured in Mine, state where,

Jas Bosworth
PumperDec 24th

1904 Time

12:30 A.M.

Mine No. 1

Entry No. 2

Room No.

Name of Mine Supt.

James Needham

Name of Mine Foreman,

M. M.

J. H. Davies

Age of Person injured,

36 years

What Family, if any,

Five children

How long in employ, of Co.,

3 1/2 years

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Was he an efficient man,

Yes

Where and in whose charge left,

Family

Name of Physician called, if any,

Dr. J. H. Young

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

E. J. Clift

Nature and extent of Accident,

bruised,

Right leg badly bruised. Left instep

Released

Cause,

Jas Bosworth was riding up on a trip from face of slope to second Entry, when he attempted to jump off, his coat catching on the car and pulled him back, the wheels of the car striking his leg. Jas Bosworth knew that it was against the rules to ride on a loaded trip.

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(Signature)

J. H. Davies

Date

Dec 24th 1904

Title,

Master Mechanic

STATEMENT OF WITNESSES

The State of Wyoming }
County of Sweetwater }-ss.

Inquest in case of John Speis, injured in No 9
Mine and died in Hospital, Rock Springs, Wyo.

Peter Michelli was duly sworn.

(By reason of the fact that this man could not speak English, and no
interpreter being present, his testimony could not be taken.

The State of Wyoming)
County of Sweetwater)

Inquest in case of John Speis, injured in No 9
Mine and died in Hospital at Rock Springs, Wyo.

Joe Dyett, being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:--

Q What is your name?
A Joe Dyett.
Q What is your business?
A Riding hind end of trips at No 9 Mine.
Q Were you acquainted with John Speis who worked at No 9 Mine?
A No sir.
Q Did you see him the day he got hurt?
A I saw him just after he was run over.
Q State to the jury what you know about this and how you know this man was there?
A When the trip broke in two I got down and turned the lights on the motor road, but the motorman kept going. When I got down around the curve where he got hurt I heard the halloing, and had to walk about 300 feet after I flagged the motorman by hammering on the wires. I went along the left hand side of the trip but did not find him. I then went on the right side and found him.
Q Where was he?
A Under the last cars that were uncoupled from the motor.
Q Did he fall in front of this last part of the trip?
A Under the third car.
Q Was his body under the car?
A Just his legs, a little to one side between the wheels.
Q Could he talk any English?
A I dont think he could.
Q Did he say how he came to be there?
A No, sir. When I found him I went out after the motorman and met him coming in. When I got back there were some who came along and had him out from under the cars. I could not do anything with him myself.
Q Where was it that your trip broke in two?
A Between 43 and 46.
Q Where did you get off to signal the motorman?
A ~~about 36~~ I think it was 36 as near as I can guess.
Q From there you followed the trip down to where?
A I signalled from there, then ran down to where the trip was. I found the trip at 23.
Q That was where you heard the halloing?
A Yes.
Q Did you see any tools on the tracks?
A Yes. They were to his side of 26.
Q How far from where you found him?
A About three rooms.
Q How far would that be?
A About 300 feet.
Q Who were there at the trip when you got back there?
A I dont know. There were miners there.
Q What time of the day did this accident occur?
A I believe about half past four.
Q What day was it?
A Thursday I believe, the 22nd.
Q How long have you been riding these trips in that mine?
A About a year.
Q You see quite a few men going out about this time?
A From that time on there were men going out all the time.
By Muir--Jurer.
Q How often do these trips come uncoupled?
A Some days they come uncoupled pretty near every trip. Other days they dont come uncoupled at all.
By Ace--Jurer.
Q How many cars were there that uncoupled from the trip?
A Twelve.

Joseph Dyett

The State of Wyoming)
:-ss.
County of Sweetwater)

Inquest in case of John Speis, injured in No
Mine and died in Hospital at Rock Springs, Wy

John Mrak, being first sworn on his oath deposes and says:--

Q What is your name?

A John Mrak.

Q Were you acquainted with John Speis?

A Yes.

Q Did you have any conversation with him after he was injured?

A Yes, sir.

Q State what he told you about it?

A I went to the hospital with him. I asked him how it happened. He said he came out of the mine early because he wanted to get an order for powder. He said he saw the motor coming, at the same time he stopped to the side until the trip passed. When he saw the last car he started walking in middle of the track. He thought he heard the noise from the cars in front; it was the noise from behind him and he was knocked over. It was about 30 room and the cars shoved him a long time before any car went over him. He did not know how many cars went over him. He thinks 5, but Mr Souleby said only 2, and that it was between 10 and 15 minutes before the first man came to him.

Q Did he say who the first man that got to him was?

A He did not say. He did not know the man.

Q This was all he said to you about the accident?

A Yes.

By Sorenson--Juror.

Q Do you know anything about his family?

A The doctor asked him if he was a family man, and he says no, but before that he said he was married. I heard to-day that he married a widow. She had three children with the first man, so he told he had only a wife and no children.

By the Coroner.

Q Did he tell you where his family was?

A I think Leoben, Germany.

Q What countryman was he?

A Carniolian.

John Mrak

The State of Wyoming)
 :-ss.
County of Sweetwater)

Inquest in case of John Speis, injured in No 9
Mine and died in Hospital at Rock Springs, Wyo.

Joseph Soulsby, being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:--

- Q What is your name?
A Joseph Soulsby.
Q What do you do?
A Mine Foreman at No 9 Mine.
Q Was Mr John Speis working for you?
A Yes sir.
Q How long did he work for you?
A About three months.
Q Do you know anything in regard to this accident?
A I do not know anything more than what I heard from others because I was not there. The man was run over by the cars and I made inquiries as to how it happened.
Q Is it customary for the men to come out of the mine on this motor road?
A Yes sir, it is the only traveling road we have.
Q That is generally considered a safe road to come out on, is it?
A Yes, the law requires man holes every thirty yards.
Q Were these man holes there?
A Yes.
Q Where was he working?
A 26 room, 6 entry, 3 plane.
Q What was he doing?
A He was a miner.
Q Who was he working with?
A I dont remember the man's name.
By Huir, Juror.
Q Do you know whether he was an experienced miner or not?
A I could not say as to that. He was doing pretty well and was considered a good man.

Joseph Soulsby

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The State of Wyoming)
:-as.

Inquest in case of John Speis, injured in No 9
mine and died in Hospital at Rock Springs, Wyo.

COPY OF VERDICT IN CASE OF JOHN SPEC.

We the jury duly empaneled and sworn according to law by Mike J. Dankowski, Coroner in and for Sweetwater County, State of Wyoming, to investigate into the cause of the death of one John Spec. After viewing the body and place of accident and hearing the testimony of witnesses, Do find: That the said John Spec came to his death about 3:10 o'clock P. M., Dec. 23, 1904, at the Wyoming General Hospital from shock superinduced by injuries received about 4:30 o'clock P. M., Dec. 22, 1904, by being run over by the rear end of a motor trip near room 26 in No. 9 mine, property of the Union Pacific Coal Company of Rock Springs, Wyoming. We further find the above to be accidental.

(Signed)

Chas. P. Sorensen,

David M. Muir

Wm. Ace.

Presented to me this 27th day of December A. D. 1904 in the town of Rock Springs, Wyoming.

(Signed)

Mike J. Dankowski

Coroner.

No 9 Mine Dec 22nd, 1904

Accident of John Speic

Motor man's Statement

I was coming out with the motor trip on December ~~21st~~ 22nd about 4:30 o'clock p.m. and the trip came uncoupled and the trip rider gave me the signal to stop so my attention was drawn to the signal lights, therefore I did not see the man coming out. I stopped the tri, and the trip rider, Jor Dyett came running out to me and said there was a man hurt with the cars that had come uncoupled so we ran back to where the man was to get him out from under the cars but when we got back there some of his countrymen had come along and got him out from under the cars. I think there had two cars run over his legs.

(Sgd) Dave Abraham

where he was lying on the motor road. There was plenty of room for him to get out of the way of the trip. It was about 4:30 o'clock p.m. when it happened. I don't think anything was to blame for the accident.

(Sgd) Joseph Dyett

(Signature)

Title

ON PACIFIC COAL CO.
OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

son injured, *John Spee*
mule
ident, *Dec 22nd*
Rock Springs
ed in Mine, state where,

190 *4* Time *430 P M*
Mine No. *9* Entry No. *Motor Road* Room No. *23*

No 9 Mine, Dec 22nd, 1904

Accident report of John Speic

Witness Statement Trip Rider

I was coming out on rear end of motor trip when 12 cars came uncoupled from the trip but it being down grade the 12 cars followed the main part of the trip out but a space between them after the main part of the trip had passed. He must have stepped into the track to walk out not thinking that part of the trip was behind which part had caught him, knocked him down and dragged him about 100'; he stopped the cars, two cars had run over his legs and I heard a man hollowing and I went along the cars and found him laying under the cars. I could not do anything myself to get the man out but I run for the motor man to come and help me but when we got back to him, some of his countrymen had come along and got him out from under the cars so we put him in an empty car and brought him outside of the mine. It was about 23 room where he was lying on the motor road. There was plenty of room for him to get out of the way of the trip. It was a out 4:30 o'clock p.m. when it happened. I don't think anything was to blame for the accident.

(Sgd) Joseph Dyet

ON PACIFIC COAL CO.
OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

195

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

son injured, John Spec.
Muler
ident, dec 22nd
Rock Springs
ed in Mine, state where,

190 4 Time 430 P M
Mine No. 9 Entry No. Motor Room No. 23

ne Supt. Geo L Black

Name of Mine Foreman, Jos Soulesby
Married or Single married

son injured, 32

ly, if any, wife

n employ, of Co., 3 months

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

address of nearest living Relative, Anna Spec (wife) Juden den dorf
Was he temperate, yes

efficient man, Yes

' in whose charge left, Wyp Ming Guie Stosptt

hysician called, if any, R H Orfield

P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Jos Seyett

Extent of Accident,

Legs broken & bruised

Fatal

He was coming out the motor road & the trip
d come uncoupled & 12 cars were behind
d they followed the other part of the
out but a space between them. The
he man must have thought the
if had passed & stepped into the track
walk out when the cars caught him
roked him down & two cars run
his legs. There was plenty of room to
out of the way. There was no one to blame for the
cident.

(Sgd) Jos Soulesby mine foreman,

(Signature)

Rock Springs, Wyo. December 26, 1904.

I was running a mining machine today in No 8 Mine, 36 room, 4 entry, 3 Plane. I had cut seven cuts in the room on Saturday December 24th, then went in this morning and started to cut. While the machine was running I got down on my hands and knees and looked under the mining to see if there were any stamps left. While doing so I heard the coal commence to work and tried to jump out of the way. The coal caught me however and bruised my left leg and my back.

Had sounded the coal before starting to cut and it appeared solid.

(Signed) V Sherol.

Statement

I was working on the mining machine in #8 mine, with Valentine Sherol this morning. About 8:30 A.M. we were cutting in Room 36 on #4 Entry, #3 Plane when a fall of coal occurred injuring my partner Sherol on the legs and hips. He had sounded the coal with a pick before starting to cut and it appeared to be solid. While the machine was running he got down on his knees to look under the mining for stamps. While doing so he heard the coal working and attempted to get out of the way but the coal came over and caught him.

Anton Orlax
Witness

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,

Valentine Sherol

Occupation,

Machine Runner

Date of Accident,

Dec 26th

1904 Time

8:30 A.M.

Location,

Rock Springs

Mine No. 8

Entry No. 4

Room No. 36-3 Plane

If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt.

Geo. L. Black

Name of Mine Forman,

Geo. B. Pryde

Age of Person injured,

24 years

Married or Single

Single

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co., 2 1/2 years

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Pete Secherel, Rock Springs, Wyo

Was he an efficient man,

yes

Was he temperate,

yes

Where and in whose charge left,

H. Young, General Hospital

Name of Physician called, if any,

Dr. R. Starvey Reed.

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Anton Ohlak, Rock Springs

Nature and extent of Accident,

Left leg bruised and squeezed
across hips and pelvis, on acct of coal
falling on himReleased

Cause,

I examined room 36, on #4 Entry 3 Plane where Sherol was injured and I found that there was a smooth slip extending the entire length of the face room from 1 to 2 feet and when the coal was undercut it broke and fell down injuring him in the manner described. He had sounded the face before making the last cut and it appeared to him to be solid. This is probable since the coal was in quite a large chunk and would sound solid when hit with a pick

(Signature)

Geo B. Pryde

Title,

Mine Foreman

Date

Dec 26th 1904

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES.

Rock Springs, Wyo. January 10th., 1905.

I was working on a mining machine, yesterday, January 9th., in No 8 Mine, about 5 o'clock P.M. Was on 4 entry on 2rd Plane and wanted to move the machine to the 4th plane.

While doing so it jumped the track. I took a bar and tried to lift it on again. The bar slipped and struck my leg knocking me down. I fell on the rail and broke my left leg.

Signed

Pete Secherl.

Rock Springs, Wyo. January 10th., 1905.

I was working with my brother, Pete Secherl, on a mining machine in No 8 Mine yesterday. We were moving the machine from 4 to 5 entry, when it got off the track. Pete took a bar and tried to lift it on again. He slipped and fell on the rail and hurt his leg
Signed.

Joseph Secherl.

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Peter Seckel*
Occupation, *Machine Runner*
Date of Accident, *Jan 9th* 1905 Time *5 P.M.*
Location, *Rock Springs* Mine No. *8* Entry No. *5-4* Room No. *1*
If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt. *Geo. L. Beach* Name of Mine Forman, *Geo. B. Pryde*
Age of Person injured, *32 years* Married or Single *Single*
What Family, if any,
How long in employ, of Co., *2 1/2 years* Condition of Life or Circumstances,
Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Joe Seckel Rock Springs, Wyo.*
Was he an efficient man, *Yes* Was he temperate, *Yes*
Where and in whose charge left, *Thyoming General Hospital*
Name of Physician called, if any, *Harvey Reed*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, *Left leg injured below knee (probably fractured) caused by falling down, while he was endeavoring to put mining machine on track.*

Released

Cause, *He was moving the mining machine from No. 4 to No. 5 Entry when it got off the track. Taking and iron bar he attempted to again put the machine on the track and while doing so slipped and fell and in falling his left leg came in contact with the rails injuring and probably breaking it below the knee.*

Date

(Signature)

George B. Pryde

Title,

Mine Foreman

Jan 9th 1905

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES.

Rock Springs, Wyo. January 10th., 1905.

I was working in 24 Pillar, #3 Dip entry, No 8 Mine, on Friday January 6th/, 1905, at 3.00 P.M. I started to run a car down the room. One sprag broke and the car went very fast. Pretty soon it jumped the track and my right leg got under it and got hurt.

(Signed)

T . Tashiro.

Rock Springs, Wyo. January 6th., 1905.

I was timbering in room 24, in #3 Dip entry today. T. Tashiro was digging coal in that room and about 3.00 P.M. he was running a car down the room. One sprag broke and the car went very fast Tashiro held on to the car. It jumped the track and in doing so fell on his leg.

(Sgd)

S. Wada. Witness.

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,

Occupation,

Date of Accident,

Location,

If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt.

Age of Person injured,

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co.,

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Was he an efficient man,

Where and in whose charge left,

Name of Physician called, if any,

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Right ankle and leg injured,
on account of getting leg under car while
running it down the room

Cause, He was running a loaded car down
the room when one of his springs broke, this
caused the car to run at a rapid rate
and while doing so it jumped the track
tipped up in the hind end, then dropped back
again. Tashiro held on to the car and
in jumping the track it fell on his
right leg.

Date

(Signature)

Title,

C-7-15-03-611.

T. Tashiro

miner

Jan 6th 1905

Rock Springs

Rock Springs

Geo. H. Black

26 yrs

None

34 years

Harry Nishiyama

Yes

Thyoming

Robert Reed

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

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None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

None

Hacuna Janett

5

relative to Geo Sperry

Statement of Jesse Marco, who was injured
by fall of coal in 16 room 20 entry shortly
after 12.00. Nov. January. 12-1905

Geo. Sperry was driving a wedge into some
top coal but the shot had not brought down
the coal. He had wedged down one piece when I went
to oil car and filled my lamp. Walked back
with my pick to help him.

Before I could get up near him the coal
came down and caught him.

When I got to him found his leg between
two pieces of coal. Moved one and tried to
move him but could not.

Called for help and a Fireguard came up
from the entry. He picked him up and
laid on a smooth place in room.

Then went to entry and called for the carmen to give
us an empty car to carry him up and
send more help to handle him.

Jesse Marco

Hanna Janey 4

relative to Geo Sperry

Statement of Josie Masco who was injured
by fall of coal in 16 room 20 entry shortly
after 12.00. Noon January 12-1905

Hanna Janey 13th

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Statement of John B Evans relative to injury of George
Sperry in 16 room 20 Entry Jan 13th 1905

I examined 16 room 20 Entry at about 4:45 AM Jan 13th 1905
and found it perfectly safe, was well timbered, a piece of
coal was hanging to the rib where they had a shot in
the night of Jan 11th 1905. At about 12:50 Noon as I was
on my way to 20 Entry I heard that a man had been
hurt in 16 room 20 Entry and I went up there at once
and found they ^{had} put the man Geo Sperry in a car to take
him on top. I went with the Pit Boss and examined
the place where Sperry was injured and found a piece
of coal had been pulled down from the rib weighing
1500 or 2000 pounds, from the position of the coal and
the place where Sperry lay it must have been standing
under the coal driving the wedge to loosen the coal
from the rib when it fell.

John B Evans

Witness

W. A. Chambers

Mine Clerk

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,

Occupation,

Date of Accident,

Location,

If not injured in Mine, state where,

Geo Sperry
miner

Jan 12th
Hammond

190 5 Time 12.30 P.M.
Mine No. 1 Entry No. 20 Room No. 16

Name of Mine Supt.

Age of Person injured,

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co., 1 year

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Was he an efficient man,

Where and in whose charge left,

Name of Physician called, if any,

E. Brooks

24 yes

Name of Mine Foreman,

Married or Single

Joe Burton
Single

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Finland

Was he temperate,

yes

Dr. J. L. Hammond

yes

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Both legs broken & back injured
died Jan 13th 1905

Fatal

Cause,

Geo Sperry had left a shot to be fired the night before and it had been fired and it left the coal hanging and the said Geo Sperry started to take it down. He was driving a wedge over the top of it, when it came down knocking him backward and the coal rolling over him all but one piece and that fell on his left shoulder, him fast under it breaking both of his legs described above and injured his back from effects of which he died 4:00 o'clock a.m. on the next day.

Correct

E. Brooks
Mine Supt

(Signature)

Joe Burton

Title,

Mine Foreman

Date

Jan 13th 1905

Statement.

I was distributing coal, in No 1 Boiler
 House, from belt conveyor, ^{Jan'y 9th 1905} and was
 hauling some coal from between rollers
 and frame, in front of No. 5 & No. 6 Boilers, when
 something on the belt caught my
 glove and pulled my arm between the
 rollers breaking it between the wrist
 and elbow. It was my right arm.

Witness: J. M. Davies

^{Witness} X Geo. Symes

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Name of Per
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 Date of Acci
 Location,
 If not injured

Name of Mine
 Age of Person
 What Family,
 How long in e
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 Name of Physi

Name and P. C.

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Cause,
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THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Geo Syme*
Occupation, *Boiler Cleaner*
Date of Accident, *Jan 9th* 190 *5* Time *2:30 P.M.*
Location, *Cumberland* Mine No. *1* Entry No. *Room No.*
If not injured in Mine, state where, *No. 1, Boiler House, Belt Conveyor.*
Name of Mine Supt. *Joe Needham* Name of Mine Forman, *J. H. Davis*
Age of Person injured, *41 yrs* Married or Single *married*
What Family, if any, *Four*
How long in employ, of Co., *11 months* Condition of Life or Circumstances, *_____*
Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Mrs Geo Syme Cumberland, Mo*
Was he an efficient man, *yes* Was he temperate, *yes*
Where and in whose charge left, *his wife*
Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. J. H. Young*
Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, *Right arm broken between wrist and Elbow,*

Released

Cause, *Geo Syme was distributing coal in No. 1, Boiler House from belt conveyor. He went to brush some slack from between one of the rollers and frame with his hand when something on the belt caught his glove and pulled his arm between belt and roller.*

(Signature)

J. H. Davies

Date

Jan 14th 1905

Title,

Master Mechanic,

ACCIDENT REPORT

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THE UNION PACIFIC COAL COMPANY.

T Nakata was working in the mine of eight as day man on the 13th of Jan 1905; he was employing near the cage of this mine to work for pushing the coal cars into the curtain place and injured by some coming hind cars to pressing him between the cars and finally removed into the general hospital.

Agent and Interpreter,

(Signed) T. Aikawa.

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

201

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *H. Nakano*
Occupation, *Pusher*

Date of Accident, *January 13th*

Location, *Rock Springs*

If not injured in Mine, state where,

1905 Time *5 o'clock P.M.*
Mine No. *8* Entry No. *at bottom of shaft* Room No.

Name of Mine Supt. *Geo. L. Black-*

Age of Person injured, *36 years*

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co., *Three months*

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Harry Ishiyama, Rock Springs.*

Was he an efficient man, *Yes*

Where and in whose charge left, *Wyoming General Hospital*

Name of Physician called, if any, *R. Harry Reed.*

Name of Mine Forman, *Geo. B. Pryde.*
Married or Single *Single*

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, *Crushed about chest and upper part of body.*

Left arm broken

Cause, *During the absence of the regular pusher at work, Nakano was working in his place at the Bottom of the shaft on the above date. It was his work to uncouple the loaded cars as they were brought to the shaft. He was doing so at this time and was endeavoring to uncouple two loaded cars standing on a curve. Instead of getting on the wide side as he had several times been warned to during the day, he got on the narrow side, and while stepping over to uncouple the cars the spragger as usual took out the sprags from the loaded cars beyond Nakano, and these bumped into the ones that Nakano was endeavoring to uncouple. The consequence was he was severely bumped about the chest and upper part of the body.*

The injured man should have gotten out from between the cars when he heard the other loads coming, but failed to do so, probably thinking that he could get out of the way, before they bumped into him.

(Signature)

George B. Pryde

Title, *Mine Foreman*

Date *Jan. 15th*

1905-

STATEMENT OF INJURED PARTY.

The Union Pacific Coal Company.

I was working in the mine of Nine as a miner and when I was laying down for picking coal some coal fell on me and injured

(Signed) M. Ota.

Witness:

Agent and Interpreter,

(Signed) T. Aikawa.

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *M. Ota*
Occupation, *Miner*
Date of Accident, *January 10th*
Location, *Rock Springs*
If not injured in Mine, state where,

1905 Time about *6 o'clock A. M.*
Mine No. *9* Entry No. *7* Room No. *29*

Name of Mine Supt. *Jos. Smulsky*
Age of Person injured, *30*

Name of Mine Forman,
Married or Single *Single*

What Family, if any,
How long in employ, of Co., *Six months*

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Rock Springs*

Was he an efficient man, *Yes*

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Where and in whose charge left, *Wyoming Gen. Hospital*

Name of Physician called, if any, *R. H. Reed,*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, *Chest and right shoulder bruised,*

Released

Cause, *He was laying down mining when a piece of coal fell from the face of the room and caught him on right shoulder and chest.*
There was no one to blame for the accident.

(Signature) *Jos. Smulsky,*
Title, *Mine Foreman.*

Date *Jan. 10th*

1905.

Statement of Thos Saunders Concerning the
 Accident of Matt Paakka Injured in #7 Mine
 U. R. Coal Company on # C. Plane at #2 Entry switch
 about 4.45 O'clock P.M. on the 13th day of Jan'y. 1905

I, Tom Saunders am Employed as Rope Runner in the above
 Mine on the above mentioned Plane and was so engaged on the above
 I first saw Matt Paakka about 40 feet above the Leaver that
 the rails to join the track for #2 Entry switch. He was walking
 I saw him, and coming down the Plane, as the Trip approached
 Entry switch I belled the Engineer to run in #2 Entry. as I jumped
 off the trip to Pull the Bell wire this man stopped and
 I saw him stop I did not speak to him for I thought he was
 waiting there untill I had Hoisted out the loaded Trip, after
 Pulling the trip to run in #2 Entry I stepped across the ~~the~~ switch
 for myself to be out of the way in case the Cars should jump the track
 and to be at a place where I could have hold of Bell wire while trip was
 Running in the switch. As I turned around I saw this man
 Close in front of Moving Trip. I Called to him to Look-out and
 at the same time Reached for the Bell wire and stopped the trip as
 soon as I possibly could. I would Judge the trip run about
 the length of 4 Pit Cars from the Time the man was struck untill
 the trip stopped. with the help of three other Miners I got the man
 from under the Third Car of trip apparently unconscious and
 Much hurt from the way he Moaned

Thomas Saunders

Statement of Matt Paakka
Injured In #7 Mine on the 13th day of Jan. 1905

I was coming down Plane #C. Near #2 Entry was standing on switch when trip was run in the Entry and struck me. I did not know that the rope was going to hoist that Entry. I thought that they was going to hoist #C Entry. I did look for trip where it was going. I know that there is a manway to travel but some places it is a little low and I did not like to travel that way. I know of the Man Holes on the Plane also.
I do not think any one could help it, for my getting hurt it was my mistake

Matt Paakka

soon as possible. I would judge the trip was about the length of 4 Pit Cars from the time the man was struck until the trip stopped. with the help of three other miners I got the man from under the third car of trip apparently unconscious and much hurt from the way he moaned

Thomas Saunders

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Matt Paakka.*
Occupation, *Miner*
Date of Accident, *January 13th*
Location, *Rock Springs*
If not injured in Mine, state where,

1905- Time *4:30 P. M.*
Mine No. *7* Entry No. *C* Room No.

Name of Mine Supt. *G. L. Black*

Name of Mine Forman, *John L. Dykes*
Married or Single *Married*

Age of Person injured, *29 years*

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co., *About 1 Year 4 months* Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Mrs. Paakka, Rock Springs, Wyo.*

Was he an efficient man, *Yes*

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Where and in whose charge left, *Wyoming General Hospital*

Name of Physician called, if any, *R. Harry Reed.*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, *Little finger of left hand, first joint, cut off. Cut about head and back hurt.*

Released

Cause, *Was coming down #2 Entry, rope just arrived to hoist #2 Entry, rope runner saw him stop, but did not see him start again to come down Plane in front of empty trip which was going in #2 Entry switch until cars were striking him and could not stop the trip before it had run into him, and two cars passed over him. The man was above the switch when the rope runner threw the switch and when the rope runner crossed the switch track to help the trip in the Entry he did not see that this man had started to cross over, also because the man was behind him and on the Plane between the rope runner and empty trip, so he did not see him until he had crossed the switch track and then turned around to watch the trip go in the Entry. There are man holes all along the Plane and there is a Manway up the side of the Plane divided from Plane by Pillar and men are told whenever seen that they are not allowed to travel on Plane.*

(Signature)

John L. Dykes

Title, *Mine Foreman*

Date *Jan. 16th*

1905-

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES.

Rocksprings, Jan. 10th 1905

The Union Pacific Coal Co.,

I was working in the mine of Ten
as a miner, and while I was placing
machine stand to drill a hole some
rock fell on the stand and struck me
and injured, (Signed) S Isumuga

Witness

Agent and Interpreter
J. Aikawa.

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

204

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,

S. Isueniga (Isueniga)

Occupation,

miner

Date of Accident,

Jan'y 4th

Location,

Rock Springs

If not injured in Mine, state where,

190 5 Time 8.00 A.M.
Mine No. 10 Entry No. 3 Room No. 29

Name of Mine Supt.

Geo. L. Block

Age of Person injured,

36

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co.,

6 weeks

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Harry Mishyama

Was he an efficient man,

yes

Where and in whose charge left,

Thys, General Hospital

Name of Physician called, if any,

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,
and, side,

Brused on head, left shoulder

Released

Cause, He was working Pillar between 29 & 30
Room, had a good mining in and did not
see the coal was loose and ready to fall
so he was in the act of setting up the drill,
when the coal and roof fell down causing
above injuries

Date Jan'y 10th 1905

(Signature)

J. W. Paterson
Title, Mine Foreman

STATEMENT OF JAS. TASSO

Rock Springs, Wyo. October 27th, 1904.

I, Jas. Tasso, am a driver employed in No. 1 Mine at Rock Springs for U.P. Coal Co. On the 25th day of October 1904, I was driving in entry 41 and was driving from Matt Hauta, who was hurt in room 51 in said entry and mine on said date. I gave him a car about 10:20 A.M. that was the second that I had pulled up his room that day. About 12 o'clock, I went to the foot of his room and took a loaded away from there. I did not see him or hear him, I never stopped to listen. About 2:15 P.M. I took an empty car into his place and pulled it up to near the face and I could not see any light at the face, so I hollered to him and I heard him groan. I went to see where he was and found him laying pretty nearly covered with coal and bone coal. I pulled a few small pieces off of him and there was a large chunk on him that I could not move so I went to 48 room and got two men to help me get him out from under the chunk. They got him out and took him out to the slope in a car. We thought he was pretty badly hurt and I went with him all the way to the Wyoming General Hospital. He was working alone. His partner was not in that day.

(Signed) Jas. Tasso.

STATEMENT OF JAS. TASSO

STATEMENT OF MATT HAUTA.

I, Matt Hauta, was working in Mine No. 1 room 51, on 41 entry on the 25th day of ~~Sept.~~^{Oct.} 1904. Shortly after 11 A.M., I fired a shot and had picked down the loose coal from the shot when I turned around to go and get a prop to put up when some coal and bone fell down knocking me down and pinning me so I could not move. I was in this position until the driver noticed me, about three o'clock in the afternoon.

(Signed) Matti Hauta.

Rock Springs, Jan. 26th., 1905.

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

205

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,

Matt Hanta

Occupation,

Miner

Date of Accident,

Oct. 25

Location,

Rock Springs

If not injured in Mine, state where,

190 4 Time

11 30 A.M.

Mine No. 1

Entry No. 41

Room No. 51

Name of Mine Supt.

Geo. L. Black

Age of Person injured,

30 years

What Family, if any,

Two

How long in employ, of Co.,

3 years

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Mrs Matt Hanta, Rock Springs, Wyo

Was he an efficient man,

Yes

Was he temperate,

Yes

Where and in whose charge left,

Wyoming General Hospital

Name of Physician called, if any,

Dr. R. W. Reed,

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

John Tasso, Rock Springs, Wyo

Nature and extent of Accident,

Right leg broke above knee Bruised
on back and cut on right arm and face

Released

Cause, Matt Hanta was working in Room 51, Entry 41 in aforesaid mine he was working alone on the 25th day of October, 1904 about 11 o'clock he fired the shot in his place he had gone and trimmed down the loose coal and was apparently going to fetch a prop to put it up when the roof that he was going to prop up fell and caught him and held him there He was there until 2:15 P.M. when the driver Jas. Tasso found him He was very neglectful about propping his place and I had frequently reprimanded him for his carelessness He should have had three props put up before he fired the shot. He was well supplied with timber, he had 8 loose props at the foot of his room

(Signature)

D. G. Jones

Title,

Mine Foreman

Date

Oct 27th 1904

Rock Springs

Wyo.

Nov. 6 -
1904

Statement of Party Injured
 I Mikko Partanen was working
 in Room 104 in 45 Entry in No 1 Mine
 on the 4th day of Nov - 1904 when
 I was hurt on the right leg by a car
 jumping track and catching my leg my
 Partner Lander Martin was letting down
 a loaded car with a Rope, the car was
 about down and I was standing about the
 end of the car when the rope got tangled
 on the Prop and the Car stopped sudden-
 ly and jerked the hind end of the
 Car off the track and caught my
 right leg

Mikko Partanen

Rock Springs

Wyo

Nov. 6-

1904

Statement of Party Injured
 Mikko Partanen was working

Rock Springs

Wyo Nov. 6-1904

Witness Statement

I Sander Martin

was working in Room 104 in Entry 4th
 in No. 1 Mine along with Mikko Partanen
 on the 4th day of Nov. 1904 I was letting
 down a loaded car with a Rope
 around a prop when the car was
 about at foot of Room the coils on prop
 became tangled and the car
 stopped suddenly and jerked it
 off and caught Partanen's leg
 between the car and some
 loose ties that were standing against
 the Rib

Sander Martin

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,

Mikko Partanen
Miner

Occupation,

Date of Accident,

Location,

If not injured in Mine, state where,

Nov. 4th
Rock Springs

1905 Time

12 A.M.

Mine No. 1

Entry No. 45

Room No. 104

Name of Mine Supt.

Geo. Beach

Name of Mine Foreman,

J. G. Jones

Age of Person injured,

41 years

Married or Single

Married

What Family, if any,

Five

How long in employ, of Co.,

18 months

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Chas. Wilynaki, Rock Springs

Was he an efficient man,

Yes

Was he temperate,

Yes

Where and in whose charge left,

Yes, Wyoming General Hospital

Name of Physician called, if any,

Dr. R. H. Reed

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Sander Martin, Rock Springs

Nature and extent of Accident,

Bruise of right leg above ankle

Released

Cause, Mikko Partanen and Sander Martin were working together in Room 104 and 45 Entry in aforesaid mine. The room was up about 25 ft. Sander Martin was letting down a loaded car with a rope around a prop fastened at the face of the room. Partanen was standing near the foot of the room ready to detach the rope when the car was landed on the entry. The car was nearly down when the rope became tangled on the prop, causing the car to come to a sudden stop and jerked the hind end of the car off the track and caught Partanen on the right leg.

Date

Nov 6th 1904

(Signature)

J. G. Jones

Title,

Mine Foreman

Statement of Party Injured.

Was engaged as a miner, and while shoveling coal in the Room some loose Rock fell on him causing the injuries above described. The Rock was good when I examined it. I do not know why the rock fell. I thought the rock was all right. I do not know of any one to blame for the cause of the Injury.

(Signed) Mike Jacklan

(Witness to signature) Jno. L. Dwykes
Mine Foreman.

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Mike Jacklan*
Occupation, *Miner*

Date of Accident, *Jan. 14th*
Location, *Rock Springs*

1905 Time *About 9 A.M.*
Mine No. *7* Entry No. *13* Room No. *3*

Name of Mine Supt. *J. L. Black*
Age of Person injured, *18.*

Name of Mine Foreman, *John L. Hynes*
~~Married~~ or Single

What Family, if any,
How long in employ. of Co., *About One week* Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Elias Schleich - House 303 *8 Rock Springs.*

Was he an efficient man, *New Miner* Was he temperate, *Yes*

Where and in whose charge left, *Wyoming General Hospital*
Name of Physician called, if any, *R. Harry Reed, M.D.*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,
Right leg injured below the knee.
Fall of Rock -

Released

Cause,
Was engaged as a Miner. Being a new miner he had an experienced miner to show him the way to work by the name of Louis Prosek. He had just blasted in the Room and the injured man was told by the miner not to go near the shot that he (Prosek) would examine the place after blasting first and see if any rock was loose. Told injured man to sit down while smoke went out and until he came back from next place which was also new miners. While Prosek was absent the injured man went into the room and a loose piece of rock fell on him causing the injuries above described.

We, the undersigned, certify the above to be correct

L. Prosek, Miner
Witness to Accident.

(Signature) *John L. Hynes*
Title, *Mine foreman*

Date *January 26*
1905

Statement of Party Injured.

I, Gust Saari, was working in Room 13 Entry 47 in No. 1 - Mine on the 18th day of Jan. 1905 - I was mining in the cross-cut and struck my Right Elbow against the Pillar and cut a small cut on it from which I have suffered ever since.

(Signed by X) Gust Saari
Witness: Mat Koski.

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Form 123.

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Mine No.
Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Gust. Saari*
Occupation, *Miner*
Date of Accident, *Jan. 20*
Location, *Rock Springs*
If not injured in Mine, state where,

1905 Time *About 10 A.M.*
Mine No. *1* Entry No. *47* Room No. *13*

Name of Mine Supt. *G. L. Black* Name of Mine Foreman, *D. H. Jones*
Age of Person injured, *24* ~~Married or~~ Single
What Family, if any, *None*
How long in employ, of Co., *Two months* Condition of Life or Circumstances,
Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Matt Maki, Bridge Ave. R. Sprgs*
Was he an efficient man, *Yes* Was he temperate, *Yes*
Where and in whose charge left, *Wyoming General Hospital*
Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. W. H. Reed.*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, *Cut on right arm.*

Released

Cause, *Gust Saari worked in room 13 in 47 Entry in
#1 Mine, on the 18th day of January 1905 he was mining
in X cut in said room when he struck his elbow against
the rib and cut a small cut on his right arm from which
blood poisoning set in.*

Date *Jan. 28*
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(Signature)

D. H. Jones

Title,

Mine Foreman

1905

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Mine No.
Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *John Gausch*
Occupation, *Miner*
Date of Accident, *January 19th*
Location, *Rock Springs*
If not injured in Mine, state where,

1905 Time *About 11 o'clock A. M.*
Mine No. *7* Entry No. *73* Room No. *3 Inside*

Name of Mine Supt. *G. L. Black*
Age of Person injured, *24*
What Family, if any,
How long in employ, of Co., *About 15 days*
Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Frank Softsch - no address given*
Was he an efficient man, *New Miner*
Where and in whose charge left, *Myoming General Hospital.*
Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. R. Harry Reed, Asst.*
Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses,

Nature and extent of Accident, *Right Hip bruised.*

Cause, *Was engaged as a Miner and was taking down a piece of loose rock at the face of his room which had been loosened by having a drill hole drilled and blasted that exceeded the depth of the mining of said blast and while so engaged, he was not standing clear of the rock he was taking down and when he pulled it down it caught him on the left side causing the injuries above described. Plenty of timber was in the room and convenient to same.*

(Signed) *John Gausch*

Date *Jan, 23*
1905
(Signature) *John L. Dykes*
Title, *Mine Foreman*

Cumberland, Wyo. Jan. 24th, 05.

Mr. James Needham, Supt.

My statement concerning the death of Mas. Thomas Palmer, which occurred at No. 1 Dump:

While at my labor on said date I saw, while Mr. John Brown was dropping ten empty boxes off the high line, and there were two boxes standing on the block, and Mas. Thomas had just left the car repairer and crossed the slack track right in front of a black steel which was standing, he went and putting one hand on each car and giving a quick spring just at the time the moving cars hit, knocking him from his holds and under the wheel. I started as quick as a flash and commenced to block the cars, and then I goes up to the body and holds the head off the ties until the cars stopped. The accident occurred about 3:15 or possibly a little later, and about 90 ft. above dump; after one car wheel went over the body, he was drag fifty-two feet.

(signed)

Written by M. D. Harris.

C O P Y

Cumberland, Wyo. Jan. 29, 05.

Regarding the accident to Thos. Palmer on the 24th inst., I am unable to give you any information as I was not near the place of the accident at the time. When I was informed of the accident I ran down to the place and seen the boy under the car.

I told him several times to keep away from the cars and away from any place where he would be liable to get hurt. I was also told by the Mine Sup't. several times to keep the boy away from the cars.

(signed)

A. E. Palmer,

Outside Foreman.

C O P Y

Cumberland, Wyo.

C O P Y

Cumberland, Wyo. Jan. 26th, 1902

On the afternoon of the 24th inst. about 3 o'clock I was looking out of the weigh office window to the tracks below the dump. A string of box cars that were coming from the upper yards and hit two other box cars that were standing blocked above the chutes. I seen boys put blocks before them to check them; I saw some one fall underneath one of the cars. I ran below and found was a boy named Thos. Palmer, who was employed to clean around the slack chutes. When I saw him fall underneath the car he was about 90 or 100 ft. from where he was usually employed.

(signed)

John P. Quigley

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Thomas Palmer*
Occupation, *Laborer*

Date of Accident, *January 24th* 1905 Time *About 3 P.M.*
Location, *at Cumberland, Wyo.* Mine No. Entry No. Room No.
Not injured in Mine, state where, *at No. 1 blump*

Name of Mine Supt. *James Hedham* Name of Mine Forman, *A. E. Palmer Outside Foreman*
Age of Person injured, *16* ~~Married or~~ Single

Family, if any,
How long in employ, of Co., *Six months* Condition of Life or Circumstances,
Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Mr. & A. E. Palmer, Parents, Cumberland, Wyo.*
Is he an efficient man, *Yes* Was he temperate, *Yes*

Where and in whose charge left,
Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. J. L. Young*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.
J. P. Quigley — Cumberland, Wyo.
M. W. Harris — " "

Nature and extent of Accident,
Body badly mutilated - Fatal.

Hy fatal

According to an eye witness, the boy was standing between two box cars, above the chutes, a train of empty cars, coming down from the upper yards, struck these box cars, throwing the boy underneath the wheels, and cutting him up so badly that he died in a few moments, after being taken from under the cars.

The boy was repeatedly warned not to go anywhere near the cars, and at the time of the accident, he was about 100 ft. from where he was regularly employed.

(Signature) *A. E. Palmer.*
Title, *Outside Foreman*

Jan. 28th

1905

Lumberton Jan 27 - 3

I Joe Redetti am employed as
a Miner as Miner Working in
Room 2 South Entry On above date
I was Riding Out of the Entry with
the Miner near Riding Between
the first and Second lead of the trip
at 44 Room the driver stopped to
couple on to another car when
the first car jumped the track
killing my arm Between the
corner of the first and Second
car and breaking it

Signed Joe Redetti

Witness

M. J. Black

Cumulative Jan 27 -

Joe Redetti am employed as
mine as Miner Working in
Room 2 South Entry On, above, etc.

Cumulative Jan 27 - 1905

Richard McDermoid am
employed as driver Working
in Room 2 mine Cumulative on
above date about 4:30 pm I was
making up my trip in Second
South Entry I noticed Joe Redetti
riding on the trip in coupling
up my trip at 44 Room the
first car jumped the track
and the corner of it caught
his arm between the other car
Breaking his Right arm I
had repeatedly warned him
several times to keep off of
trip

Signed

R. M. McDermoid
Witness J. H. Blake

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Joe Bedetti*
Occupation, *Miner*
Date of Accident, *January 21st*
Location, *Cumberland, Mo.*
Was not injured in Mine, state where,

1905 Time *4:30 P.M.*
Mine No. *2* Entry No. *2 So.* Room No.

Name of Mine Supt. *James Needham*
Age of Person injured, *29*

Name of Mine Foreman, *M. J. Blake*
~~Married~~ or Single

What Family, if any,
How long in employ, of Co.,

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Cumberland, Mo.*

Was he an efficient man, *Yes*

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Where and in whose charge left, *Charles Sonnifero*

Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. Weymiller*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Richard M. Hermaid, Cumberland, Mo.

Nature and extent of Accident,

and result, *Large bone broken in right arm, between elbow*

Released

Cause,

He was riding a loaded trip out of the entry, when the first car jumped the track, catching him between the corners of first car and second car, with results as above stated.

(Signature)

M. J. Blake

Title, *Foreman*

Date *Jan. 29th*

1905

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

This certifies that I Wm.Gibbs,am engaged at Spring Valley,Wyo.mine No.1 as Gas Watchman.

About 11.45 A.M. today I came up to the surface with Mr.Knox. My boy came with my dinner to the lamp cabin,and I warned him to keep away from the saw.

When I was in the cabin I smelled wood burning,and immediately after,I heard the saw running at a terrific speed,Mr.Knox and I ran out of the cabin to see what was the matter,we found Bradshaw who was running the saw,lying down.

I ran into the Engine house and shut off the steam.

By the time I got out,Bradshaw was up on his feet,I took hold of him and Mr.Knox ran for the Doctor.

Signed Wm.Gibbs

Spring Valley, Wyo.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

COPY

This certifies that I Chas.Morgan,am engaged at Spring Valley,Wyo mine No.1 located at Spring Valley,Wyo. as Master Mechanic,and have charge of the engine that is used in connection with the circle saw.

I have a governor on this engine and it is in good condition,and was today when Thos.Bradshaw got hurt,the engine is also in good condition.

It is my opinion that Mr.Bradshaw got the saw stuck,and that the governor opened up and allowed the cylinder to fill with steam, which forced the engine to move,causing the saw to burst and fly in every direction,one of the pieces striking him,making a large wound on left side of his face and head.

I tried the engine and governor shortly after the accident and found them in good shape.

What makes me think the saw was stuck,the frame it was on is moved from its place.

Signed

Chas.Morgan

M.M.

Spring Valley,Wyo.
Jan.31st 1905.

COPY

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

This certifies that I Wm. Gibbs, am engaged at Spring Valley, Wyo. mine No. 1 as Gas Watchman.

About 11.45 A.M. today I came up to the surface with Mr. Knox. My boy came with my dinner to the lamp cabin, and I warned him to keep away from the saw.

When I was in the cabin I smelled wood burning, and immediately after, I heard the saw running at a terrific speed, Mr. Knox and I

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

This certifies that I James Knox, am engaged as Asst Mine Foreman at Spring Valley, Wyo. in mine No. 1. Today about 11.45 oclock A.M. I came up to the surface, and had just got into the cabin where safety lamps are kept. When I went into the cabin I saw Thomas Bradshaw splitting cap pieces with an axe, just as soon as I got into the cabin I heard the saw start out with a peculiar sound and ran out to see what was the matter, I saw Bradshaw lying down just by the side of the saw frame, the saw was running very much faster than I ever saw it run before.

Wm Gibbs ran into the Engine House and shut off the steam. Bradshaw got up on his feet as I went towards him, I turned him over to Wm. Gibbs and I started off to get the Doctor.

Signed James Knox

Spring Valley, Wyo.

Jan. 31st 1905.

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Form 123.

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Mine No. _____

Sup'ts No. _____

Name of Person injured, *Thomas Bradshaw*

Occupation, *Carpenter*

Date of Accident, *January 31*

Location, *Spring Valley, Wyo.*

If not injured in Mine, state where, _____

1905-
Mine No. *1*

Time *about 11:45 A.M.*

Entry No. _____

Room No. _____

Name of Mine Supt. *Alex. Briggs*

Age of Person injured, *36*

What Family, if any, *Wife and eight children*

How long in employ, of Co., *five years*

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Mary Alice Bradshaw (his wife) Spring Valley.*

Was he an efficient man, *Yes*

Where and in whose charge left, *Wyoming Genl Hospital, Rock Springs.*

Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. E. H. Denison, Asst Surgeon.*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses. _____

Nature and extent of Accident,

Large cut on left side of face and head. Caused by broken piece of Circle Saw.

Cause,

The above mentioned was engaged as Carpenter and was working on the Circle Saw making caps Pieces. This required him to take a slab off each side of a Prop and about two ft. long. It seems that he got the Saw stuck, as the teeth of the saw show that it was hot, and a piece of wood that he was sawing is partly burned. The Engine and Governor were both in good shape and I saw it tried shortly after the Accident and they both performed their work in good order. Have gathered up all the pieces we could find of the Saw and after examination no person has been able to show a flaw in the plate. I cannot see any defect in the Saw Plate or the Machinery. He was using a Cross Cut Saw doing Ripping work.

(Signature) *Alex. Briggs*

Date *Jan. 31 -*

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Title, *Mine Supt.*

C O P Y

Cumberland, Wyo. 1/31-05.

I, Domenick Villanova, ck. 314. I was working in Room No. 9 on the 7th South Entry; at about 11 A.M. I was trying to take down some top coal: I could not pull it down so I went in under it and started to mine it when it fell over me on me, causing my injuries.

Domenick his
 x Villanova
 mark

John White

Interpreter.

Witness to

Ge. Bianchini.

C O P Y

Cumberland, Wyo. Feby. 3, 1905.

I work in the 7th South Entry, No. 9 room, No. 1 Mine, and on the morning of January 31st me and my uncle, Domenick Villanova went to work. There was a shot that never throwed the coal out and it was loose. My uncle pulled all he could out and then left it there and went to picking in the bottom, and when he was picking in the bottom the coal popped and a chunk of coal came out and fell on him. The coal that fell on him would weigh about 500 pounds, I guess.

(signed)

Witness to signature:

John Villanova.

E. C. Way.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, Domenick Villanova
Occupation, miner
Date of Accident, Jan'y 31st 1905 Time 11 A.M.
Location, Cumberland Mine No. 1 Entry No. 7 South Room No. 9
If not injured in Mine, state where, _____
Name of Mine Supt. Jas. Needham Name of Mine Foreman, J. M. Faddies
Age of Person injured, 52 years Married or Single Single
What Family, if any, _____
How long in employ, of Co., 2 months Condition of Life or Circumstances, _____
Name and address of nearest living Relative, Jennie Villanova, Diamondville, Wyo.
Was he an efficient man, Yes Was he temperate, Yes
Where and in whose charge left, Sent to Wyoming General Hospital
Name of Physician called, if any, Dr. J. B. Young
Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses, John Villanova

Nature and extent of Accident, Head cut and some of his ribs broken

Cause, I Examined #9 Room in 7th South Entry where Domenick Villanova met with his accident. After my examination I found the coal that fell on him I found where he had two blasts one meeting the other the said blasts blew the bottom coal out and left some of the top coal hanging loose and in trying to pull the loose coal down it fell on him the entire height of the coal in said room is 8 ft 6" with sand rock roof. the room is 20 ft wide and in good condition Villanova's Statement is true.

(Signature)

J. M. Faddies
Title, Mine Foreman

Date Feb'y 1st 1905,

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I, John J. Kida, of the Mine No. 1,
 important facts.

On the night of the 5th inst. we and
 Partner Harry Lapin and went to our
 work at 8 P.M. we examined all our
 rooms in the 6 North and 6 South entries
 came back to double factoring. after
 noon trip at 5.30 P.M. We started
 fire the shots in the 6 North & South
 entries we examined the 6 North entry
 rooms between 9 & 10 P.M. and went
 over to the 6 South entry rooms to
 examine them for fire in going the
 from 3 rooms to 24 rooms where
 some Beethies broke by the shots my
 Partner went to examine the room for
 fire while I went to get material to
 repair the Beethies. My Partner had
 a safety lamp in one hand and his
 lamp on the other, when I was going
 the room I saw a light my partner held
 back out, I am assured, I took him home
 called the Company Doctor.

John Kida

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J. John F. K. da. Shot fired mine No.
Cumberland Wyo.

On the night of the 5th inst me and my
Partner Henry Lapinaya went to mine

Statement

Rock spring by Feb 7th 1905

I Henry Lapinaya was employed
as a shot firer in Cumberland
Wyo mine on 5th day of January
1905. On that date, J. F. K. da.
and myself fired a shot in Rock
Spring by South Entry, at about 6³⁰
o'clock. We returned about 4 hours
later, and found the shot had
broken down the brattice in the
rooms. While repairing the
brattice my lamps set off.
Some gas which had accumu-
lated in the rooms, burning
my face, neck and hands. I had
a compass in one hand.
I held to the bottom, and a safety lamp
in the other hand which I held high.

Witness
J. F. K. da.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Henry Lapinaya*Occupation, *Shot Firer*Date of Accident, *January 5th*Location, *Cumberland, Wyo.*

If not injured in Mine, state where,

1905 Time *About 11 o'clock P.M.*
Mine No. *1* Entry No. *6* South Room No. *24*Name of Mine Supt. *James Needham*Age of Person injured, *37-*

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co., *About one year*Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Chris Sarr - Friend - Cumberland*Was he an efficient man, *Yes*Where and in whose charge left, *Wyoming General Hospital -*Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. J. H. Young.*Name of Mine Foreman, *J. M. Faddies*
~~Married or~~ Single

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, *Face, neck and hands burned.**Released*

Cause,

The injured man and his partner John Makala fired the shots about 6:30 P.M. in room 24. They returned about four hours late to examine the place and found the brattice had been blown down by a shot. Lapinaya in making things ready for repairs lit some gas that had accumulated resulting as above stated.

Makala further informs me that when he left Lapinaya he had a safety lamp in one hand and a pit lamp in the other, both lit. Carrying an open pit lamp on examining any place is understood by all shot firers to be strictly against the rules.

James Needham
Mine Supt.

(Signature)

*J. M. Faddies*Title, *Mine Foreman*

January 7 -

1905-

7-15-05-611.

Stamma, Ky. Jan 25 5.

Statement of Hester Ayala in regard to injury of John Hyland on Jan. 24 1905, about four thirty P.M., in 57 Room 20 City of Stamma No. One Mine. Hyland rode car to switch while I worked rope at scrubbing post.

He was in the habit of stepping off and running around car to block it. He got off car and tried to get ahead of it to block it.

Car jumped track and caught him, breaking his left leg.

I heard him call and ran down to him. I found him at right end of car with leg fast under bumper. I lifted car and pushed it ahead of his leg.

Hester Ayala

Witness:

W. J. Jones

of
Stamma
Ky.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *John Myland*
Occupation, *Miner*

Date of Accident, *January 24*
Location, *Hannat, Wyoming*

If not injured in Mine, state where,

1905- Time *About 4:30 P.M.*
Mine No. *1* Entry No. *20* Room No. *57*

Name of Mine Supt. *E. S. Brooks*
Age of Person injured, *35*

Name of Mine Foreman, *Joe Burton*
~~Married~~ or Single

What Family, if any, _____
How long in employ, of Co., *six months*

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Was he an efficient man, *Yes*

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Where and in whose charge left,

Name of Physician called, if any, *J. H. Hammond*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Broken Leg.

Released

Cause,

*He was riding his car down his Room and when it
pretty near at bottom of the room he was passing to the
front to block it when it jumped the track and caught
him on his left leg, breaking the same between the knee
and ankle.*

(Signature)

Joe Burton

Title, *Mine Foreman*

Date *January 24th* 1905-

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES

Rock Springs, Wyo., Feb. 6th, 1905.

We, the jury duly empaneled and sworn according to law by David M. Muir, Coroner, in and for Sweetwater County, State of Wyoming, to investigate into the cause of the death of one Bernard Johnson, after viewing the body and place of accident and hearing the testimony of witnesses, do find, that the said deceased person came to his death about 1:30 o'clock P. M. February 2nd, 1905, at the Wyoming General Hospital, from injuries received by a fall of coal in Room 45, No. 1 Entry, of Union Pacific Coal Mine, No. 10. Accident occurred about 9:30 A. M. same date. We further believe the above was accidental.

(Signed)

Mike J. Dankowski.
Dan D. Muir.
Jas. McGrorie.

J. Lilly being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

Q. What was this man doing at the time the coal fell on him?

A. He had been loading his car. I saw him throw a couple of shovels full of coal in car, then he sounded the coal, and it did not feel loose. He started to work again, when the coal fell on him and knocked him down.

Q. He was mining when the coal fell on him?

A. Yes.

Q. What was you doing?

A. I had started in to mine too. I was about three yards from him.

By Dan Muir-Juror.

Q. On same side of car?

A. Yes. I had just picked up my pick and put two or three shovels full in car when the coal fell.

By Coroner.

Q. Did you sound the coal yourself?

A. Yes. It did not fall where I worked.

By Dankowski-Juror.

Q. What time was it when he was hurt?

A. About 9 o'clock.

Q. How long had he worked on that pillar?

A. He started in the day before the accident and had about two cars full.

Q. Did you put in any shot?

A. No. Not any.

By Coroner.

Q. Did you try to dig coal down before?

A. Yes.

Q. You tried to dig this piece down, and it would not come down?

A. It was loose inside but it was too thick.

By Dankowski-Juror.

Q. You had plenty of props in your room?

A. Yes, there were props there.

By McGrobie-Juror.

Q. Was he standing up when the accident happened?

A. Yes, he was standing up.

By Mr. Patterson.

Q. Did he jump away when the coal cracked?

A. Yes. He jumped away.

By Dankowski-Juror.

Q. That did not make any noise?

A. None at all.

Q. What room was that in?

A. Room 45, Entry 1, at No. 10 Mine.

Q. That happened about 9 o'clock in the morning?

A. Yes.

By Coroner.

Q. When did he die?

A. Half past one.

By Dankowski-Juror.

Q. This was Thursday, was it not?—A. Yes.

By Coroner.

Q. Second of the month? A. Yes.

State of Wyoming
County of Sweetwater.)

ss. Inquest in case of Bernard Johnson,
Killed by fall of coal in No. 10 Mine,
February 2nd, 1905.

J. W. Patterson being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

Q. Can you tell how this accident happened?

A. They got the man out before I got there. I would state from the looks of the place, he had been loading his car, and had got from 400 to 500 lbs in his car, and he evidently tried to pull the coal down. It would not come down, so he went underneath to mine some more, when the coal fell down, causing the accident.

Q. How long had he been working in the mine?

A. He worked two or three weeks at No. 8. He had been working about 15 months at No. 10.

Q. He is a practical miner?

A. Yes, he was.

Q. He has dug coal before?

A. Yes, he has dug coal before. He is a good average miner. We did not disturb that place any.

Q. He ought to have spraged it?

A. Yes. I did not see that any one was to blame by looking at the place.

By Dan Muir-Juror.

Q. Who was he working with?

A. This man, Jim Lilly. (Pointing to witness)

State of Wyoming

ss.

Inquest in case of Bernard Johnson,
Killed by fall of coal in No. 10 Mine,
February 2nd, 1905.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyoming,

2-2-1905.

I James Lilly was working with Bernard Johnson on the second day of February 1905. We had got our 3rd car up in the room and started to load. He tried to take the coal down but could not then he went under to mine it, when it fell down and I tried to lift it off him but could not so I went for help in the next place and 2 men came over and helped me to lift the coal off him.

(Signed) Jims Lilly

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Bernard Johnson*Occupation, *Miner*Date of Accident, *February 2nd*Location, *Rock Springs, Wyo.*

If not injured in Mine, state where

1905 Time *about 9 A.M.*Mine No. *10*Entry No. *1-11*Room No. *43*Name of Mine Supt. *Geo. L. Black*Age of Person injured, *28*What Family, if any, *One child*

How long in employ, of Co.,

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *James Lilly - brother-in-law -*Was he an efficient man, *Yes*Where and in whose charge left, *Wyoming General Hospital*Name of Physician called, if any, *R. H. Reed.*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Nature and extent of Accident,

*Right leg broken and cut on head and face. Died**about 1:30 P.M.**Fatal*

Cause,

He had got a good mining in the side of the pillar and the top coal hung over six or seven feet. He was loading his car when the coal fell down striking him, causing injuries from which he died.

(Signature)

*J. W. Paterson,*Title, *Mine Foreman*Date *February 2nd*

1905-

Rock Springs, Wyo.
Feb. 8 1905

Statement of John Storke, who was working with Joe Demusher, when the latter was injured.

I was running an electric Mining Machine in #8 Room 5 Ent. 4 Plane, today.

Joe Demusher was my partner and was working with me.

Before starting to cut the room, I asked my partner Demusher to sound the roof, and see that it was all right. While I was putting in the Bits he did so, and said the roof was solid, I was busy with the Bits and do not know whether it was or not.

About twelve o'clock, while making the third cut, a slab of rock fell and hurt my partner across his back. The was shovelling slack and one end of the rock hit the armature of the Machine then hit Demusher.

I was on the opposite side of the Machine and I immediately went and rolled the rock off my partner. It weighed probably 300 pounds.

Signed. John Storke Witness to accident

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Joe Demusher*
Occupation, *Mining Machine Helper.*
Date of Accident, *February 8th* 1905 Time *About 12 A.M.*
Location, *Rock Springs, Wyo.* Mine No. *8* Entry No. *5* Room No. *8-4 Plans*
If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt. *Geo. L. Black* Name of Mine Foreman, *Geo. B. Pryde.*
Age of Person injured, *21* ~~Married or Single~~

What Family, if any,
How long in employ, of Co., *About 8 months* Condition of Life or Circumstances,
Name and address of nearest living Relative, *John Demusher, Rock Springs, Wyo.*
Was he an efficient man, *Yes* Was he temperate, *Yes*
Where and in whose charge left, *Wyoming General Hospital-*
Name of Physician called, if any, *R. Harry Reed-*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, *Back severely injured. Fall of Rock.*

Cause,
He was at work helping on a Mining machine when a slab of rock weighing about 300 lbs. fell from the roof and struck him on the back injuring and probably breaking it. I visited the place yesterday afternoon where the accident occurred and I am of the opinion that the rock must have been loose when they started to cut the room as another slab directly over the machine and close to where Demusher was injured was very loose. John Starlie who was running the machine at the time the accident happened said ~~it~~ that he asked Demusher to sound the roof while he (Starlie) was changing bits. Demusher did so and replied that the roof was all right, but whether it was or not Starlie did not know, as he was busy changing bits on the machine and did not pay any attention to what Demusher was doing.
P.S. This man is in such a condition that I have been unable to get any statement from him.

(Signature) *George B. Pryde.*
Title, *Mine Foreman.*

Date *Feb. 9th*

1905.

Cumberland Feb 11

I Angelo Marocki am employed as
miner in Cumberland mine no 1
On the night of Feb 11 th Frank
Sidiglis examined my place ^{8th north roadway} and told me
there was a little gas in the place
and for me to wait until he got a
piece of brattice I went to the face
and the gas lit and burned me.

Witness to Sig.
C. S. Harper

Angelo Marocki

Cumberland Feb 11 1905

I Joe Russo am employed in Cumberland
no 1 mine Frank Sidiglis came to Angelo
Marocki and told him that there was gas in
his place and not to go in until he
repaired the brattice and while Frank
was gone for brattice Angelo Marocki
went up to the face and lit the gas and
it burned him a little

Witness to Sig.
C. S. Harper

Joe Russo

Cumberland Feb 11

I Angelo Marocki am employed as
miner in Cumberland mine no 1
on the night of Feb 11 th Frank

Cumberland Feb 11 1905

I Frank Sibighio shot fire and breccian
in mine No 1. I was in 8 North back entry
and Angelo Marocki came for me to see about
a shot that he was going to fire I went
up to the place ^(the 8th North Mainway) with my safety lamp
and examined it. I said dont you go
up as there is a little gas and I want
to repair this Brattice before you go.
He said I am a coal miner, I know
what I am doing. I said you had
better not go until I come back
while I went for a piece of Brattice
he went up to face and lit the gas
and it burned him.

Witness to sig
C. S. Harph

Frank Sibighio

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Angela Marocki*

Occupation, *Miner*

Date of Accident, *Feb. 11th*

Location, *Cumberland, Inyo.*

Place injured in Mine, state where,

1905 Time *About 11 o'clock P. M.*
Mine No. *1* Entry No. *8* Room No. *North Mainway*

Name of Mine Supt. *James Needham*

Name of Person injured, *45*

Family, if any, *Three*

Long in employ, of Co., *2 years*

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Mrs. Angela Marocki. Wife. Cumberland, Inyo.*

Was he an efficient man, *Yes -*

Where and in whose charge left, *his wife*

Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. J. H. Young*

Name of Mine Foreman, *J. M. Faddie*
Married or Single

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Joe Rua.
Cumberland, Inyo.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Face and hands slightly burned

Released

Cause,

According to the witnesses to the accident the injured man went into his place after being warned that there was gas at the face. He went up lit the Gas and was burned.

James Needham.
Mine Supt.

(Signature)

J. M. Faddie

Title, *Mine foreman -*

Date *Feb. 13th*

1905-

STATEMENT OF INJURED PERSON.

I, Henry Hanga was working shoveling coal in Box cars at No. 8 Dump on the 30th day of January, 1905, when I was in the act of placing a car door in the box car that I was in, when they started to dump before I had the door in place. The first chunk that came down broke the door and the coal following it knocked me down injuring my arm and legs.

(Signed) Henry Hanga.

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Henry Hanga*Occupation, *Laborer*Date of Accident, *Jan. 30th*

1905 Time

Location, *Rock Springs*Mine No. *5*

Entry No.

Room No.

Place injured in Mine, state where, *In Box car*Name of Mine Supt. *Mrs. L. Black*Name of Mine Foreman, *T. A. James*Family, if any, *Wife and one child*

Married or Single

Length of time in employ, of Co., *Two months*

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Home at Rock Springs*Is he an efficient man, *Yes*Was life temperate, *Yes*Where and in whose charge left, *Staying home*Name of Physician called, if any, *R. L. Atway Reed's Asst.*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

*Left leg bruised below the knee.**Released*

Cause,

Was loading box car with the loader and was in the act of putting down the car door after the loader had been taken out of the car when a lump of coal came down the chute before he got out of the way. The lump of coal struck him on the left leg below the knee, bruising or fracturing the bone.

(Signature)

*T. A. James*Date *Feb. 18*

1905

Title,

Outside Foreman.

Cumberland Wyo
2/21/05

I Hyrum Loveday was working in mine
#1, Cumberland Wyo as shot-firer, I & the
entries at about 6 P.M. I started to blast
the shots and had lit four shots in #14
room & about 1/2 way I went into #12 room to
split the fuse and heard some shots go
off I returned to the entry and went into
#13 room to blast the shots there, when
a shot went off blowing through the cross
& cut injuring me I cannot blame
any person for my injuries

Signed

(Hidmark)
X
Hyrum Loveday

Witness to Signature

Thos Russell

Mine No.

Sup'ts No. ✓

Name of Person injured, *Hyrum Lorday -*
Shot Firing
Date of Accident, *February 21st*
Cumberland, Wyo.
Place injured in Mine, state where,

1905 Time *about six o'clock P. M.*
Mine No. *1* Entry No. *7 So.* Room No. *13*

Name of Mine Supt. *James Needham -* Name of Mine Foreman, *Jno. Mateu*
54 Married or Single
Name of Person injured, *wife and seven children*
Age of Family, if any, *six weeks* Condition of Life or Circumstances,
How long in employ, of Co., *His wife, Mrs. Margaret Lorday - Montpelier, Idaho.*
Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Yes* Was he temperate, *Yes*
Was he an efficient man, *Yes*
Where and in whose charge left, *His brother Ken Lorday -*
Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. J. H. Young.*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Arms bruised and right eye injured.

Of fatal

Cause,

The above named was employed as shot firer on the 7th Entry at about 6 P. M. He started to fire the shots in face of room and one in X cut towards #13 room then he went into #12 room to split the fuse ready while going up #12 room. He heard three shots go off. He thought that two of them went off the same time. When he did not hear the fourth he came down to the entry from #12 room and when going up #13 room the shot in the X cut went off blowing through into #13 room causing his injuries. He does not blame any person for his injuries.

James Needham
Mine Supt.

(Signature) *John Mateu*
Title, *Asst Foreman -*

Date *Feb. 22nd*

1905-

Statement of Matt Johnson - Working 17 Room 18 Entry

Shank 412 Carbon Feb 17th 1905 after working
through day, I worked up the entry to
room 18 called to Matt Johnson, and
receiving no answer I worked up the
entry from above and on the left hand
of the entry I saw a man by the
name of Matt Johnson. Hanna Ky Feb 7th
1905 H. K. Bennett and J. O. Holen

COPY

THE STATE OF WYOMING)
County of Carbon) ss

AT AN INQUISITION.

Holden at Hanna in Carbon County, on the 18th day of February A. D.
1905, before me (Signed) H. K. Bennett, Coroner of said County, upon
the body of
lying dead, by the Jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said
jurors upon their oath do say

That Matt Johnson came to his death by a piece of slate called a
pot hole, falling on his head, while in the act of picking up a chunk of
coal to put on car which he was loading in 16 room, 18 entry, in Hanna
mine No. 1 of U. P. Coal Co. According to testimony given we believe
death came accidental.

In testimony whereof, the said Jurors have hereunto set their hands
the day and year aforesaid.

JURORS.

Signed

J. O. Holen

Wm. Nirmi

Matt Lynn

H. K. Bennett,
Coroner.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Matt R. Johnson*
Occupation, *Miner*

Date of Accident, *Feb. 17th* 190 *5* Time *About 4 o'clock P.M.*
Location, *Hanna, Wyoming* Mine No. *1* Entry No. *18* Room No. *16*
If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt. *E. S. Brooks* Name of Mine Foreman, *Joseph Burton*
Age of Person injured, *26* ~~Married~~ *Single*

What Family, if any, _____ Condition of Life or Circumstances,
How long in employ, of Co., *About five years*

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Hanna*
Was he an efficient man, *Yes* Was he temperate, *Yes*

Where and in whose charge left, *Brother's*
Name of Physician called, if any, *J. C. Hammond's Asst. W. S. Bogart,*

and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

and extent of Accident,

*Broken Neck - Cut Face.
Fall of Slate.*

Fatal.

At about 4:15 o'clock Nick Tranti called Drine's attention that a man was killed in 16 Room and he told me and I went into the room and I saw that a piece of black slate had fallen and I saw his lamp and cap under it and a lump of coal with blood on it and I came to the conclusion that the slate had caught him on the back of the neck, breaking his neck from the cause of which he died. No one saw it fall on him as he was working alone at the time, his partner being sick at home at the time.

E. S. Brooks,

Mine Supt.

(Signature) *Joseph Burton*
Title, *Mine Foreman*

Report not dated *1*

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,
Occupation,Matt R. Johnson
Miner

Date of Accident,

Feb. 17th

1905

Time

About 4 o'clock P.M.

Location,

Hanna, Wyoming

Mine No. 1

Entry No. 18

Room No. 16

If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt.

E. S. Brooks

Name of Mine Foreman,

Joseph Burton

Age of Person injured,

26

~~Married~~ Single

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co.,

About five years

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Hanna

Was he an efficient man,

Yes

Was he temperate,

Yes

Where and in whose charge left,

Brother's

Name of Physician called, if any,

J. C. Hammond's Asst. W. S. Bogart,

and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Date and extent of Accident,

Broken Neck - Cut Face.
Fall of Slate.Fatal.

At about 4:15 o'clock Nick Franti called Drinis attention that a man was killed in 16 Room and he told me and I went into the room and I saw that a piece of black slate had fallen and I saw his lamp and cap under it and a lump of coal with blood on it and I came to the conclusion that the slate had caught him on the back of the neck, breaking his neck from the cause of which he died. No one saw it fall on him as he was working alone at the time, his partner being sick at home at the time.

E. S. Brooks,

Mine Supt. -

(Signature) Joseph Burton

Title, Mine Foreman -

Report not dated 1

STATEMENT

Statement of Antone Pirik

age 42 Occupation Miner. Austrian

Injured in #7 Mine on the 15th day of
July, 1905 In #9 Entry 31 Room about 11 O'clock a.m.

I examined the Roof in the morning and found it
Loose but did not think it was dangerous or could
have been taken down without a good deal of work which
I did not think was necessary at that time we had
Plenty of timber in the room and had told the driver
to bring me some more timber about one hour before
the Rock fell on me breaking my Left Leg above the
Knee. we always get our props the same day we
Order them and are always able to get plenty of Props
and Caps. the rock came very sudden and more so
than I ever seen it before

Antone Pirik

Statement of Anton Pirnk

age 42 Occupation Miner. Austrian

Injured in #7 Mine on the 15th day of Feb'y, 1905 In #9 Entry 31 Room about 11 O'clock a.m.

I examined the Roof in the morning and found it loose but did not think it was dangerous or could have been taken down without a good deal of work which I did not think was necessary at that time we had plenty of timber in the room and had told the driver to bring me some more timber about one hour before the Rock fell on me breaking my Left Leg above the knee. we allways get our props the same day we

Statement of John Bogach

Partner of Anton Pirnk who was hurt in #7 Mine on Feb'y, 15th 1905

We was working in #9 Entry 31 Room. My Partner was loading a Car at the Room face and I was loading one from the X Cut we examined the Roof in morning and it was loose. I told my Partner that we would have to timber the Place and he said all right. I worked in the X Cut this day and my Partner was at the Room face at about 11 O'clock a.m. some Rock about 3 or 4 inches thick all across the Room face fell on my Partner and broke his Leg. we had two Props in the Room that was not set and had Caps to set them. My partner is not allways ready to put timber up. this Rock could not be made safe by setting props under it. it should be taken down. I ordered props from the driver this morning. we allways get our props the same day we order them. I never saw the Rock come so sudden as it did this time

John Bogach

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Anton Pirouk*Occupation, *Miner*Date of Accident, *Feb. 15th*Location, *Rock Springs, Wyo.*

If not injured in Mine, state where,

1905 Time *About 11 o'clock A.M.*Mine No. *7*Entry No. *A*Room No. *31*Name of Mine Supt. *Geo. L. Black*Age of Person injured, *42*What Family, if any, *Wife and three children*How long in employ, of Co., *About 8 mths.* Condition of Life or Circumstances,Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Family at Diamondville, Wyo.*Was he an efficient man, *Yes.*Was he temperate, *Yes*Where and in whose charge left, *Wagoning General Hospital*Name of Physician called, if any, *R. Harvey Reed Asst.*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

*Left leg broken in the thigh, slight cut on head -
Fall of Rock -**Left arm injured*

Cause,

Was loading a car at the Room face when the rock fell, nearly all across the room face from 1 to 4 inches in thickness and caught the above *Anton Pirouk* causing the injuries above described. They should have taken the rock down or timbered it up, which they had timber enough in the Room to do so. The rock fell on the cars also which must have greatly sand or broke the fall from the man. He was as a rule very slow at setting timber and kept the Props about the length of two pit cars from the room face, on the Road side of the room. I have cautioned them about this but they said the top was solid and all right. These last two Low pit shots had Powder brakes running into Roof which had caused the roof to loosen and they did not care to take time to take the rock down for there were cars to load this was carelessness on their part.

(Signature)

*Geo. L. Black*Title, *Mine Foreman*Date *Feb. 16th*

1905

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Nesta Niema*Occupation, *Miner*Date of Accident, *January 14th*Location, *Rock Springs, Wyo.*

If not injured in Mine, state where

1905 Time

Mine No. *7*Entry No. *1115* Room No. *19*Name of Mine Supt. *Geo. L. Black*Age of Person injured, *21*

What Family, if any, _____

How long in employ, of Co., *About one month*

Name and address of nearest living Relative, _____

Was he an efficient man, *New Miner*Where and in whose charge left, *Working Gen'l Hospital*Name of Physician called, if any, *R. Harry Reed Asst*Name of Mine Foreman, *Jno. L. Dykes*~~Married~~ Single

Condition of Life or Circumstances, _____

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

*Hand became sore from using pick in mining**Released*

Cause,

His hand became sore from using his Pick while mining and from this soreness, his hand began swelling until it was necessary for him to go to the Hospital to have his hand pined and treated by the doctor.

(Signature)

*Jno. L. Dykes*Title, *Mine Foreman*Date *Feb 20th*

1905

Feb. 28 1905.

Mr. Geo. J. Black, Supt. Coal Co.
Rock Springs, Wyo.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the attached would say, that I did not report this case on form #150 and only made note of it on form #154

This boys father applied to me the night of Feb. 10th for some liniment for the boys foot, saying he had it sprained a little and thought it not necessary for me to call.

On Feb/ 20th I met the boys father on the street and he advised me that the boy had had a fall and hurt his foot while at home, at a place where he had run a needle into it some years ago. As I was making a call by the house the following day I went in to see how the boy ^{was} and found him walking about the house, advise rest, put on a dressing and gave him a pair crutches to use for a few days. Since which time he has returned the crutches and seems well again.

The boy had likely suffered a contusion of the External malleolus which is not serious, but requires rest and care.

Please advise if any further report is desired.

Most truly,

E. J. Dameron

Mr. Geo. L. Black, Supt. Coal Co.
Rock Springs, Wyo.

Dear Sir;-

referring to the attached I would say, that I did not
report this case on form #150 and only made note of it on form #154

Spring Valley Wyo. Feb 21st 1905

To whom it may concern
This certifies that I Peter Braam Jr.
working as partner with Rick Gills
in Room 3 which is turned off the main
on the morning of Feb 10th 1905
We had a very loose roof and then was
about 2" of snow left on it as a protection
this roof was very loose and I
tried to hold it; from
the time it began to fall I tried to
stand it and prevent it from falling but
could not do so that he could dig a
little out of the bottom of the floor so that it
would go up into place just as he pulled
it out the cone and roof fell and hit
him on the leg, I helped him home and
he has not worked since
This happened in Spring Valley Min. Co.
about 3 o'clock A.M.
We had plenty of timber in our place and
could get them from the Quarry whenever
we needed. & Gas in our place at this time

Peter Braam Jr

Mr. Geo' J. Black, Supt. Coal Co.

STATEMENT OF INJURED MAN.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This certifies that I, Richard Gibbs, am engaged as a Miner at Spring Valley Mine No. 1, and was working in Room No. 3 which is turned off the Manway on the morning of Feb. 10th, 1905. About 3 o'clock A. M. I was busy setting a Prop to protect myself from loose Roof and Coal which was ready to fall after I had got the Prop in place. I hit it with a Sledge Hammer and finding that I could not drive it, I was in the act of taking it out, so as to dig a little out of the bottom to let the Prop go up, when the loose Material fell and hit me on the hips which bruised my leg and hurt my foot somewhat. Since then I have been walking around on it and on the 18th I fell off a chair off the Porch at the House and made it pain me somewhat at the time, otherwise it feels the same as it was before I fell from the chair.

(Signed) Richard Gibbs.

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and
Co.

We had plenty of ... and
could get them from the Recorder whenever
we needed. X. Gas in our place at this time

Peter Boarm Jr

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Richard Gibbs*Occupation, *Miner*Date of Accident, *Feb. 10th*Location, *Spring Valley*

If not injured in Mine, state where,

1905 Time *About 3 o'clock A.M.*

Mine No. /

Entry No.

Room No. *3 off Mammy*Name of Mine Supt. *Alex. Briggs*Age of Person injured, *22*What Family, if any, *Parents, 3 brothers - 7 sisters*How long in employ, of Co., *8 years*Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Mr. Gibbs (his father) Spring Valley, Wyo.*Was he an efficient man, *Yes*Where and in whose charge left, *His Father's*Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. E. H. Denison on Feb. 20th 1905-*Name of Mine Forman, *Married or Single*

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

*Bruised leg and ankle -**Released*

Cause,

The above mentioned was working in a place that has a very poor roof and had 9" of coal on to make it better by protecting it from the air. Both coal and roof got so bad that he was scared it was going to fall and to protect himself he was standing on a Prop. After he got the prop started he found it too long and pulled it out to take a little out of the floor to let it go up into place. When he did this the rock fell and hit him. This is a very bad practice to take a Prop out after it once has been started up to loose roof as it moves the roof up when placed - and when taken out the roof comes down to the point where it was, and this movement very often causes it to fall. He ought to have placed another Prop beside the first one and thus saved himself. Plenty of Props on hand and he could have done so. Many a coal miner has lost his life by doing this same thing.

(Signature)

*Alex Briggs*Title, *Mine Supt.*Date *Feb. 21st*

1905.

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES.

STATEMENT OF INJURED MAN.

Rock Springs, Wyo., Mar. 1st, 1905.

To Mr. Geo. Black,

Sup't U. P. Coal Co.

I, S. Asagi, native of Japan, aged 40, married;
Driller's Helper, sincerely state my accident occurred in the mine
on Tuesday last that while I was working in the room No. 1 in North
2 Entry, the loaded cars came down from opposite direction and
struck my right leg.

S. Asagi.

Witness:

H. Nishiyama.

Person injured
President, *Rock*
in Mine, *s*
Supt. *L*
injured,
if any,
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THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No. _____
Sup'ts No. _____

Name of Person injured, *S. Ozaki*
Occupation, *Electric Driller's helper*
Date of Accident, *Feb. 22nd* 1905 Time *About 3 o'clock P.M.*
Location, *Rock Springs, Wyo.* Mine No. *8* Entry No. *2-4* Plane Room No. *2*
If not injured in Mine, state where, _____

Name of Mine Supt. *Geo. L. Black* Name of Mine Foreman, *George B. Pryde*
Age of Person injured, *40* Married or ~~Single~~ _____
What Family, if any, *Family in Japan -*
How long in employ, of Co., *About two months* Condition of Life or Circumstances, _____
Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Harry Ishiyama, Rock Springs, Wyo.*
Was he an efficient man, *Yes* Was he temperate, *Yes*
Where and in whose charge left, *Wagoning Gen'l Hospital*
Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. R. Harry Reed*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, *Right knee injured. Squeezed between car & truck*

Released

Cause,

Ozaki was pushing a truck, containing an Electric Drilling Machine, along the entries. When opposite #2 Room, two Jap Loaders were running a car down the room and ~~did~~ not having enough sprags in the car allowed it to run out on the trolley coming in contact with the truck that Ozaki was pushing. The consequence was that Ozaki was squeezed between the truck and the car and had his right knee injured

(Signature)

George B. Pryde
Title, *Mine Foreman*

Date *Feb. 23rd*

1905

STATEMENT OF INJURED MEN

I was working in 29 Room 3 Entry, 3 Plane, yesterday Feb. 28th about 10 A. M. I had fired a shot and pretty soon went back to see what it had done. I had sounded the roof before I fired the shot and I thought it was solid. I again knocked on the roof after firing and a large piece of rock fell on me. My partner, Joe Audibert, hollered for me to look out as the rock was beginning to fall but I was not quick enough to get out of the way. My head is cut, my chest and legs bruized and my left hand cut.

(Signed) Guibert.

Adolphe Guibert.

Rock sprung reasons
Feb 28/05

Statement of Joe Audibert, who was working
with Adolphe Guibert when the latter was injured
on Feb 29/05 at 10:05 A. M. in Davis #8.

I was working with Adolphe Guibert today, in
29 Pillars, 3 Plane, 3 Ent.

About 10:00 A. M. we had fired a shot and
waited a little while.

Before firing the shot we had sounded the
roof and it seemed solid.

On going back, after firing the shot Guibert
got directly under the rock and hit it with
his back. It immediately fell and my partner
Guibert was injured on the head, legs and chest.

Joseph Audibert Witness to Accident

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No. _____

Sup'ts No. ☒Name of Person injured, *Adolph Guibert*Occupation, *Miner*Date of Accident, *Feb. 28th*Location, *Rock Springs, Wyo.*

If not injured in Mine, state where, _____

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Mine No. *8*Time *about ten o'clock A.M.*Entry No. *3-3* Place Room No. *29*Name of Mine Supt. *George L. Black*Age of Person injured, *42*What Family, if any, *three*How long in employ, of Co., *Six Years*Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Joe Audibert, Rock Springs, Wyo.*Was he an efficient man, *Yes*Where and in whose charge left, *Working General Hospital*Name of Physician called, if any, *R. Harry Reed.*

Name of Mine Foreman, _____

Married ☒ Single

Condition of Life or Circumstances, _____

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses. _____

Nature and extent of Accident,

*Head cut, legs and chest bruised. Fall of rock**Released*

Cause,

Adolph Guibert and his Partner, Joe Audibert, were working as miners on 29 Pillar on Feb. 28th about 10 A.M. They fired a shot, and soon went back to see the result of the same. They had informed me that they had previously sounded the roof before firing and it appeared solid. On going back into their working place after shooting Guibert stood directly under this rock which had become loose after the shot had been fired. He struck the rock with his pick to ascertain it was yet solid and he was immediately hit by falling rock. If care had been exercised by Guibert he would not have been injured.

(Signature)

George B. Pryde

Title,

*Mine Foreman -*Date *March 1st*

1905

STATEMENT OF WITNESS to INJURY OF S. HONDE.

I was employed as a driver in #2 North End, #8 Mine, on February 24th. About 11 A. M. I had pulled two cars up #3 room when a Jap by the name of S. Honda was working. I saw a small piece of loose rock on the roof, and told the Jap that he had better take it down but he just kept on pushing his car closer to the face getting ready to load. Pretty soon the rock dropped on Honda's hand while the same was resting on the car. Some fingers on his left hand were cut.

(Signed) Jim Bornero

Witness

STATEMENT OF PARTY INJURED.

To Mr. Geo. Black,

Superintendent, The U. P. Coal Co.

I, S. Honda, native of Japan, age 30, single, working in the Mine No. 8 as a loader (check No. 54) hereby state

That on Friday last 24th ult., while I was working in the North 2 Entry trying to push in the empty car into the room No. 3 the rock as large as the size of a car fell down on my left hand which was placed on the edge of the car, cutting three fingers (second, third, and fourth) and the middle finger was badly smashed.

(Signed) S. Honda.

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *S. Honde*Occupation, *Loader*Date of Accident, *Feb. 24th*Location, *Rock Springs, Wyo.*

If not injured in Mine, state where,

1905 Time *About eleven o'clock -*Mine No. *8*Entry No. *2-4* Plane Room No. *3*Name of Mine Supt. *Geo. L. Black*Age of Person injured, *30*

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co., *About 3 months*Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Harry Ishigama, Rock Springs, Wyo.*Was he an efficient man, *Yes*Where and in whose charge left, *Ironing General Hospital*Name of Physician called, if any, *R. H. Army Reed.*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Second, Third and Fourth fingers of left hand injured by a piece of sharp rock falling and hitting them, while sitting on a car.

Left Counting

Cause,

He was pushing his car closer to the face of the room after the driver had snubbed it for him, and while so doing a sharp piece of slate weighing from 15 to 20 lbs. fell and cut the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th fingers of his left hand. If this man had used ordinary care this accident need not have occurred as he was told by the driver to take down the rock previous to pushing the car. He paid no attention to this warning however with the result that he had his hand injured.

As I did not learn of the accident until I received the doctor's report, the statement of this case has been delayed by me on that account.

(Signature)

Geo. B. Pryde -

Title,

*Mine Foreman.*Date *March 2nd*

1905-

Cumberland No 2 419-08

I, William Holmes, am employed as driver, working in No. 2 Mine, driving in 6th North entry. On above date about 11:30 I was switching a loaded car in 15 Room which had a bent axle, and had asked John Walda to help me. In doing so he fell with his left leg across the rail and the car ran up on it, bruising it between the ankle and knee

Witness

M. P. Peterson William Holmes
 & M. J. Black

Cumberland Nyo 2-19-19

I, William Holmes, am employed as driver, working in No. 2 Mine, driving in 6th North entry. On above date about 11:30

Cumberland, Nyo. 2-19-19

I, John Walda, am employed as miner working Mine No. 2, 15 room 6th North entry. On Feby. 19th about 11:30 I was helping the driver to switch a loaded car in 15 room which had a bent axle, when I slipped and fell, my left leg across the rail; the wheel of the car caught my leg on the rail, bruising it between the ankle and knee.

John Walda
Witness M. J. Blatz

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *John Walda*Occupation, *Miner*Date of Accident, *Feb. 19th*1905 Time *About 11:30 A. M.*Location, *Cumberland, Inyo*Mine No. *2*Entry No. *6th* Intk Room No. *15*

If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt. *James Needham*Name of Mine Foreman, *M. J. Blake*Age of Person injured, *45*

Married or Single

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co., *18 months*

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Cumberland, Inyo. - (no name of relative given)*Was he an efficient man, *Yes*Was he temperate, *Yes*Where and in whose charge left, *Barthol Walda*Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. Weymuller -*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

*William Holmes.
Cumberland, Inyo.*

Nature and extent of Accident,

*Left leg bruised between ankle and knee.**Released*

Cause,

*He was helping the driver to switch a loaded car which had a bent axle, and in doing so he slipped and fell with his leg across the rail, the car wheel striking it and pushing his leg along the rail for a short distance**James Needham.
Mine Supt.*

(Signature)

*M. J. Blake.*Title, *Mine Foreman.*Date *Feb. 19th*

1905-

Statement of Accident

To Mr. Geo. Blaine,
Capt. of R. Road Co.

I, J. H. Houtabek, of the
R. Road Co., of the County of
Harrison, Mo., do hereby state
that on the day of
I was driving the machine
of the R. Road Co. with
the engine of the R. Road Co.

Rock Springs, Mo.

Statement of J. H. Houtabek who was
working with S. Houtabek, when the latter was
injured.

I was working on S. Houtabek's farm, cleaning
rock with a small cart, on March 3rd.

About 4:30 A.M. the rock cart got off the track
and ran over. I tried to lift it up on which Houtabek
got in front of the car and tried to make the mule
pull.

The mule pulled the car and Houtabek fell
with his leg in front of the car and got hurt.

J. H. Houtabek X Witness to Accident

Geo. B. Pryde Witness to mort

C. T. Houtabek

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *S. Hatakenaka*
Occupation, *Day man (Load Rock)*
Date of Accident, *March 3rd* 1905 Time *About 4:30 o'clock*
Location, *Rock Springs, Wyo.* Mine No. *5* Entry No. / No. of Mine Room No. *1 on Entry*
If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt. *Geo. L. Black* Name of Mine Foreman, *Geo. B. Pryde*
Age of Person injured, *29* Married or Single
What Family, if any,
How long in employ, of Co., *About 4 months* Condition of Life or Circumstances,
Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Harry Iishiyama, Rock Springs, Wyo.*
Was he an efficient man, *Yes* Was he temperate, *Yes*
Where and in whose charge left, *Wyoming Genl Hospital*
Name of Physician called, if any, *R. Harry Reed.*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Leg injured above the ankle by rock car running over it.

Released

Cause,

I was standing along side of a mule trying to make it pull a rock car on the track. As the mule started to pull, Hatakenaka's foot slipped on a rock and he fell with his leg in front of the moving car which run against his left leg and bruised it above the ankle.

(Signature)

George B. Pryde.

Date *March 4*

1905-

Title, *Miner Foreman*

STATEMENT OF ACCIDENT.

Rock Springs, Wyo: March 10, '05.

To Mr. George Black,

Supt. of the U. P. Coal Company.

I, T. Nakamura, native of Japan, dayman at Mine No. 10 hereby state my accident occurred on Feb. 13th, 1905, that while I was working in Room #69, Entry #2, with my partner (white man) to build the posts, my partner was hammering the post while I was holding it; and he lost his aim and struck my forehead with his hammer accidentally.

(Signed) T. Nakamura.

Witness: H. Nishiyama.

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *T. Nakamura*Occupation, *Self Blaster*Date of Accident, *February 13th*Location, *Rock Springs, Wyo.*

If not injured in Mine, state where,

1905

Time

*About 3 o'clock P.M.*Mine No. *10*Entry No. *2*Room No. *69*Name of Mine Supt. *George L. Black*Age of Person injured, *23*

What Family, if any, _____

How long in employ, of Co., *One year*Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Harry Makiyama, Friend*Was he an efficient man, *Yes*Where and in whose charge left, *Incoming General Hospital*Name of Physician called, if any, *R. H. Reed*

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

*Hurt above the left eye on forehead.**Released*

Cause,

Steve Angelovich was driving props up and the Jap was holding it. When he threw the hammer back to make the blow it caught on cap of prop behind him. This threw the hammer out of line and it hit side of prop, glanced off, striking the Jap on the head causing injuries.

(Signature)

*J. W. Paterson.*Title, *Mine Foreman.*

Date

March 8

1905

Hanna Dep Feb 27 5

Statement of C. M. Soumerai Neighbor at Hanna
Dep mine No One

About 9 A.M. on Feb 15th 1905 - Olaf
Olafson was sitting in a down under
tipples on track. There was a car
standing on same track under the tipple
and when the car was rising
struck in the brake from off. He went
back in the track wheel and it flew
around and dislocated his first finger
on left hand.

H. Hutton Miner
Witness

C. M. Soumerai

of
Esther's notes
manuscript.

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Olaf Olafson -*
Occupation, *Outside Foreman -*Date of Accident, *Feb. 15th*Location, *Hanna, Wyo.*

If not injured in Mine, state where,

1905 Mine No.

Time *About 9 o'clock A. M.*

Entry No.

Room No.

Name of Mine Supt. *E. S. Brooks -*Age of Person injured, *32*What Family, if any, *Four -*How long in employ, of Co., *Twelve Years*Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Hanna, Wyo.*Was he an efficient man, *Yes*Where and in whose charge left, *Home*Name of Physician called, if any, *W. S. Bogart.*Name of Mine Foreman, *Olaf Olafson -*
Married or ~~Single~~

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Was he temperate, *Yes -*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

*Index finger of left hand dislocated.**Released*

Cause,

*Was letting a car down under tippie on dust track. Brake would not hold car and car bumped into another one standing under tippie. When the car struck the one ahead the brake flew off and caught my hand in the wheel injuring same as above stated.**E. S. Brooks -*
Mine Supt. -

(Signature)

Olaf Olafson -

Title,

*Outside Foreman -*Date *Feb. 17 -*

1905 -

Hanna Mar 1

Hanna July 26

5-

Statement of Jack Wierman Spricker who was working with Manuel Lichte on Thursday night July 23-1905 in Hanna N.E. mine. About 6:45 o'clock on seven entry in room 16 ~~confronting~~ Lichte and I each fired a squib and went into cross cut to wait for shots to fire. One shot went alright. After waiting five minutes we went toward face to see why the other failed to shoot. We both walked in the track toward face. I noticed when ten or twelve feet from face a light and threw myself down and against right rib. Shot went off as I settled down against rib. When I got up could not see Manuel Lichte. Lichte left my camp and found him ~~on~~ between track and left hand rib. Called for help and my friend Nokali and Matt K. Watson came in from 17 room. We carried Lichte to 1023 room where we got there he came to and we helped him out through plane shaft.

Witness

Allbrook

Jack Wierman

realize something more the following day
OK Allbrook

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No. ✓

Name of Person injured, *Manuel Lehti*Occupation, *Shot Fier*Date of Accident, *February 23rd* 1905 Time *About 6:30 P. M.*Location, *Hanna. of Mo.* Mine No. *1* Entry No. *7* Room No. *16*

If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt. *E. S. Brooks* Name of Mine Foreman, *Joe. Burton*Age of Person injured, *26* ~~Married or~~ Single

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co., *About 2 years* Condition of Life or Circumstances,Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Finland*Was he an efficient man, *Yes* Was he temperate, *Yes*

Where and in whose charge left,

Name of Physician called, if any, *J. C. Hammond*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Cut on Face and on left hand - arm.

Nature and extent of Accident,

*Cut on face and on left hand and arm.**Released*

Cause,

*While firing shots on 7 Entry Got to 16 Room
 Tamped 2 shots and fired them both together and
 one went off while they was in crosscut and he
 thought that the other was gone out and started
 back to see what was the matter with the other
 when about fifteen ft. from the face of the room the
 shot went off injuring him as described above.*

*E. S. Brooks**Mine Supt.*

(Signature)

Joe Burton

Title,

*Mine Foreman*Date *Feb. 27*

1905-

Emmett Collins being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

- Q. What is your age?
 A. Sixteen years.
 Q. Were you driving in that entry?
 A. Yes, sir.
 Q. Did you hear that cave that morning?
 A. I was in at 29 room.
 Q. Is that on the outside or inside?
 A. Outside.
 Q. Did you ever go inside?
 A. Yes, sir.
 Q. Do you drive?
 A. I smud the most of the time. but I go in ther as high as five times a day.
 Q. Did you ever take notice of this rock?
 A. I know a portion of it was bad. I was a fraid of that apartment
 Q. Did you ever hear Mike talk about that rock?
 A. No, sir.
 Q. Nor any the rest of the drivers?
 A. No, sir.
 Q. Did you see the timbermen in there that morning?
 A. I seen him at 19 pillar. I do not know whether he had been in that part at all.

Emmett Collins

Peter McMahon being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

- Q. Well Pete, what do you know about this case? Was you in there that morning?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Did you examine that rock when you went in there?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. How did you think it was?
- A. The rock seemed to be very good. I did not see any breaks in the rock.
- Q. Was it you that put that post up there?
- A. I don't really know. I don't think I put it up.
- Q. How long have you been timbering there?
- A. About six months. Somewhere along there. I went in there that morning, but previous to that time, I had not been in that entry for about six weeks.
- Q. Did any of the drivers call your attention to that rock?
- A. Not to that rock, I don't think they did. Any rock they called my attention to, I pulled it down. Lots of rocks are loose and you can't get them down.
- Q. You never tried to take this one down before you put this prop to it?
- A. I never put the prop to that one, but I have taken down all that I thought was loose along the route.
- Q. You thought it was safe enough?
- A. Yes, I thought it was safe.

By Edw. Kear-Juror.

- Q. Did Mike ever call your attention to that rock?
- A. No, Mike never spoke to me at all when I was in there that morning.
- K. I was in 19 room. There is two nineteen rooms. That is how I come to go by that place. I did not see any fresh cracks that I thought was real dangerous, if I had I would stop and work on it awhile.

Peter McMahon

By Edw. Kear - Juror.

- Q. The chances are if he had taken the load, the rock would have fallen where he got out there?
- A. Yes. The turn in the entry trip was clear of the rock that fell. If he had hooked on those rocks and pulled them down on the switch, if that rock had fell on the ~~switch~~ cars, it would have head it off of him.
- Q. Did you take notice of that prop that morning. Was there any occasion of it discharging?
- A. No, the prop seemed to be set not exact plumb, more right angle to the seam, and the post was sunk probably five or six inches in the dirt. It is pretty hard to discharge a post of that kind.
- Q. How far was it from the edge of the rock?
- A. I should judge it would be two ft. or two and a half ft. What makes it look strange to me, I found a piece of 30 lb. iron rail. I don't have any idea why that rail would be there, unless it would be to sound the top to see if the rock was loose. His lamp was found several feet sway from his cap where his body had been, and his arms as I understand were partly out of the rock. He did not have his lamp on his head nor in his hands.

By coroner.

- Q. It was away back from his altogether?
- A. Not altogether. In a suitable place where he could stand clear of his lamp and not knock the light out.

By Edw. Kear - Juror.

- Q. There would not have been any place for him to stand with a rail two feet long?
- A. Not to stand in safety.
- Q. Did you say the prop was not plumb?
- A. It was leaning toward the middle rib.
- Q. Did he make any remarks about knocking that prop out?
- A. Not to my knowledge.

By John Maxwell - Juror.

- Q. Do you know any other reason for that piece of iron being there?
- A. There are several things it could be used for. Sometimes they use them to shut the car doors.
- Q. What is the distance from the rail to the prop?
- A. I should judge it would be a foot and a half.
- Q. The distance was divided about equal?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you think that rock, that it would have been possible for it to have fallen ~~XX~~ unless it had been tampered with?
- A. It is possible for it to fall but I think it would take little time for it to discharge the post.

By Edw. Kear - Juror.

- Q. Did you examine the prop to see if there was any impressing?
- A. I examined the prop and found marks on the post, but the prop had been used previously as a ladder to try raise the rock up. I could not tell whether it was the mark of any tool.

John R. Dykes

John Dykes being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

Q. You are Mine Foreman at No. 7 ?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you get word about this man getting killed?

A. About fifteen minutes to eleven.

Q. What time did the accident happen?

A. I should judge about half past ten.

Q. Was you in that entry that morning?

A. No.

Q. When was you in there before?

A. The morning before.

Q. Did you examine that room when you was in there?

A. I examined it on the outside to see if there were any cuts and on the inside to see if there were any breaks in it.

Q. Did you find any.

A. No.

Q. In your opinion you thought it was safe for a time?

A. I examined the rock a number of times for a couple of weeks and never saw no change at all.

Q. Thought it was safe enough.

A. Yes.

Q. How long had this man been working in that entry driving?

A. I could not be positive about that. I should judge a year and a h

Q. Did he ever have occasion to dig rock down?

A. Yes, he was working two weeks ago tomorrow on the switch digging down loose rock.

Q. At the same place?

A. About 40 ft. from there.

Q. Tell the jury the cause of the accident.

A. I don't know of any reason that I could give them as the cause of the accident. It seems very strange to me that rock would fall and discharge that prop without giving some warning to enable them to get away. Ordinarily that rock gives a good deal of warni

Q. How far is it?

A. Very close to 12,700 ft.

Q. Don't you think the air would have some effect on the rock being so far in from the others?

A. Yes, the air has some effect on it, not so much as as the smoke.

Q. Did you have any timbermen in there that morning?

A. Yes, I sent a timberman in there that morning, but they examined the rock the day before. I did not speak to him about that rock that morning. I did not see any danger. We always tell the drivers whenever they see any place that is dangerous to tell the timbermen and have them repair it, and not to go under until it is repaired.

Q. You warned the drivers to do that?

A. Yes.

Q. Did Mike ever speak to you about that place?

A. No. The rock that he had taken down two weeks before that, he had spoken to me about that, so we took this other rock down. The rock I was speaking of is not as thick as that, it was more open, set away from the top a good deal.

By John Maxwell-Juror.

Q. Did this driver have any occasion to go that far with his mule?

A. Sometimes there is more than a trip of loads on the switch. There may be more cars on the back end of the switch, so when he turn his horse around to hook on the load, there were three loads on the switch and he did not pull them down. He pulled his entry trip up about oppsite where those three cars were.

Q. You don't know whether the driver had tied his mule?

A. No, I don't. The animal was gentle, and there was no occasion to tie.

Q.

By Wm. Williams-Juror-

Q. How far was the horse run in?

A. I did not see the horse until after he was taken out.

J. M. #2

- Q. How long do you think the rock lay on him?
- A. About four minutes. Not any more. After Charlie came running to my room, I was up to him inside of four minutes.
- Q. Do you know whether that prop was put up tight?
- A. I should say so. Tight enough that no horse could pull it down.
- Q. You don't think the horse's chain could catch on it and pull it down?
- A. No, sir. I do not think it would. When the timbermen puts it there, it is there to stay.

James McCormick

- Q. How long did he stay up there? He pulled his body up to the top of the tree and then he came down.
- A. I don't know whether the driver had tied his mule?
- Q. No, I don't. The animal was gentle, and there was no occasion to release it.
- Q. By Mr. Williams - Now?
- Q. How far was the horse from the tree?
- A. I did not see the horse until after he was taken out.

J. McGinnack being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

- Q. Where was you, Jim, when that rock fell?
A. In 34 or 35 room. I went up to see how many cars were loaded, to see which one had the most coal, to get the quickest trip from.
Q. You drive under that rock all the time?
A. No, sir. I do not.
Q. Do you drive on the outside?
A. Some time I have occasion to go through.
Q. Did you know this rock was unsafe?
A. I knew there was a portion, but never supposed as much as there was.
Q. Did you ever see any timbermen examine it?
A. Yes, often. Whenever I noticed a bad rock, I would report it.
Q. Did you report about this rock?
A. They set a post under the rock, and did not pull it down. The one they expected to fall, did not fall. That was down by Pete. I do not know his last name.
Q. Never heard Mike talk about it?
A. No, sir.
Q. He did not seem to be scared to go under?
A. No, we never thought anything about it. We thought it was alright; that it would be the boss's interest to take care of it.

By John Maxwell-Juror.

- Q. Do you know whether there was any coal on the switch when this happened?
A. I believe there must have been two or three cars, because Charlie said, he had 12 cars on when he was coming out.
Q. How many cars did he pull with his trip?
A. Ten cars at an average.
Q. Was this driver waiting for a trip?
A. He could not have been waiting. He stopped at 19 or 20 room for water. I could hear his car rattling.
Q. Do you go in there before he starts it?
A. Sure. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ I ~~was~~ in 34 or 35 room when he got killed. Charlie came running down to me and said, where is the snubber. I said, down at 28 or 29. I would not say for certain. He said, I see the mule up there. I don't see nobody with it. There has been a fall up there. He might be under it. I left my mule standing. We seen a faint glimmer. That was just the way the light was. I said, yes, he might be under there. There is his light. I went running up. I seen his head and shoulder. One half of his shoulder blade was out from the rock. A portion of the rock was on the side of the cars.

By John Maxwell-Juror.

- Q. Loaded or empties?
A. Three cars were covered with rock, the rest were empty. The rock fell the width of the parting.

By Edw. Kear-Juror.

- Q. How far was the cars from the body?
A. The cars must have been 24 ft. from where the man's head was.

By John Maxwell-Juror.

- Q. What did you do about it?
A. Charlie came running down and told me twice. We left our mules standing, and ran back to the switch when I seen his head was raised, and I did not think he was dead, and I spoke to him. He first shook his head when I spoke to him. I looked at him and I heard a whirring noise like he was choking, then I lifted the rock off his left arm, and tried to lift it off his right but it was too heavy, I had to shove it off. Then I spoke to him again, he did not answer.

By Coroner.

- Q. You did not hear the cave?
A. No, I must have been up a room when the rock fell.

State of Wyoming)
County of Sweetwater.)

ss. Inquest in case of Mike Harguss,
Killed by falling rock in No. 7 Mine
March 10th, 1905.

Charles Gibbs being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

- Q. You drive in No. 7, do you?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Where do you live?
A. No. 4.
Q. How long have you been in No. 7?
A. Four and a half days.
Q. Was you driving in this entry when the accident happened?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Was this fellow killed, a driver too?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Do you know whether that rock was unsafe before it fell down?
A. No, sir.
Q. You did not hear anybody talk about it?
A. No, sir, but some fell in the morning when I cleaned off the track.
Q. Nobody sounded it?
A. No, sir.
Q. Was there any props under it?
A. One prop.
Q. Did you ever see Mr. Dykes examine that room?
A. No, sir.
Q. Nor none of the timbermen?
A. No, sir.
Q. Did you ever hear this man that got killed say anything about this rock?
A. Never did. He never said anything about it.
Q. You did not know it was unsafe?
A. No, sir.

By John Maxwell- Juror.

- Q. Do you know what that driver was doing when that rock fell?
A. I was not there when the rock came down. I never seen or heard him.

By Coroner.

- Q. You was inside?
A. I was just coming out.
Q. Does he drive inside with you?
A. He drives from inside parting to outside parting.

By John Maxwell- Juror.

- Q. Did he have to be there where that rock was?
A. Well, not exactly. He could have been somewhere else.
Q. He did not have to go through there?
A. Yes, sir.

By Edw. Kear- Juror.

- Q. Did I understand you to say he was driving between two partings?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. He did not have occasion to be on that end of the switch?
A. Yes, sir. He was pulling empty cars.
Q. Was he going back with his mule?
A. Yes, he was going back with his mule.
Q. Where was the mule when the accident happened?
A. The mule was about 15 ft. ahead of him.

By John Maxwell- Juror.

- Q. You know just where the place fell?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Do you know how many feet it is from the main road from the switch?
A. No, sir. I never measured. I could not judge the distance.
Q. Would he have any occasion to come as far as that rock fell?
A. Yes, sir. He would.

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Inquest in the case of Mike Hargess

Killed March 10th, 1905, in No. 1 Entry No. 7 Mine.

Rock Springs, Wyo., March 11th, 1905.

We the Jury duly empaneled and sworn according to law by David M. Muir, Coroner, in and for Sweetwater County, State of Wyoming, to investigate into the cause of the death of one Mike Hargess after viewing the body and place of accident and hearing the testimony of witnesses do find that said deceased person came to his death about 10 o'clock A. M., March 10th, 1905, in No. 1 Entry No. 7 Mine of the Union Pacific Coal Company at Rock Springs by a fall of rock and we do further find that the above was accidental, that there was no blame attached to any party.

(Signed) Edward Kear,
John Maxwell,
William Williams.

Presented to me this 11th day of March A. D. 1905 in the town of Rock Springs, Wyo.

(Signed)
David M. Muir.
Coroner.

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,

Mike Hargus
Driver

Occupation,

Date of Accident,

March 10th 1905.

Time

11 A.M.

Location,

Rock Springs

Mine No. 7

Entry No. 101

Room No.

Entry Switch

If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt.

Geo. L. Block

Name of Mine Foreman,

Jno. L. Dykes

Age of Person injured,

28

Married or Single

married

What Family, if any,

wife & 2 children

How long in employ, of Co.,

About 2 1/2 yrs

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Rock Springs, Wyo.

Was he an efficient man,

yes

Was he temperate,

yes

Where and in whose charge left,

His family

Name of Physician called, if any,

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Killed by fall of rock on Entry
double track switch in above mentioned Entry.

Fatal

Cause, Was employed as a driver and after taking his empty trip to switch had unhooked the horse from trip and turned toward out when the rock apparently fell and caught him, killing him instantly, the rock was large and from 8 to 12" inches in thickness, the outer portion was supported by a post, rock discharge post and the above person was found by inside driver, when he came out with his loaded trip, under the rock the above Mike Hargus was alone on the switch when accident occurred, he having arrived to the switch before the inside driver had a trip out to switch. The front of the empty trip was inside of the rock that fell. Timberman examined the rock (that fell) in the morning and says that while rock sounded heavy or loose, did not think it would fall or needed any more timber. I examined the rock yesterday myself and noticed no change from previous times before I had examined the same rock.

(Signature)

Jno. L. Dykes,

Title,

Mine Foreman

Date

March 10th 1905.

Harold Muhl

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Statement of Mat Hill who was running
diamond hammer when Mat Johnson was
hurt in blacksmith shop.

While making cleaves the form moved. I
stopped the hammer to let Mat Johnson straighten
it out.

I thought Johnson had his hand out and started
the hammer catching his hand.

Mat Hill

John
Ed Brooks

Harold Muhl

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Mat Hill and I were making out
cleaves with the diamond hammer.
The form got out of line and Hill stopped
the hammer. I tried to straighten the form.
Before I got it fixed and my hand out
of the way the diamond hammer came
down catching it.

Mat ^{his} Johnson
Master

Application for
Witness

OK
Ed Brooks
Witness

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No. _____
Sup'ts No. _____

Name of Person injured, *Mat Johnson*
Occupation, *Horse Shaver*
Date of Accident, *Feb'y 24th* 1905 Time *4 P.M.*
Location, *Hanna* Mine No. *1* Entry No. _____ Room No. _____
If not injured in Mine, state where, *In Blacksmith Shop*

Name of Mine Supt. *E. Brooks* Name of Mine Forman, *J. O. Holen*
Age of Person injured, *31* years Married or Single *Single*
What Family, if any, _____
How long in employ, of Co., *One year* Condition of Life or Circumstances, _____
Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Finland*
Was he an efficient man, *Yes* Was he temperate, *Yes*
Where and in whose charge left, *Dr. J. H. Hammond*
Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. J. H. Hammond*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, *mashed middle finger of right hand,*

Released

Cause, *We were making car clevises and Mat Hill was running the steam hammer. While I was placing one of the clevises formers he let the hammer down catching my right hand under it mashing it.*

OK
E. Brooks,
Mine Supt.

(Signature) *J. O. Holen*
Title, *Master Mechanic*

Date *March 16th 1905*

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.
Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, H. C. Hunter
Occupation, Miner
Date of Accident, March 15 1905 Time About 9:30 A. M.
Location, Rock Springs, Wyo. Mine No. 7 Entry No. C Room No. 34
If not injured in Mine, state where,
Name of Mine Supt. George L. Black Name of Mine Foreman, John L. Dwykes
Age of Person injured, 23 Married or Single Single
What Family, if any,
How long in employ, of Co., About 6 months Condition of Life or Circumstances,
Name and address of nearest living Relative, Friend Alan Russell - Rock Springs, Wyo.
Was he an efficient man, Yes Was he temperate, Yes
Where and in whose charge left, His Friends
Name of Physician called, if any, R. Harry Reed's Assistant.
Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,
Third and Fourth fingers of Right Hand
Washed while spragging a loaded car -

Released

Cause,
Was engaged as a Miner and while running a loaded
car down Room - was in the act of putting in an addi-
tional sprag in the wheel of car and as the wheel of
car turned as I was putting in sprag, I caught fingers
between sprag & some rock on road side I did not notice
Rock was there.

We the undersigned certify the above to be
correct.

(Signature) John L. Dwykes.

Date March 20

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Title, Mine Foreman No. 7 -
H. C. Hunter,
Injured Person -

Clarence Baker being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

Q. Where was you that morning?

A. I was just going past his room.

Q. Did they call for your assistance?

A. Kishimoto hollered for me to help him. He did not tell me his partner was killed at the time. I just pulled on the other side of the switch, and went in to help. We could not do anything, us four, so we got Archie.

Q. Did you notice whether there was plenty of timber in the room?

A. He could not have had timber in that room. On the other side there was timber.

Q. Was there plenty of props?

A. Yes, there was props up there.

Q. He was quite dead when you went up?

A. Yes.

By Wm. Dickson-Juror.

Q. What kind of position was he lying in?

A. When I seen him he was lying with his face toward the rock. His face was covered. I could not see it very well for the rock.

Q. Do you think that that rock could come down and smother him?

A. I think the rock killed him as soon as it hit him. I don't think it smothered him at all.

Q. You did not see any cuts or bruises about his head?

A. He had a few bruises around his head, but not to amount to much. The skin was broken a little.

Q. What time was that in the morning?

A. Well, I should judge about nine or nine thirty when he came for me. We was going down with our second loaded trip in the morning.

Clarence Baker

Archibald Dykes being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

Q. Where was you when this man was killed?

A. I was two room lengths in the entry, and Clarence Baker came and told me a man was killed in that room and wanted me to help take the rock off.

Q. Who was there when you went up there?

A. Three Japanese. Two out of 23 and Nakao's partner.

Q. Was the man dead when you went in there?

A. Yes, he was dead when I went in there.

Q. Could you lift the rock off?

A. We all tried but could not, so I broke about 500 lbs. off, and we lifted the rock up, and Clarence pulled the fellow out.

Q. You seen plenty of timber around there?

A. I never noticed whether there was any around there or not.

By Mr. Dickson-Juror.

Q. What position was he lying when you went there?

A. He was kind of lying sideways, and his face was toward the rock.

Q. You think that rock came down and knocked him against the car?

A. It looked to me as if he had turned to get away, and the rock caught him across the chest.

By Coroner.

Q. Were his feet on the ground?

A. One might have been on the ground but the other was not.

By Mr. Dickson.

Q. He was quite dead?

A. Yes.

Archibald Dykes

State of Wyoming,)
County of Sweetwater.)

Inquest in case of T. Nakao,
Killed by falling rock in No. 7 Mine,
March 13th, 1905.

S. Kishimoto being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:
By Joe Kubosawa, Interpreter.

Q. Was you there the morning that man was killed?

A. Yes, sir, I was there.

Q. Ask him if he fired a shot in the coal that morning?

A. Yes, he did.

Q. If he examined the roof after he shot the coal down?

A. Well, Nakao examined it, but he did not.

Q. Did they have any timber in the room?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. They had plenty there?

A. Yes.

Q. If he examined this piece that fell or that man before he got killed.

A. Nakao examined it and it was alright.

By Wm. Dickson-Juror.

Q. How far was he away from his partner when the rock fell down?

A. About seven or eight feet.

Q. Did he go immediately to the assistance of his partner?

A. Well, when the rock fell down, the draft caused his headlight to go out, and he was in darkness and could not see nothing, but he tried to left the rock up but it was too heavy, and he could see nothing as the lights were out.

Q. Did his partner speak to him?

A. No word.

Q. He was killed right away?

A. No sound or nothing.

Q. Did he go for assistance right away?

A. He walked down to the next room for assistance. He followed the rails in the dark.

Q. Who did he get?

A. Two Japanese who worked in the next room. (I. Hamaguchi & Sakai)

By Coroner.

Q. Did the two drivers who were driving there come to help him out?

A. The three together could not lift the rock off, so they went to the next entry and got the assistance of this gentleman (Baker)

S. Kishimoto

DEATH REPORT.

Rock Springs, Wyo., March 13, 1905.

To Mr. Geo. Black,

Supt of the U. P. Coal Co.

I hereby report that T. Nakao, native of Japan, age 27, Miner in Mine No. 7, check 181, met death this 13th day ~~xxxxxx~~ of March about Eight o'clock in the morning in the room No. 21 B Entry where he and his partner S. Kishimoto, check 102, was loading coal into the car after they shot the powder without knowing the rock above has been loosened by the shock; and the rock fell down suddenly causing this instant death.

Their headlight having been extinguished by the draught and failing to light it, ~~Kishimoto~~ Kishimoto who has escaped the fate, scarcely walked down to the next room through the darkness and summoned the others for assistance, but it was too late then toward recovery.

(Signed) H. Hishiyama.

Japanese Agent.

Report of Coroner's Jury in Accident case of T. Nakao.

Rock Springs, Wyo., March 14th, 1905.

We, the Jury duly empaneled and sworn according to law by David M. Muir, Coroner in and for Sweetwater County, State of Wyoming, to investigate into the cause of the death of one T. Nakao. After viewing the body and place of accident and hearing the testimony of witnesses do find that the said deceased person came to his death March 13th, 1905, at 9:30 o'clock A. M. in Twenty room, B Entry and C Plane, No. 7 Mine of the U. P. Coal Company, at Rock Springs, Wyoming, and we do further find that the above was accidental.

Signed Dan D. Muir,
 Wm. Dickson,
 T. D. Williams.

Presented to me this 14th day of March A. D., 1905, in the town of Rock Springs, Wyo.

David M. Muir,
Coroner.

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No. _____
Sup'ts No. _____

Name of Person injured, *T. Haker.*
Occupation, *Miner*
Date of Accident, *March 13* 190*5* Time *About 8:20 A.M.*
Location, *Rock Springs, Wyo.* Mine No. *7* Entry No. *3 m C. Plan Room No. Pillar No. 21*
If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt. *G. L. Black.* Name of Mine Foreman, *Jno. L. Hlykes -*
Age of Person injured, *27 years -* ~~Married~~ *Single*
What Family, if any,
How long in employ, of Co., *About one year* Condition of Life or Circumstances,
Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Harry Hishiyama, Rock Springs, Wyo. -*
Was he an efficient man, *Yes -* Was he temperate, *Yes -*
Where and in whose charge left, *His friends*
Name of Physician called, if any,

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, *Killed by fall of Rock -*

Fatal

Cause, *Was loading a car with coal when Rock fell and caught him across the car he was loading. Rock was large and caused death instantly. His partner was loading another car at same time. Space was wide from working face to Timber. Rock was made loose by placing holes close to roof while blasting the coal. Plenty of timber was at the mouth of room of a suitable length.*

(Signature) *Jno. L. Hlykes -*
Title, *Mine Foreman -*

Date

John Patterson being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

- Q. What do you think about this man, Sprowell? Whether he was careful or not when he worked in the other entries?
- A. I think Mr. Sprowell was what I call a practical miner- a very careful man. He was one of the best miner's I had over there, and I never saw him working where there was any danger. I have sent him into other places where other men would not go into-where they were ~~usually~~ scared to work. He was not afraid of a dangerous place.
- Q. How long has he been in No. 10?
- A. Three or four years. Ever since Carbon shut down. Three years anyway. He always seemed to be careful. Of course I was not up there the time he was killed, but when I got there after the accident, one could have seen there should have been sprages put in that coal. I don't think there was any bare place there to be seen, but could not say for sure. I would not say it was carelessness, for I know him to be a very careful man. I would consider that an unavoidable accident. I could not see where any one was to blame or even himself.

J W Patterson

Moses Harvey being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

Q. You was working in the same room as this man?

A. Yes.

Q. You heard the coal fall?

A. Yes.

Q. You knew that there was something the matter?

A. I looked around and there was no light. I run right away right across the room. When I got up there he was lying with his head towards the coal. The right leg was under the coal. He seemed to be doubled right over his left leg.

Q. You think he struck the car?

A. I don't think it. It looked to me as if the coal might have struck him on the back, and when he fell, that cut or gash on the head, he got from falling face down on the coal. There was very little coal on him. There was little around his head, but it seemed to me he was lying with his head down right where his the dent was in his forehead.

By Geo. Young-Jarar.

Q. His head was not lying where the blood was?

A. His head was right close to the car. That was after we pulled him out. He was doubled right over the left leg, and the right one under the coal.

By Coroner.

Q. You had to break the coal to get it off?

A. Yes. It looked to me as if there might have been a piece of coal where his head struck, and that is what made the dent. It would not look to me that the coal had knocked him there in a minute but I could not say for sure. There was a little coal around his head. His leg was covered with coal. His back was bare. There was some coal on his head but not big pieces-small pieces around his head. I thought when we examined it today, it might have been on the rail or bumper, but they showed no sign of blood. That blood was when we pulled him to there.

Q. How long was you in getting to him?

A. About four seconds, I believe. Just as soon as I looked around, and did not see the light, I run. I think I was there ahead of Barass. (Mr. Barass answered, Yes.) That coal don't come that way very often. That was a remarkable case. I was talking about it about fifteen minutes before. The place seemed alright. It did not seem as if it was working at all.

Q. You did not examine it at all? You don't know whether it was loose?

A. I was not over there at all, but it did not look to me to be loose. He would have done something to it. It must have looked safe to him.

Q. He was generally very careful?

A. Yes.

Q. It just gave one of those bumps?

A. Yes, one of those bumps and it was down. Some rock fell since that. Any rock had not fallen when we left with him. It was coal that killed him.

Moses & Harvey

State of Wyoming,)
County of Sweetwater,) ss

Inquest in case of John Sprowell,
Killed by fall of coal in No. 10 Mine,
Monday, March 13th, 1905.

Adam Barass being first duly sworn on his oath deposes and says:

Q. You live in Rock Springs, Adam?

A. Yes.

Q. You work in No. 10 ?

A. Yes.

Q. You were working with this John Sprowell when he was killed ?

A. Yes.

Q. Will you tell the jury what you know of this case as far as you know?

A. All I know, there came a bust and down came the coal. I spoke to him about that two minutes before, and then I heard it fall and when I found him he was underneath it.

Q. How was he laying ?

A. Like this, with his head down, (bending head way down toward feet) His back was all bare.

W.

By Geo. L. Young-Juror.

Q. Was he lying on his face?

A. His face was towards the coal.

By Coroner.

Q. You think the coal struck him and knocked him back?

A. Yes, I think that is what done it. It was done in an instant.

Q. Had the roof been working any before that?

A. It was just as quiet as it could be. Just come of a sudden. Just gave a bust and down she came.

Q. He has been very cautious about his coal?

A. Yes, always very careful. The roof was quiet. She gave a bust and down she came all in an instant.

Q. How long have you been working with him?

A. Two or three months.

Adam Barass

Noted

Harass

REPORT OF CORONER'S JURY IN ACCIDENT CASE OF JOHN SPROWELL.

We, the Jury, duly empaneled and sworn according to law by David M. Muir Coroner in and for Sweetwater County, State of Wyoming, to investigate into the cause of the Death of one John Sprowell, after viewing the body and place of accident and hearing the testimony of witnesses do find that said deceased person came to his death about 10:30 o'clock A. M. March 13th, 1905, in Room 33, No. 1 Entry No. 10 Mine of the Union Pacific Coal Company at Rock Springs by a fall of Coal and we do further find that the above was accidental.

Signed Geo. L. Young
 John Pryd
 John T. Francis.

Presented to me this 16th day of March A. D. 1905 in the town of Rock Springs, Wyoming.

David M. Muir,
Coroner.

Rock Springs Wyoming

3-14-1905

I was working in the same room as John Sprowell on March 13 I was talking to him five minutes before the accident the coal that fell on him give no warning I believe it was a accident I think there was no one to blame Moses & Harvey

Rock Springs Wyoming

3-14-1905

I Adam Barrass make this statement I was working with John Sprowell on March 13th 1905 in 10 mile entry 1 room 33 We was loading our 4 car when the coal gave a sudden burst and fell off the face of pillars striking him in the head causing instant death. there was no one to blame

Adam Barrass

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,

John Spruwell -
Miner

Occupation,

Date of Accident,

March 13th

1905

Time

About 10:30 A. M.

Location,

Rock Springs, Wyoming

Mine No. 10

Entry No. 171

Room No. 33

If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt.

Geo. L. Black

Name of Mine Foreman,

J. H. Paterson.

Age of Person injured,

49

Married or Single

What Family, if any,

Ten children

How long in employ, of Co.,

About 15 years

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Family, Rock Springs

Was he an efficient man,

Yes

Was he temperate,

Yes

Where and in whose charge left,

Undertaker Ace

Name of Physician called, if any,

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Struck on head by Fall of coal.

Fatal

Cause,

He was loading in face of pillar when about two ton of coal burst off striking him on the head causing death. It was an unavoidable accident. No one to blame.

(Signature)

J. H. Paterson.

Title,

Mine Foreman.

Date March 13

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STATEMENT OF INJURED MAN

Rock Springs, Wyoming, April 7th, 1905

I, Morgan Moon, make this statement. I was driving in 5 Entry this morning; when making my third trip coming out between 9 and 8 room, I noticed a Jap on the low side of entry and stepped over to see if the cars would pass him. In stepping back to the other side of car my head caught the roof and knocked me off the trip and the first wheel ran over my leg causing injuries.

(Signed) Morgan moon.

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,

Morgan Moon.

Occupation,

Driver.

Date of Accident,

April 7th

Location,

Rock Springs, Wyo.

1905

Time

about 9 A.M.

Mine No. 10

Entry No. 5

Room No.

Name of Mine Supt.

G. L. Black

Name of Mine Foreman,

J. H. Paterson

Age of Person injured,

22

~~Married~~ Single

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co., Three months

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Father - House 209th Rock Springs.

Was he an efficient man,

Yes

Was he temperate,

Yes

Where and in whose charge left,

Wyoming General Hospital

Name of Physician called, if any,

R. H. Reed.

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Right Leg cut about 3" above knee and his left foot crushed.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Right Leg cut about 3" above knee and his left foot crushed.

Released

Cause,

While coming out of entry with his third trip he missed a jolt on the low side of entry and stepped over on bumper of car to see if there was room for the jolt between the rib and car for the jolt to pass. In coming back over the bumper to the other side he got his head up too high and caught the roof knocking him off the car and his leg went under wheel causing injuries.

(Signature)

J. H. Paterson

Title,

Mine Foreman

Date April 8th

1905

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES.

STATEMENT OF INJURED PARTY.

Rock Springs, Wyo., April 13, 1905.

I was running a drilling Machine in 40 Room #1 Dip Entry on April 10th. Was drilling a hole in a X cut and the Machine was wobbling a good deal. While the Machine was running I stooped down to look at the Mining and my right hand slipped and got into the cog wheels taking off my ~~thumb~~ thumb at the first joint.

(Signed) Anton Oblock.

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Tony Oblock*
Occupation, *machine man.*
Date of Accident, *April 10th* 1905 Time *About 4 o'clock P. M.*
Location, *Rock Springs, Wyo.* Mine No. *8* Entry No. *1* Slip Room No. *40*
If not injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt. *G. L. Black* Name of Mine Foreman, *Geo. B. Pryde.*
Age of Person injured, *29* ~~Married~~ *Single*
What Family, if any,
How long in employ, of Co., *15 months* Condition of Life or Circumstances,
Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Mike Ferlee, Rock Springs, Wyo.*
Was he an efficient man, *Yes -* Was he temperate, *Yes -*
Where and in whose charge left, *Entering Genl Hospital*
Name of Physician called, if any, *R. Harry Reed*
Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Thumb on right hand severely injured by coming in contact with the gear of the machine.

Released

Cause,

Oblock is a Mining Machine Runners Helper who sometimes does drilling also. On the 10th day of April about 4:00 P. M. he had gone into 40 Room on #1 Dip Entry and started to drill some holes. While doing so he allowed his right hand to get into the cog wheels of the Drilling Machine, with the result, that his thumb was severely injured. In conversation with him it learned that he was severely injured starting the machine when his hand slipped and his thumb got with the into the gearing of the machine. I was unable to get any statement from witnesses as the Japs who was helping him could tell me nothing about the accident

(Signature)

George B. Pryde -

Title, *Mine Foreman.*

Date *April 11th*

1905.

Rock Spring, Tenn.
April 12/05

I was working in #1 Dip Entry yesterday engaged in loading coal in 48 Room. About 3:30 P. M. I was shovelling coal into a car when a piece of rock fell and hit me on the head and shoulders. I did not see how large a piece it was as I was rendered insensible.

Had sounded the roof a short time before and it sounded solid and safe.

Mike Begovich *Witness to Mark*

Mike Begovich -

Witness to Mark

Statement of Injured Man.

I was working in #1 Dip Entry yesterday engaged in loading coal in 48 Room. About 3:30 P. M. I was shovelling coal into a car when a piece of rock fell and hit me on the head and shoulders.

I did not see how large a piece it was as I was rendered insensible.

Had sounded the roof a short time before and it sounded solid and safe.

His

Garst Michelli X

Mark

Geo. B. Pryde, Witness to Mark.

Person injured
Accident,
Rock
in Mine,

Mine Supt.
Person injured,
family, if any,
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Physician called

P. O. Address of

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Mine No. _____

Sup'ts No. _____

Name of Person injured,

Loret Michelli

Occupation,

Loader

Date of Accident,

April 12th

Location,

Rock Springs, Wyo.

1905⁻ Time

About 3:30 P. M.

Not injured in Mine, state where,

Mine No. *8*

Entry No. *1* Life Room No. *48*

Name of Mine Supt.

Geo. L. Black

Name of Mine Foreman,

Geo. B. Pryde

Age of Person injured,

31

~~Married~~ Single

Married Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co.,

Two Years

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Louis Begovich, Rock Springs.

Is he an efficient man,

Yes

Was he temperate,

Yes

Where and in whose charge left,

Informing Gen'l Hospital.

Name of Physician called, if any,

R. Harry Reed

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Head, neck and shoulder cut and bruized by rock falling on him while loading a car.

Released

Cause,

There was a slight squeeze on Room 48 in which Michelli was loading. The Blaster had put up eight props during the day in order to render the place safe. About 3:30 P. M. while Michelli was in a stooping position, shoveling coal a piece of rock weighing from 50 to 100 pounds, fell and struck him on the back of the head and shoulders. I examined the place and found it well timbered and in a safe condition. The rock that caused the injury bursted out of the solid rock, and this no one could have foreseen as the place was well-timbered and in a safe condition to all appearances.

(Signature)

Geo. B. Pryde -

Title, *Mine Foreman.*

Date *April 13th*

1905⁻

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,

Occupation,

Date of Accident,

Location,

If not injured in Mine, state where,

Joseph Sojes
MinerMarch 18th

Rock Springs, Wyo.

1905

Time

About 12 o'clock noon

Mine No. 9

Entry No. 7

Room No. 42

Name of Mine Supt.

Age of Person injured,

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co.,

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Was he an efficient man,

Where and in whose charge left,

Name of Physician called, if any,

Geo. L. Black

25

3 days

Yes

Wyoming

R. Hartway Reed -

Name of Mine Foreman,

M. H. Medill (Acting)

~~Married~~ or Single

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Sister, Town.

Was he temperate,

Yes

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Right Thumb cut off at first joint.

Released

Cause,

On the 18th day of March, 1905, Joseph Sojes was mining coal in 42 room 7 entry. 30 plane A piece of coal falling caught his thumb between it and this pick handle cutting it off at first joint. There was no one to blame. There was no witness to accident.

(Signed) Joseph Sojes.

(Signature)

M. H. Medill

Title,

Acting Foreman

Date April 20th

1905

Statement of Rock Springs
Party Injured 1070 Apr 20-02

I Martin Besso was employed
in No 1 Mine for the M. P. Coal Co
as miner on the evening of the
15-th of April I was riding on
the Mantrip up the slope about
what they call No 2 Entry I dont know
what came over me but I fell off
the trip and was dragged I should
think about fifty feet up the slope
I dont know how I came to fall
off I was on the first car of the
Mantrip next the Rope

Martin Besso

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Mine No. _____

Sup'ts No. _____

Name of Person injured, *Martin Besso*

Occupation, *Griner*

Date of Accident, *April 15th*

1905 Time *5:30 P.M.*

Location, *Rock Springs*

Mine No. *1* Entry No. *2 on slope* Room No. _____

Name of Mine Supt. *L. L. Black*

Name of Mine Foreman, *D. G. Jones*

Age of Person injured, *26*

~~Married~~ or Single

What Family, if any, _____

How long in employ, of Co., *3 1/2 Years*

Condition of Life or Circumstances, _____

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Marcelus Besso, brother, Rock Springs*

Was he an efficient man, *Yes*

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Where and in whose charge left, *Ingoing Gen'l Hospital.*

Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. R. H. Reed.*

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses. _____

Nature and extent of Accident,

Bruised about right leg and ankle and two wounds on leg.

Released

Cause,

Martin Besso was riding up the slope on man trip on the evening of April 15th 1905 in aforesaid mine he was sitting in the first car next the Rope when near the door that leads to manway at #2 Entry he says he went to lift his leg over the end of the car and he fell off the trip between the cars and the Rib and was dragged about 50 ft. by the trip and the trip passed him and went to the top and Mr. Leadbeater and the Rope Runner went back down and picked him up. When found he was sitting across the rail. He said he didn't know what came over him to cause him to fall off.

(Signature)

D. G. Jones.

Title,

Mine Foreman

Date *April 18th*

1905

Statement of Party injured

I Gaetano Lenzi was working in Room 6 Entry 48 in No 18 mine on the 18th day of April 1905 - it was about 4:30 P.M. My and my son Robert had just loaded 2 cars and I thought I would go up to the face of the Room and do a little mining. I had sounded the face and picked a little loose coal off and had commenced to mine when a piece fell and struck me on the head and knocked me around and I fell to the floor and dislocated my Right hip.

Gaetano Lenzi
 Roberto Lenzi

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured, *Gaetano Lenzi.*

Occupation, *Miner*

Date of Accident, *April 18th*

Location, *Rock Springs*

If not injured in Mine, state where,

1905 Time *About 4:30 P. M.*
Mine No. *1* Entry No. *48* Room No. *6*

Name of Mine Supt. *G. L. Black*

Age of Person injured, *47*

What Family, if any, *Five*

How long in employ, of Co., *One Year*

Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Robert Lenzi, Son, Rock Springs*

Was he an efficient man, *Yes*

Where and in whose charge left, *Ingominy General Hospital.*

Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. R. H. Reed.*

Name of Mine Foreman, *D. G. Jones*

Married ~~or~~ *Single*

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Robert Lenzi, Son, Rock Springs

Was he temperate, *Yes*

Ingominy General Hospital.

Dr. R. H. Reed.

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Scalp Wound and Dislocation of Right Hip.

Released

Cause,

Gaetano Lenzi and his son, Robert, were working together in Room 6 Entry 48 in No. 1 mine. On the afternoon of 18th April Gaetano Lenzi was mining in the face of his room which is up about 80 ft. When some coal fell off the face of the Room and struck him first on the head and dislocated his right hip. He said that he had tried to pick it down and that he had picked some of it off. This room was in good shape and in every particular well timbered.

(Signature)

D. G. Jones

Title,

Mine Foreman

Date *April 19*

1905

Statement of Party Injured
 Rock Springs Wyo
 April 3rd 1905

I Heikki Heikkela was working
 in Room 97 in Entry 45 on No 1 Mine
 for the U.P. Coal Co on the 4th day of
 April 1905 about 4 O'clock P.M. I was
 working in face of Room when my light
 went out, and some Coal fell and struck
 me on the head and back, the coal
 bursted off the face when I was in the
 dark I was well supplied with props
 and Caps

Heikki Heikkela

Witness
 Chris Mustari

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No. _____

Sup'ts No. _____

Name of Person injured,

Heikki Heikkela

Occupation,

Miner

Date of Accident,

April 4th

1905

Time

4 P. M.

Location,

Rock Springs, Wyo.

Mine No.

1

Entry No.

45

Room No. 97

Name of Mine Supt.

G. L. Black

Age of Person injured,

19

Name of Mine Foreman,

D. G. Jones

What Family, if any,

How long in employ, of Co.,

Six Weeks

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Gust Rindala, Rock Springs

Was he an efficient man,

Yes

Was he temperate,

Yes

Where and in whose charge left,

Wyoming General Hospital.

Name of Physician called, if any,

Dr. R. H. Reed.

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Cut on the head and hurt on the back.

Released

Cause,

Heikki Heikkela was working in Room 97 in Entry 45 in No. 1 Mine on the 4th day of April about 4 o'clock P. M. He was mining in the face of the room. He had his light on the floor and some coal bursted off and put his light out and he went to reach for his lamp when some more coal bursted off and struck him on the head and back.

(Signature)

D. G. Jones

Title,

Mine Foreman.

Date

April 5th

1905

STATEMENT OF PARTY INJURED.

Cumberland, Wyo., April 24th, 1905.

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, at about 3 o'clock on the afternoon of April 20th, 1905, stepped on a piece of coal and slipped with my foot under the tippie, mashing one toe and bruizing two others.

(Signed) Ellis Reese.

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No. ✓

Sup'ts No. _____

Name of Person injured, Ellis Reese
 Occupation, Foreman
 Date of Accident, April 20 1905 Time 3 o'clock P. M.
 Location, Cumland, Wyo. Mine No. _____ Entry No. _____ Room No. _____
 If not injured in Mine, state where, On No. 1 Dump

Name of Mine Supt. James Medham Name of Mine Forman, A. E. Palmer (Outside)
 Age of Person injured, 26 Married or Single
 What Family, if any, _____
 How long in employ, of Co., Eight months Condition of Life or Circumstances, _____
 Name and address of nearest living Relative, Mrs. Ellis Reese, Cland, Wyo.
 Was he an efficient man, Yes Was he temperate, Yes
 Where and in whose charge left, Mrs. Ellis Reese
 Name of Physician called, if any, Dr. J. H. Young

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Ties of left foot bruised.Released

Cause,

He was reaching in an empty car to take off the
 check before the tippie was down, and stepped on
 a small piece of coal. His foot slipped and when
 the tippie came down to its proper place caught
 his foot against one of timbers

No. witnesses to accident

James Medham
Mine Supt.

(Signature) A. E. Palmer.Date April 201905Title, Outside Foreman

Samuel May 4

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Statement of Mastaki who had shot in cross cut
top. shot through to top entry in back of
chamber was in my place while I was
in hole. He told me I saved about the
shot where it was coming. Mastaki

Samuel May 4

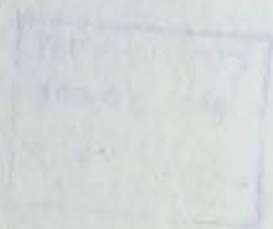
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Statement of Luavira Mura who was working
in cross cut from 2 back to 3 top entry when
shot blew through improving back of chamber.
Was out to scope for supply car when shot
was in my place and before I got back Mura
fired the shot. Luavira Mura

Mastaki
Luavira Mura

Harvest May 4

Harvest of *Notarillur* who feed about in corn cut
but don't through to life into *Notarillur* *Notarillur*



Harvest April 9

Harvest of water corn on N 2 top
of the east side Friday April 14 about 9:30
The corn was injured by a shot blowing up
from the corn cut from 20 bushels
Was going to get the corn to see if it
was shot and off.
The corn was in the corn cut
and did not find a corn cut was
done.

John
Elmore

E. J. Vaughan

Hanna, Mo. 4/19 5

I am employed as fireman at mine
near Hanna, Mo. on Friday the
14th day of April 1905 E. T. Vaughan and
myself went in the mine to lay some
pipe at about 9 O'clock. A M. while
working in number two top entry on
side opposite a cross cut that was
being driven through from number two
back entry a shot was fired in said
cross cut blowing through and injuring
Vaughan's back and shoulder.

J. H. Butler

J. H. Butler
Witness

Witness
E. T. Vaughan

around May 4

STATEMENT OF JAS. SMEATON, SHOT FIRER
at Hanna, Wyoming, Mine #1.

Hanna, Apr. 20th, 1905.

On Apr. 14th, 1905, I was on duty as Shot Firer in 2 Back Entry. About 8:30 A. M. I saw Nestor Ura and his partner start to drill a hole in cross cut from 2 back to 2 Top Entry. I told them not to fire their shot until I came back and they said all right.

While I was gone they fired the shot and same blew through to 2 Top Entry and injured Enoch Vaughn (Pipeman) who was there working on pipes. When I came back I asked them why they fired the shot and they said they did not know there was anybody in 2 Top Entry and thought it would not do any harm.

(Signed) Jas. Smeaton

Shot Firer.

Witness:

G. H. Sutton, Mine Clerk.

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
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Mine No. _____

Sup'ts No. _____

Name of Person injured, *Enoch Vaughn*
Occupation, *Pipeman*
Date of Accident, *April 14* 1905 Time *About 9 A. M.*
Location, *Hanna, Ingo.* Mine No. *1* Entry No. *2* Outside Room No. _____
If not injured in Mine, state where, _____

Name of Mine Supt. *E. S. Brooks* Name of Mine Foreman, *Joseph Burton*
Age of Person injured, *47* Married or Single *-*
What Family, if any, *Three*
How long in employ, of Co., *About 3 years this last year* Condition of Life or Circumstances, _____
Name and address of nearest living Relative, _____
Was he an efficient man, *Yes* Was he temperate, *Yes -*
Where and in whose charge left, *Family*
Name of Physician called, if any, *W. S. Bogart.*
Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses. _____

Nature and extent of Accident,
*Back bruised. Face and head cut and bruised.
Body generally bruised.*

Released

Cause,
While extending water line on No. 2 Entry East side, the entry men fired a shot in X cut from the back entry to the top entry. The shot fired went on to the entry and the men that were working on X cut told him that they had a shot to fire and he told them not to fire it till he came back and while he was gone the men working on X cut fired the shot and it blew through onto the top entry and the Pipe men were working there and the coal caught Enoch Vaughn busting him as described above.

OK
E. S. Brooks.
Mine Supt.

(Signature) *Joseph Burton*
Title, *Mine Foreman*

Date *April 19*

1905.

Cumherland X 2 June
 We the undersigned hereby
 certify that the above statement
 signed by Isaac Tackala was
 thoroughly understood by
 him and was read
 to him in the Finnish
 language by us

Signed

Isaac Tackala

Witness John Hendrickson
J. J. Blak

him at once say
 further had been
 trying to pull down
 the same piece of wood
 about 15 minutes before
 it fell

Signed

Isaac Tackala

Witness
 Isaac Tackala
 J. J. Blak

Cumberland No 2 Mine
 We the undersigned hereby
 certify that the above statement
 signed by Isaac Jackson was

1805

Cumberland No 2 Mine
 I, Isaac Jackson am
 employed as Miner working
 in No 2 Mine on above
 date I was working in
 Room 5 Ch 5 South Entry
 with my partner
 Jack Paul Jr about
 8 30 am on above date
 I was working at the face
 of my Room drilling a
 hole my partner Jack Paul Jr
 was working about 9 or 10
 feet from the face shoveling
 coal into the chute
 when a large piece of coal
 fell from about 6 or 8 feet
 from the face striking my
 partner and killing him

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES.



THE UNION PACIFIC COAL COMPANY.

Cumberland, Wyo. 5-5-1908.

Mr. Geo. L. Black, Sup't.
Rock Springs, Wyo.

Dear Sir:

I hand you herewith accident report and statement relative to the death of Jack Paul, Jr., which occurred in No. 2 Mine May 4th. I examined the room shortly after the accident and found that the cause of his death was probably as stated in Mr. Blake's statement. A piece of the top coal was still hanging to the roof and very loose. It was probably a piece of this overhanging top which fell on Paul.

No request had been made for timber, and from the condition of the room I should say that no timber was necessary. The coal being in this condition should have been taken down by the men before attempting to work under it.

Tackala is unable to write in English, and the attached statement was made up by Mr. Blake by having Tackala's answers to his questions interpreted by Jake Saari. The statement was then read to Tackala in the Finnish language, and was thoroughly understood by him, as stated in the certificate signed by Saari and Hendrickson.

Yours truly,

J. N. -W-Enc:

Geo. Hendrickson
Mine Sup't.

*fell from about 6 or 8 feet
from the face striking my
chest and killing*

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Form 123.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,

Jack Paul, Jr.
Miner

Occupation,

Date of Accident,

May 4th

1905

Time

8:55 A. M.

Location,

Chamberland, Wyo.

Mine No.

2

Entry No.

5 So.

Room No.

5

Place injured in Mine, state where,

Name of Mine Supt.

James Needham

Name of Mine Foreman,

M. J. Blake

Name of Person injured,

26

Married or Single

What Family, if any,

Wife

How long in employ, of Co.,

About eight mos.

Condition of Life or Circumstances,

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

his wife - Diamondville

Is he an efficient man,

Yes

Was he temperate,

Yes

Where and in whose charge left,

His wife

Name of Physician called, if any,

Dr. E. A. Weymuller

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Isaac Fackeler, Witness.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Skull crushed.

Fatal

Cause,

He was working about 8 or 10 ft. from the face of his room shoveling coal into the chute when a piece of top coal which he had been trying to pull down about fifteen or twenty minutes before the accident, fell from about 7 or 8 ft. from the face of the room, striking him on the head killing him instantly.

James Needham.
Mine Supt.

(Signature)

M. J. Blake,

Title,

Foreman

Date

May 4

1905.

May the 3

John Fadden while working in room
 13 I heard a fall of coal in 12 room.
 then I hollered to Thos Powell and
 got no answer so I went around to
 see what had happened and got
 him laying a one end of the car
 with head under the end.

(Signed) Thos Hunter

(Witness)

John D. Bates

REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Mine No.

Sup'ts No.

Name of Person injured,

Thomas Powell

Occupation,

Miner

Date of Accident,

May 3rd

Location,

Cumberland, Ingo.

1905

Time

About 8:45 A. M.

If not injured in Mine, state where,

Mine No. One

Entry No. 6

North

Room No. 12

Name of Mine Supt.

James Needham

Age of Person injured,

30 years

What Family, if any,

One

Name of Mine Foreman,

J. M. Faddies

Married or Single

How long in employ, of Co.,

About 10 years

Name and address of nearest living Relative,

Mrs. Thomas Powell, wife, Cumberland, Ingo.

Was he an efficient man,

Yes

Where and in whose charge left,

Dr. J. H. Young

Was he temperate,

Yes

Name of Physician called, if any,

Dr. J. H. Young

Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

No eye witness to accident.

Nature and extent of Accident,

Head injured. Died May 4th at 2 o'clock A. M.

If fatal

Cause,

As Powell was unconscious when found and no eye-witnesses to the accident I cannot positively state as to how the accident happened. But on examination after the accident, I found some pieces of coal (which probably fell in one piece and weighed about 100 lbs) from the top and which probably caused the accident.

The top at this point was considered in good condition. Powell was loading car at bottom of room when the accident happened. He was found at the end of car.

James Needham,
Mine Supt.

(Signature)

J. M. Faddies

Title,

Mine Foreman

Date May 4th

1905.

C O P Y

Cumberland, Wyo. (May 11th,
No. 1 Mine.

As I went to work on the 5th month and the 5th day, at 11:45 P.M., I was told by Mr. Bosworth, the pumper, not to go into my place till once the Fire Boss seen me. I stayed out until the Fire Boss came; after he came he examined my place and told me I could load a car, but to keep my light down. He also examined the back entry and told the men they could drill a hole and make it ready, but not to fire it till once he got the gas out. All this time the pump was pumping water; then after the pumper quit pumping the Fire Boss turned in the air in my working place and got the gas out of it, and told me I could go to work as my place was all right. Then he went to the back entry to get the gas out of it. The men working in that entry went with him with their naked lights. When I looked down the slope there was three lights; then the gas went off, also the shot.

(Signed) Stephen Sharp.

C O P Y

Cumberland, Wyo. (May 11th)

No. 1 Mine.

C O P Y

Cumberland, Wyo. 5/11/05.

This is a statement in regard to Mr. Wm. Bell getting burned. It happened Saturday morning between one and two o'clock

I had been using air to pump water out of the slope with, about 40 or 45 minutes as far as I know, when Mr. Bell told me to stop pumping and to turn air into the 9th back entry to blow gas out. Air had been going about five minutes when he started to go in to see if it was right. He got as far as the turn rails at mouth of the entry when he met gas coming out, and it lit as he was putting his naked light down. After ignition Mr. Bell examined both entries and then went out of mine.

(Signed) Jas. Bosworth.

C O P Y

Cumberland, Wyo. May 6th, 1905.

On the night of May the 5th, 9 P.M., I examined the 9th back entry and found it clear of any standing gas; but there was a large gas feeder at the top of a hole that caved out of the roof, which was kept clear by means of a blow pipe led in from compressed air line, which was used for running pump with. When the pump was working I had to shut the air off from the entry for a few minutes, when gas would collect in the hole in the roof. And every 15 or 20 minutes I would call the men out of entry, turn on the air and clear out the gas, which I had done several times during the night while the pump was working. On one occasion at about 2:30 A.M. on the morning May 6th, 05, when I went into the entry to turn on the air, there was some loose coal fell from the top of the cave in roof and brought down the gas and caught a naked light some 30 or 40 feet out in the entry causing the gas to explode and burned me on the hands and face. The entry was in from the slope about 40 feet, and I had brought the miners back from the face while I cleared out the gas.

(Signed) Wm. Bell,

Night Foreman.

THE UNION PACIFIC COAL CO.
REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY.

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Mine No.

Sup'ts No. ✓

Name of Person injured, *William Bell.*
Occupation, *Night Foreman.*
Date of Accident, *May 6th*
Location, *Cumberland, Wyo.* 1905- Time *About 2:30 A.M.*
If not injured in Mine, state where, Mine No. *1* Entry No. *9 South Room No. Back E*

Name of Mine Supt. *James Needham* Name of Mine Foreman, *J. M. Faddies*
Age of Person injured, *48* Married *Single*
What Family, if any, *Three*
How long in employ, of Co., *About 4 Yrs.* Condition of Life or Circumstances,
Name and address of nearest living Relative, *Mrs. Bell (His wife) Cumberland, Wyo.*
Was he an efficient man, *Yes* Was he temperate, *Yes*
Where and in whose charge left, *His Wife*
Name of Physician called, if any, *Dr. J. H. Young.*
Name and P. O. Address of Witnesses.

Nature and extent of Accident, *Face and Hands burned.*

Released

Cause,
After my investigation I find that Mr. Bell found Gas in the 9th South Back Entry and in order to remove the Gas he told the pump man James Bosworth, to stop the pump and turn the air in said entry. He gave Bell the air and moved the gas too quick as Bell had a naked light close by which he should not have had at that time, and the gas exploded and burned him causing his injuries.

(Signature)

J. M. Faddies
Title, *Mine Foreman*

Date *May 11th*

1905-