

**MINING FATALITIES IN THE WINDBER AREA, TAKEN FROM EXTANT
NEWSPAPERS, INCLUDING THE *WINDBER ERA*, THE *WINDBER JOURNAL*,
THE *JOHNSTOWN DEMOCRAT*, AND THE *SOMERSET COUNTY DEMOCRAT*,
1898-1917**

I.

**THESE FATALITIES APPEARED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS
AND ARE LISTED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE MINING RECORDS**

Note: These articles often cited alternative surnames or spellings of surnames. Ages and other information may differ as well from the state reports. For example, compare John Hunter's age here with that given in the state's report.

Note: Cross references refer to the name as listed in the state mining records

ADEMSIK, Joe. Slovak miner killed by fall of coal in mine 42. Meek undertaker. Slovak church funeral and burial in East End cemetery.
Source: *Windber Era*, 4-16-1914
See Adamsick, Joseph

AMONSKI, Joe. Pole who came to country one month ago run down by motor in mine 30 Wed. Avoided one and struck by another. Aged 35. Buried in St. John's.
Source: "Killed in the Mine," *Windber Journal*, 12-17-1903.
See Adamoskey, Joseph

ARNONSKI, Joe. A Pole killed in mine 30 on Monday. Stepped out of way of one motor and run down by another. Spragger had tried to warn him but failed. Undertaker Meek and burial in Roman Catholic cemetery. "The deceased came to America only a month ago and lived in house No. 14 at mine 30. He was aged 35 and had no relatives here."
Source: *Windber Era*, 12-10-1903
See Adamoskey, Joseph

ARNOSKI, Joe. Pole killed in mine 30 Mon. when run down by motor. Did not hear warning of spragger. Lived in mine 30 at house 14. Aged 35 and had no relatives in Windber. "The deceased came to America only a month ago...."
Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 12-16-1903
See Adamoskey, Joseph

BERKEY, Harry. One of three killed by fall of rock in mine 33. American, aged 28, and single. Lived at Berkey's church.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 9-28-1906

BOLOK, Steve. Killed Sat. by fall of rock in mine 34. Mass by Rev. Bela Houdes of Johnstown. Aged 28. Leaves wife in Old Country. Buried in East End cemetery.

Source: "Additional Local," *Windber Journal*, 10-6-1904

See Bolock, Steve

BOLUSKUS, Joe. Tracklayer at Mine 32 killed by electricity. Boarded with Joe Kulpuk on Cambria Avenue. Little know about him except that he was a Slav and aged 20.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 6-27-1900

See Balascock, Joseph

BONNO, John. Polish miner electrocuted at mine 30 on July 19.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 7-30-1902

See Banal, John

BONNO, John. A Pole killed in mine 30 Saturday when leaving mine and struck by trolley wire (electrocuted). Funeral on Monday at Catholic church.

Source: "Electrocuted," *Windber Era*, 7-24-1902

See Banal, John

BORTMAN, Frank. Spragger killed at no. 31 mine on Tuesday Single and aged 33. Had worked in Windber for one month. Came from Portage.

Source: "Spragger Killed at No. 31 Mine," *Windber Journal*, 3-17-1903

BORTMAN, Joseph. A spragger killed Tuesday in mine 31. When coming out of the mine, he was caught between roof and motor on which he was riding. Undertaker Ribbling and burial in Wilmore. Aged 20 and popular in Windber.

Source: "Spragger Bortman Instantly Killed," *Windber Era*, 3-18-1903

See Bortman, Frank

BRECKO, George. Slav killed Saturday in mine 30 by electric wire. Aged 30. Survived by wife and one child.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 8-20-1902

See Bresko. George

CAGOGAN, John. American. Aged 18. Neck broken by roof collapse. Son of James Cagogen who lives in Dark Shade. Buried in Dark Shade. Had worked in mine 39 for one week. Ribbling & Son undertakers.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 1-9-1903

See Gahagan, John

- CARRA, Patti.** Died at Windber Hospital. Hurt in mine 31 previously. Roman Catholic church service.
Source: [Obituary], *Windber Era*, 8-22-1907
See Zauer, Pasia
- CATCHMAR, John.** Electrocuted in mine 32 on Wednesday. A wife and child in Old Country. Buried in Roman Catholic cemetery. Aged 21. G. C. Meek and St. John's burial.
Source: *Windber Era*, 4-27-1905 and [Obituary], *Windber Era*, 5-4-1905
See Katchmer, John
- CECHNER, Joe.** One of two men killed in 36 mine by runaway trip of cars. Lived at 557 mine 35. Buddy of Spezock at work. Magyar. Aged 20.
Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 6-3-1910
See Latchner, Joe
- CECHNER, Joe.** Buddy of Joe Spezock. Boarded with Spezock. Magyar. Aged 20. Killed by runaway trip of cars in mine 36.
Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 6-8-1910
See Latchner, Joe
- CUSTER, Arthur.** One of 7 men killed in 37 mine in explosion. Aged 38 of Scalp Level.
Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 4-16-1909
- CUSTER, Arthur.** All 7 killed in explosion in mine 37. Others injured.
Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 4-14-1909
- CUSTER, Arthur.** Aged 38. Lived in Scalp Level. Son of John Custer, who lives in Crum. Married and leaves wife and 4 or 5 children.
Source: "Explosion at 37 Mine," *Windber Era*, 4-15-1909 and "Overcharge the Cause," *Windber Era*, 4-22-1909
- DONATO, Joe.** Hurt in premature explosion at mine 36 on October 29 and died Friday in Windber Hospital. Aged 21. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Donato of 7th Street. Funeral on Sunday in Italian church with Father Leon. Italian band to Italian cemetery.
Source: "Dynamite Explosion Results in Miners' Death," *Windber Era*, 11-9-1906
See Donnetti, Joe
- DOWEN, Enoch.** Electrocuted in mine 31 while laying a pipe line Saturday. Born in England on Dec. 10, 1882. Aged 26. Leaves wife, 2 children, brothers and sisters, parents. Services in Methodist Episcopal church by Pastor Fornear. Meek

undertaker. Burial in East End cemetery. Eagles, Odd Fellows, fire company marched to cemetery.

Source: "Electrocuted in Mine 31," *Windber Era*, 3-18-1909

DUNDRISKI, Dominick. Aged 18. Polish. Single. Lived at 380 11th Street. Loader in mine 31. Roof fell. Undertaker Ribbling. St. John's service. Killed at same time with Lepansky.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 12-5-1902

See Dembrosky, Frank

DURANT, Samuel. Italian miner killed in mine 33 by fall of coal on Thursday Leaves a wife and 2 children.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 8-10-1904

See Drinch, Sam

DURANT, Samuel. Italian track walker crushed to death in mine 34 on Thursday by fall of rock. Worked in mine for 4 years. Aged 27. Leaves wife and 2 children. Undertaker Meek and burial in Roman Catholic cemetery.

Source: "Killed in the Mines," *Windber Journal*, 8-11-1904

See Drinch, Sam

EDMISTON, David. Aged 16. Skull crushed by falling roof. Parents' home in Petersburg, Huntingdon Co. Buried Sunday. "The unfortunate lad had been employed at the mines of the B-W Co. several months. He has a brother residing in Johnstown."

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 4-22-1898

See Edmuston, David E.

EDMISTON, David. Aged 16. Killed by fall of roof. Parents lived in Petersburg, Huntingdon County. Buried there. "The unfortunate had been employed at the mines of the B-W Co., several months."

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 4-20-1898

See Edmuston, David E.

FASCIANO, Ralph. Italian boy crushed in mine 34 Monday when riding car and thrown from it as leaving mine. Aged 17.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 9-2-1903

See Fashand, Rapho

FASCIANO, Ralph. Mine car ran over him. Aged 17 and Italian. Saas and St. John's cemetery.

Source: "Killed in the Mine," *Windber Journal*, 8-27-1903

See Fashand, Rapho

FASCIANO, Robert. Italian miner killed in mine 34 Monday by a runaway car. Aged 16. Lived with uncle, Nunzio d'Alfonso on Midway. Buried from St. John's.
Source: "Additional Locals," *Windber Era*, 8-27-1903
See Fashand, Rapho

GAHAGEN, John. Killed by fall of rock Thursday in mine 39. Funeral and burial at Berkey church. Son of James Gahagen of Paint Township.
Source: "Local Happenings," *Windber Era*, 1-15-1903
See Gahagan, John

GAGHIGAN, John. Aged 18. Killed in mine 39 near Foustwell by roof cave-in. From Dark Shade, where parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gaghigan live. Dunkards.
Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 1-14-1903
See Gahagan, John

GANCH, Alex. Hungarian electrocuted in mine 36 Wednesday. Aged 24. Boarded with brother at 585 mine 35. Was a loader after mining machines and hit by electric wire.
Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 1-27-1904
See Gaunch, Alex

GASTER, John. Hurt by fall of rock in mine 42 Friday and died on Saturday. Not realize seriousness of injuries. Aged 40. Leaves wife and 4 children. Burial in Slavish cemetery Monday.
Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 5-17-1911
See Gaspar, John

GIBSON, Michael. Aged 58. Lived in mine 37. Rock boss at 37. Leaves large family, including wife, 2 sons, and 5 other children. Father of William Gibson. Two sons employed in 37 mine and not there at time of accident. Once lived in Houtzdale, Boswell, Dunlo, Horatio. Roman Catholic service.
Source: "Explosion at 37 Mine," *Windber Era*, 4-15-1909 and "Overcharge the Cause," *Windber Era*, 4-22-1909

GIBSON, Michael. One of 7 men killed in 37 mine in explosion. Aged 38. Father of William Gibson. Lived at 37.
Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 4-16-1909

GIBSON, Michael. Aged 38. All 7 killed in explosion in mine 37. Others injured.
Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 4-14-1909

GIBSON, William. Aged 22. Lived in mine 37. Son of Michael Gibson.
Source: "Explosion at 37 Mine," *Windber Era*, 4-15-1909 and "Overcharge the Cause," *Windber Era*, 4-22-1909

GIBSON, William. One of 7 men killed in 37 mine in explosion. Aged 23. Son of Michael Gibson. Lived at 37.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 4-16-1909

GIBSON, William. Aged 22. All 7 killed in explosion in mine 37. Others injured.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 4-14-1909

GLODORIA, Naty. Foreigner, aged 30, killed Tuesday in mine 36 by fall of rock. Married. Lived at 552 mine 35.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 6-12-1903

See Gladvia, Mike

HALLIGAN, Michael. Killed while blasting coal by fall of roof. Body to Williamsport, Pa., for burial.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 3-8-1899

See Holigan, Michael

HAMEL, Young. Head crushed and killed instantly in mine 32. Aged 24. Working last day before leaving to go to Tyrone. Born in Tyrone and a job there. Son of Ed Hamel in East End.

Source: "Head Crushed. Windber Man Killed Instantly Working His Last Day in Eureka No. 32 Mine," *Windber Era*, 10-23-1902

See Hammel, Edward

HANISH, John. Miner caught under fall of rock in mine 42 on Tuesday. E. A. Diethrick funeral. Slavish Catholic church. Aged 19.

Source: *Windber Era*, 4-10-1913

HANLON, Patrick. Spragger killed at mine 32 on Sunday and crushed by rocks at work. Son of Edward Hanlon, formerly of Johnstown. Aged 23 or 24. Called tragic since this was his last day of work in the mines. "Had he lived until Monday he would have been away from the place of danger where he met death. He had decided to go to Tyrone to work there and Sunday was to be his last day in the B-W mines at Windber."

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 10-22-1902

See Hammel, Edward

HARBAUGH, Thomas. Killed by fall of rock in mine 35. Leaves wife and 3 children. "He was a member of two Hungarian societies, both of which participated in the funeral Sunday which was conducted by a Johnstown clergyman of the Presbyterian faith, the victim having been a member of that church. The Reed band of Johnstown headed the funeral procession and played dirges on the way to the East End cemetery, where interment was made."

Source: "Two Tragic Deaths," *Windber Journal*, 7-30-1903

See Harwart, Thomas

HAYIDO, Gabor. Crushed to death by fall of rock in mine 36 on Monday. Lived at mine 35. Aged 26. Unmarried. Undertaker Meek.

Source: "Crushed Under Rock," *Windber Era*, 10-21-1909

See Hydock, Gab

HOAGLAND, Andrew. Killed at mine 40 in April 1915. Wife, Mrs. I. Z. Hoagland, brought lawsuit against Eureka Casualty Company, B-W's accident insurance company, and lost case. Judge Ruppel ruled.

Source: "Last Wages Paid Are Proper Basis," *Windber Era*, 1-18-1917

HUNGRADDLE, Mike. Killed by fall of coal in mine 36. Aged 33 and employed in Windber mines for 5 years. Leaves widow in Old Country.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 1-29-1908

See Hungarden, Mike

HUNTER, John. Aged 11 years. Killed by train of cars at entrance to mine 34. Son of John Hunter, Sr. Worked with father. Killed at end of day's work on leaving. Stepped out of way of outgoing train and into front of incoming one.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 8-3-1900

KATOPITE, Metro. Aged 24. Lived in mine 37. Not married. All 7 men killed in explosion in mine 37 Friday. Three others hurt.

Source: "Explosion at 37 Mine," *Windber Era*, 4-15-1909 and "Overcharge the Cause," *Windber Era*, 4-22-1909

See Katopitz, Metro

KATOPITZ, Metro. One of 7 men killed at 37 mine in explosion. Aged 24. Lived at 37.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 4-16-1909

KATOPITZ, Metro. Aged 24. All 7 killed in explosion in mine 37. Others injured.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 4-14-1909

KOSICK, Joe. Aged 28. Lived in mine 37. Not married. All 7 men killed in explosion in mine 37 Friday. Three others hurt.

Source: "Explosion at 37 Mine," *Windber Era*, 4-15-1909 and "Overcharge the Cause," *Windber Era*, 4-22-1909

See Kowats, Joseph

KUKU, Denipure. A Magyar killed at 37 on Friday by a fall of rock.

Source: "The Passing Show," *Windber Era*, 8-21-1902

See Kuk, Demicure

KUNKLE, William. Killed in mine 40 by electric wire. Promoted to motorman from spragger one month ago. Worked for B-W for 2 years. Lived with brother. Parents and brothers and sisters. Burial in Geistown.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 12-7-1910

LEPANSKY, Adam. Aged 28. Polish. Single. Lived at 342 11th Street. Loader in mine 31. Roof fell. Undertaker Ribbling. St. John's service. Killed at same time as Dundriski.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 12-5-1902

See Tapensky, Adam

MAHA, Wassal. Hungarian killed while opening new heading in mine 37. Aged 24. Single. A sister lives here. Burial in Greek cemetery.

Source: "Blast in #37 Mine," *Windber Era*, 6-20-1907

MAHA, Wassal. Miner killed when a blast at mine 37 and buried in debris. Aged 24 and unmarried. One sister lives at Windber. Blasting to open up a heading.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 6-26-1907

MAJDOCK, Alex. Killed in mine 30 Thursday by fall of rock. A Slav, married, aged 27, and lived at mine 30.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 6-24-1903

See Mydock, Alexander

MOYERNAK, Paul. Aged 25. All 7 killed in explosion in mine 37. Others injured.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 4-14-1909

See Meyernak, Paul

MUDOCK, Alex. Loader at mine 30 killed by fall of rock. Rev. Polivka and a Greek service.

Source: "Local News," *Windber Journal*, 6-25-1903

See Mydock, Alexander

MYERNACK, Paul. Aged 25. Lived in mine 37. A Slav. Married. Leaves a wife and 2 children in the Old Country. All 7 men killed in explosion in mine 37 Friday. Three others hurt.

Source: "Explosion at 37 Mine," *Windber Era*, 4-15-1909 and "Overcharge the Cause," *Windber Era*, 4-22-1909

See Meyernak, Paul

MYERNAK, Paul. One of 7 men killed at 37 mine in explosion. Aged 25. Lived at 37.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 4-16-1909

See Meyernak, Paul

NEMIS, Steve. Aged 28. All 7 killed in explosion in mine 37. Others injured.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 4-14-1909

NEMIS, Steve. Aged 28. Lived in mine 37. "Steve Nemis was a Greek and was married." All 7 men killed in explosion in mine 37 Friday. Three others hurt.

Source: "Explosion at 37 Mine," *Windber Era*, 4-15-1909 and "Overcharge the Cause," *Windber Era*, 4-22-1909

NEMIS, Steve. One of 7 men killed in 37 mine in explosion. Aged 28. Lived at 37.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 4-16-1909

PACINA, Joe. Killed by runaway trip of cars in mine 36 on Sunday. Buried by Hungarian Relief Society. Meek undertaker. Married. Buried in East End cemetery.

Source: "Caught by Mine Cars," *Windber Era*, 4-13-1905

PENDZINAZ, Matthew. Austrian miner killed in mine 30 Wednesday by electric wire. Aged 54 and leaves a family in the Old Country.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 1-15-1902

See Pinzelmis, Mike

PHILIPS, Thomas. Spragger killed Saturday in mine 36. Runaway train hit train he was riding and he was crushed. Died at Windber Hospital. Aged 30. Leaves wife and child. Undertaker Meek and burial in Scalp Level Lutheran cemetery. Resident of Windber and employee of B-W for 10 years.

Source: "Killed at No. 36 Mine," *Windber Era*, 9-2-1909

See Phillips, Thomas

PHILLIPS, George. Killed in mine 40. Aged 24. Single. Burial in Roman Catholic cemetery.

Source: *Windber Era*, 9-26-1907

PIPLIO, Lewis. Killed in mine 30 when two workers careless. Spragger lived on 9th street. Family in Old Country. Roman Catholic service.

Source: "Carelessness Causes Death," *Windber Era*, 12-26-1907

See Poplo, Louis

POSTLENICK, Valentine. Austrian killed in mine 30 Saturday by electric motors hauling cars. A track cleaner who did not hear cars. Skull fractured. Buried Geistown. Age 35. Married and wife and children in Old Country. In employ of B-W for some time.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 5-17-1901

See Postlemick, Valentine

REZSOS, Peter. Killed in mine 30 Friday by fall of rock. Aged 36. Rev. Saas and burial in St. John's.

Source: "Killed in the Mine," *Windber Journal*, 11-19-1903

See Resor, Peter

ROSELESKI, Vider. Aged 35. Run down by trip of cars in mine 37. Dobosh also killed. A wife and 3 children in the Old Country.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 8-5-1904

ROSELESKI, Vider. One of two killed coming out of mine 37 and run over by mine motor. Aged 35. Leaves wife and 3 children in the Old Country.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 8-3-1904

ROSELESKI, Vider. One of two killed, a third injured when run down by trip of cars in mine 37 Friday. Aged 30. Leaves wife and two children in Old Country.

Undertaker Meek and burial in Roman Catholic cemetery.

Source: "Fatal Accident at #37 Mine," *Windber Era*, 8-4-1904

ROWNAK, John. Killed at mine 35 by fall of roof. Aged 24. Widow in the Old Country.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 6-3-1910

See Ronack, John

ROWNAK, John. Miner crushed by fall of rock in mine 35. Aged 24. Leaves wife in the Old Country.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 6-8-1910

See Ronack, John

RUSOVICZ, Ludwig. A Pole killed in mine 30. Married and wife in the Old Country. Meek and burial in Roman Catholic cemetery.

Source: *Windber Era*, 7-27-1905

See Roservitz, Ludwig

SAVITCH, John. Killed in dynamite explosion in mine 34 Thursday. Four others hurt. Aged 28 and leaves wife.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 7-23-1902

SCHRUM, William L. Night foreman of mine 40 killed by crash of cars in mine. Ran motor and trip of cars in absence of motorman. Came to Windber several years ago from Blairsville. Leaves brothers and sisters there. Undertaker E. A. Diethrick and burial in Blairsville.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 11-25-1908

SHAFFER, C. C. Run down Friday in mine 32 when leaving mine to go home. Stepped out of way of one train but hit by another. Parents live in Blairsville. Burial in Scalp Level Lutheran cemetery.

Source: "Killed in #32 Mine," *Windber Era*, 1-21-1909

SHEICH, Mike. A foreign miner caught in fall of coal on Monday in mine 37 and died two hours later. Taken to Memorial Hospital. Undertaker Ribbling and services by Rev. Krider. Burial in East End cemetery.

Source: "Caught in Fall of Coal," *Windber Era*, 3-5-1903

See Sherish, Martin

SHISNAH, John. Killed by motor in mine 35. Aged 32. Married.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 7-27-1910

See Shismack, John

SHOULTIS, Andrew. Killed by fall of rock in mine 39. Skull crushed and back broken. Two others injured. Aged 40, married, and 6 children in Old Country.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 6-28-1907

SLOVICK, Joe. A Slovak track cleaner killed in mine 26 on Sunday. Meek and Roman Catholic cemetery. Aged 58. Has 3 daughters in U.S. and a wife in the Old Country.

Source: [Obituary], *Windber Era*, 8-10-1905

See Slavik, Joe

SPEZOCK, Joe. One of two men killed in 36 mine by runaway trip of cars. Lived at 557 mine 35. Boarded with Joe Cechner, his buddy, also killed. Magyar. Aged 34. Leaves a wife and 5 children in the Old Country.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 6-3-1910

See Spesock, John

SPEZOCK, Joe. Buddy of Joe Cechner in mine 36. Lived at 557 mine 35. Killed by runaway trip of cars in mine 36. Magyar. Aged 34. Leaves wife and 5 children in Hungary.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 6-8-1910

See Spesock, John

STATLER, Lemon. Boy aged 15 killed in mine 33 when caught between two cars and crushed.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 8-8-1906

See Stotler, Lemon

STEVENS, Bennie. A spragger killed in mine 35 on Saturday. Son of Lewis and Mary Ann Stevens of 8th street. Aged 22. St. John's church and burial on Monday. Had Prudential policy for \$500.

Source: "Young Stevens Meets Death," *Windber Era*, 10-29-1903

See Stevans, Ben

STEVENS, Benjamin. Spragger killed in mine 35 on Saturday. Motor ran over him. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stevens of 8th street. Aged 23. Services by Rev. Saas at St. John's. "The young man's fellow employes attended the funeral and mines were temporarily idle Monday."

Source: "Benjamin Stevens," *Windber Journal*, 10-29-1903

For the story of how this particular accident led the town's only independent newspaper to launch a unionization drive, see *Windber Journal*, October 29, 1903 and November 5, 1903.

STRAG, Martin. Hungarian killed in mine 37 when hit by cars. Undertaker E. C. Meek. Leaves wife and several children in Hungary.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 9-7-1904

See Stella, Martin

SUCTH, Mike. Died. Hurt on April 7 in mine 36.

Source: *Windber Era*, 4-13-1905

See Leech, Mike

SURAK, Alex. Caught under a fall of rock in mine 36 Monday. Aged 30. Leaves wife and 2 children. Lived at Midway. Funeral in Hungarian Reformed Church.

Hungarian Beneficial Society out with brass band. Burial in East End cemetery.

Source: "Deaths," *Windber Era*, 6-5-1913

SVINOR, John. Spragger killed Saturday in mine 42. Aged 22. Married short time.

Meek undertaker. Greek Catholic church.

Source: "Deaths," *Windber Era*, 6-10-1914

See Swinor, John

TIMKO, John. A Polish miner killed by fall of rock in mine 35 on Saturday.

Unmarried. Aged 27. Undertaker Meek and burial in Greek Catholic cemetery.

Source: "Foreign Miner Killed," *Windber Era*, 8-18-1904

See Tinko, John

TIMKO, Mike. Killed in mine 37 by being struck by electric motor. Hungarian avoided one motor and struck by another. Aged 25. Leaves wife and 2 children.

Buried in Greek Catholic cemetery. Rev. Polivka ceremony.

Source: "Foreigner Killed," *Windber Journal*, 11-12-1903

See Timco, Mike

TOMKO, John. Killed by fall of rock in mine 35 on Saturday. Aged 37 and single.

Burial from Greek Catholic church.

Source: [Obituary], *Windber Journal*, 8-18-1904

See Tinko, John

TRINKO, Mike. Hungarian killed in mine 37 when run down by motor. Aged 25.
Buried in Greek Catholic cemetery and undertaker Meek.

Source: "Killed at Eureka No. 37," *Windber Era*, 11-12-1903

See Timco, Mike

TULLY, Andrew M. Crushed thigh in Scalp Level mine 30. Home at Summerhill.
Died at Memorial Hospital. Buried Wilmore cemetery. Son of Michael and
Elizabeth Tully. "He entered in the employ of the B-W Co. several months ago."

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 2-11-1898

See Lully, Andy

TULLY, Andrew M. Motorman crushed Wednesday. To Johnstown's Memorial
Hospital. Son of Michael and Eliza Tully, of Summerhill, Cambria County.
Aged 25. "He had been employed by the B-W Co. since last June."

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 2-16-1898

See Lully, Andy

VIRGIN, Reuben. Electric shock in mine 30 while placing timbers on car. Aged 18.
Son of Supt. Joseph Virgin of Bethel mines. Parents' home in Bethel.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 5-13-1898

See Coirgin, Reuben

VIRGIN, Reuben. Killed by electric shock Saturday in mine 30. Son of Supt. Joseph
Virgin of Bethel Coal Company. Aged 18. Survived by parents and 7 brothers
and sisters.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 5-11-1898

See Coirgin, Reuben

WISE, W. D. Miner killed by live wire in mine 40 on Friday. Died within hour.
"Miners who have been instructed in first aid work made vain efforts to revive the
injured man." Former resident of Jamestown, Cambria County. Leaves wife and
2 children.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 9-13-1911

See D. W. Wise

YUCAS, Anton. Killed Saturday by being caught between car and rock. A foreigner and
unmarried. Aged 35 and boarded in a company house.

Source: "Local," *Windber Journal*, 12-22-1904

ZACK, Anton. Loader at 34 mine killed by electrical contact. Lived on 9th street.
Leaves wife and 3 children.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 2-28-1902

ZACK, Anton. Loader in mine 31 killed Thursday by contact with electric wire. Lived on 9th street. Leaves wife and 3 children in Old Country.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 3-5-1902

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Note: These omissions from the state reports suggest that the death toll in the mines was considerably higher than the state's figures indicate.

Note: Foreigners seem to have been the vast majority, if not all, of the unidentified victims cited in the local newspapers. One reason may have been cultural and linguistic difficulties in gathering the names, but the failure to name these victims also suggests that the media and coal company may have considered foreign-born workers' lives less worthy of value and respect than that of American miners.

_____ **[Unidentified miner]**. "Live Wire Kills Miner." An unidentified foreign miner killed in mine 30 Wednesday. Friends arranged burial.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 6-9-1899

_____ **[Unidentified miner]**.

_____ **[Unidentified miner]**. "Two foreign miners were killed in Eureka No. 31 mine Thursday morning of last week by the roof of the room falling in. The remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery Friday."

Source: "Additional Local," *Windber Era*, 12-11-1902

_____ **[Unidentified miner]**. "A foreign miner was killed in Eureka No. 36 mine Tuesday while at work. He was the third husband of the wife who with several children mourn his death. The remains were taken in charge by undertaker George Ribling, and interment was made in the Roman Catholic cemetery today.

Source: "Additional Local," *Windber Era*, 6-11-1903

_____ **[Unidentified miner]**. "A foreigner was instantly killed at Eureka No. 30 mine last Thursday night by a fall of rock. The remains were taken in charge by undertaker Ribling and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. Father Polivka administered the last sad rites to the remains."

Source: "Meets Sudden Death," *Windber Era*, 6-25-1903

_____ [Unidentified miner]. One man unidentified killed in Foustwell, mine 39, while blasting coal. Two others hurt.

Source: [Obituary], *Windber Era*, 6-27-1907

Note: This man was probably Andrew Shoultis.

ADOINICK, Paul. Died in Windber Hospital where he had been a patient for three months. "The deceased was injured in the mines and had been in a bad condition for some time." Survived by one brother in Windber.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 1-18-1911

BURKE, Thomas H. Engineer killed Tuesday at mine 36 power plant while making up a train of cars which jumped track. Aged 36. Son of Margaret and Silas Burke of Lovett. Survived also by one brother and two sisters. "Thomas H. Burke was one among the first engineers to be assigned a run on the Windber extension...."

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 11-12-1902

BURKE, Tos. A. Engineer killed when engine jumped track in mine 36. A pioneer engineer on Windber branch of P.R.R. Aged 34. Parents live in Lovett. Has two brothers who are engineers. Buried in Wilmore on Saturday.

Source: "Under His Engine," *Windber Era*, 11-06-1902

CAPCKO, Andy. Miner killed in mine 32 by fall of slate. Aged 46. Leaves wife and 4 children in Old Country. Was working for George Morchanic, contractor, who was taking out old pillars. Buried by Rev. Saas Friday.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 7-5-1905

COUT, Mike. Killed Friday by fall of rock in mine 36. Boarded at mine 35 with sister. Aged 21 and unmarried. Undertaker E. A. Diethrick. "Cout was the third from one boardinghouse to meet death in No. 36 mine within the past several weeks. His brother-in-law and another boarder were the other two victims, both having been run down and killed by a motor."

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 8-3-1910

DOBOSH, John. Aged 37. Run down by trip of cars in mine 37. Roseleski also killed.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 8-5-1904

DOBOSH, John. One of two killed, a third injured when run down by trip of cars in mine 37 Friday. Unmarried. Died at Memorial Hospital later. Undertaker Meek and burial in Roman Catholic cemetery.

Source: "Fatal Accident at #37 Mine," *Windber Era*, 8-4-1904

DOBUSH, John. One of two killed coming out of mine 37 and run over by mine motor. Aged 37.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 8-3-1904

DUCHI, John. A Pole hurt Saturday in mine 34 when caught by a motor. Died Monday in Memorial Hospital. Buried in Windber.

Source: "Pole Injured at No. 34," *Windber Era*, 3-24-1904

GERBI, Lou. Aged 28. All 7 killed in explosion in mine 37. Others injured.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 4-14-1909

HERRISKEY, John. A Slav electrocuted Wed. in mine 33. Buried in Scalp Level on Saturday. Aged 30. Leaves widow and several children in Old Country.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 4-5-1905

HOSKI, John. One of three killed by fall of rock in mine 33. Aged about 34, Slavish, and married. Lived at 37,

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 9-28-1906

KING, Steve. "Steve King sustains a broken back from a fall of coal in mine 37 last Friday. There is hope of recovery."

Source: *Windber Era*, 2-04-1904; and

"Steve King, who was injured some time ago at No. 37 mine, and who returned here last week from the Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, died of his injuries Saturday. Interment was made in the East End cemetery, the funeral being conducted by Undertaker Ribbling. A wife and several children survive him."

Source: "Local," *Windber Era*, 5-26-1904

LEONARD, Mike. Killed in mine 32 by motor car when he was leaving mine.

Undertaker Meek. St. John's Catholic cemetery Tuesday. Aged 35. Leaves wife in Hungary.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 1-4-1905

LIZZIE, John. Italian run down by trip of cars last week in mine 36 and died later.

Lived on 17th street. Leaves wife in Old Country. Large funeral.

Source: "Deaths," *Windber Journal*, 10-27-1904

MANGESON, John. Killed Tuesday. Hurt in car shop when caught under car. Died at Memorial Hospital. Son-in-law of John Jacobsen, supt. of car shop. Lived on Stockholm Avenue. Wife and children in Sweden. Meek undertaker. Swedish church service.

Source: "Caught Under Car," *Windber Era*, 9-14-1905.

Correction: Mangeson was brother-in-law of Jacobsen.

Source: *Windber Era*, 9-21-1905

MISENICK, Peter. “Peter Misenick, a Slavish miner who fell from a motor in No. 35 mine Wednesday of last week and had his back broken, died three days later. Deceased has two brothers here. Interment was made at St. John’s Cemetery Thursday.”

Source: “Local News,” *Windber Journal*, 5-19-1904

MOCHAK, Steve. Killed Thursday in mine 35 by trip of empty cars. Aged 30. Married, 1 child, brother and sister in Windber. Greek Catholic church burial Sunday.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 6-29-1910

MORGANSON, John. Died in Memorial Hospital. Was working under car when train hit it. Son-in-law of John Jacobson, superintendent of repair shop for B-W.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 9-15-1905

NOVINSKI, Alec. Lost legs in mine 36 accident. May be fatal [and was]. Home in mine 35.

Source: “Had Legs Ground Off,” *Windber Era*, 11-16-1905

PIETAK, Zassil. Miner killed by electricity in mine. Leaves wife in Old Country. Rev. Balogh and Greek Catholic service.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 8-23-1905

PLETAK, Vaso. Slovak electrocuted in mine 31 on Monday at end of day’s work. Meek undertaker. Burial in Roman Catholic cemetery. Aged 50. Wife in Old Country.

Source: “Miner Instantly Killed,” *Windber Era*, 8-17-1905

POLONY, William. Hungarian killed in mine 34 by fall of rock. Aged 16. “The young man had never worked in a mine until the day before the fatal accident.” Burial by Rev. Samuel on Saturday in East End.

Source: “Additional Local,” *Windber Journal*, 9-24-1903

PREVO, Mike. Slavish miner killed in mine 32 on Wednesday. Thrown from a car on which he was riding. Aged 17. Burial by Rev. Polivka in St. Mary’s cemetery.

Source: “Killed in the Mine,” *Windber Journal*, 12-10-1903

PREVO, Mike. Resident of 17th Street killed in mine 32 on Wednesday when run over by trip of cars. Aged 18. Buried in Greek Catholic cemetery by Undertaker Meek.

Source: [Obituary], *Windber Era*, 12-10-1903

RABITON, Duno. Italian aged 25. Single. Died Monday at Memorial Hospital. Hurt days ago internally in mine.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 6-18-1902

SHIPPEY, Jacob. A spragger died after injury in mine 34 on November 2. Blood poisoning and died in Memorial Hospital. In 3 days he would have been 21. Caught between two cars on Nov. 2.

Source: "Spragger Shippey Succumbs to Injuries," *Windber Era*, 11-19-1903

SMUTKO, Joseph. A Slovak loader killed by fall of rock in mine 35 on Tuesday. Married for two years. Buried in Greek cemetery.

Source: "Local," *Windber Era*, 2-11-1904

SOVCHICK, Mike. Killed in mine 35 on Wednesday. Lived on 7th Street. Greek church service.

Source: "Two Killed in #35," *Windber Era*, 5-2-1907

SPERSTCH, Gyula. Killed in mine 35 on Tuesday. Single. Slavish who boarded at Paul Mareck's. An extra spragger.

Source: "Two Killed in #35," *Windber Era*, 5-2-1907

SUKO, Joe. Loader killed in mine 32 by fall of rock. Died in Memorial Hospital in Johnstown. Aged 21, single, and boarded at Midway Hotel.

Source: "Foreigner Killed in Mine," *Windber Journal*, 3-17-1904

WAZAS, Michael. Killed by fall of rock Thursday in mine 30. Aged 40. Leaves wife and 4 children.

Source: *Somerset County Democrat*, 11-15-1905

ZAMBISK, George. One of three killed by fall of rock in mine 33. Aged 27 and single. Lived at 37.

Source: *Johnstown Democrat*, 9-28-1906

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