

Female Mining Deaths: 1851-1913 - Wigan & District

Surname	First	Type	YR	Age	Occ	Pit	Owner	Town	Description
YATES	Mary		1854			Sankey Brook	Sankey Brook Coal Co.	St.Helens	Run over by railway wagon.
FARRIMON	Elizabeth		1854	16		Spring	Thomas Pearson	Wigan	Run over by railway wagon near pit.
MARSH	Mary		1854			Orrell	W.H. Brancker and Co.	Wigan	Injured on surface railway.
MOSS	Ann		1855			Ince Hall Coal a	Ince Hall Coal and Cannel Co.	Wigan	Crushed by wagon in Arley pit.
NORCROSS	Susannah		1855			Blackbrook Bro	Brother and Sothern	St.Helens	Caught in machinery.
GOLDING	Mary		1856			Pemberton	Jonathan Blundell and Son	Wigan	Being run over by arailway truck near the pit bank.
FISHER	Mary		1857			Sankey Brook	Sankey Brook Coal Co.	St.Helens	Crushed between coal trucks at surface.
MOSS	Jane		1861	21	Labourer	Blackleyhurst	Samuel Stock	St.Helens	Run over by locomotive on tramway.
PENNINGTON	Mary		1861			Ince Hall	Ince Hall Coal Co	Wigan	Crushed between flywheel of engine and foundation.
CUNLIFFE	Alice		1861	13	Wagon filler	Blackeyhurst	Samuel Stock	St.Helens	Crushed betwen two waggons on surface.
EDEN	Sarah		1862	23	Labourer	Blackbrook	Bromilow Bros and Co	St.Helens	Falling into shaft from surface.
KNOWLES	Margaret		1864		Labourer	Haydock	Richard Evans and Co	St.Helens	Crushed by loaded truck on surface.
BARKER	Margaret		1865	17	Coalsetter	The Springs	Pearson and Knowles	Wigan	Crushed between coal trucks above ground.
HIGHCOCK	Ann		1865	19	Coal dresser	Sankeybrook	Sankey Brook Coal Co	St.Helens	Falling from one stage to another about 7 feet along the pit-box she was pushing.
BROADHURST	Sarah		1865	29	Coaldresser	Kirkless Hall	Kirkless Hall Coal and Iron Co	Wigan	From injuries by coal trucks on surface railway.
BERRY	Lucy		1865	36	Coalscreener	Blackeyhurst	Samuel Stock	St.Helens	Crushed between coal screen and loaded tub.

APPLETON	Alice		1866	16	Coal cleaner	Rainford	Walmesley and Co	St.Helens	Attempting to cross the line when the trucks were moving.
TABES	Hannah		1867	32	Labourer	California	Wigan Coal and Iron Co	Wigan	Crushed by coal trucks on surface.
ROBY	Lydia		1868	17	Labourer	Blackeyhurst	Samuel Stock	St.Helens	Coal cleaner.
HACKETT	Alice		1871	20	Coalcleaner	Hindley	Wigan Iron and Coal Co	Wigan	From a wound in the leg by a fork above ground.
WINSTANLEY	Sarah		1871	30	Coalcleaner	Blackeyhurst	Samuel Stock	St.Helens	Run over by a coal truck above ground.
MOLYNEAUX	Ellen		1872	26	Sreener	Garswood Park	William Whalley	St.Helens	Crushed by waggons.
LEATHERBARRC	Mary		1873	56	Screeener	Haydock	Richard Evans and Co	Haydock	Killed on railway at Level Crossing by an engine and waggons.
WALKDEN	Ellen		1874	18	Screeener	Ladies Lane	Wigan Coal and Iron Co Ltd	Wigan	Run over by waggons
WALLS	Ann		1874	55	Screeener	Bradshaw	Wigan Coal and Iron Co	Wigan	Crushed between waggon and wall.
HARRISON	Tryphena		1877	25	Browoman	Queen	Richard Evans and Sons	Haydock	Felll down pit from surface.
ATHERTON	Annie	(injured)	1879	19	Screeener	Hewlett	Wigan Coal and Iron Co Ltd	Westhoughton	Foot crushed by being caught in machinery on surface. No.1 Pit.
CATTERAL	Mary		1880	20	Screeener	Brynn Moss	Smethurst Hoyle and Grime	Wigan	Found drowned in the canal at colliery. There was no evidence to show how the accident occurred.
LEDBURY	Mary	(injured)	1880	22	Waggon timmer	Hewlett No.1	Wigan Coal and Iron Co Ltd	Westhoughton	Shaken. Falling off a railway waggon in the siding.
KING	Matilda		1881	16	Screeener	Pemberton	J Blundell and Sons	Wigan	Inquest attended. The deceased and another girl were engaged cleaning up the screens and she went to push a waggon under the screen to put the rubbish in when some others were pushed against it by two men who were not aware of her presence and she was crushed between the buffers. There was no necessity for her to touch the waggon and she had been specially warned a few days previously on no account to interfere with any of the waggons.

JONES	Priscilla		1881	4	Child	Robinhill			Killed by a tub which rolled down dirt heap where she had been placed by an aunt. Not comprised.
SALE	Martha		1881	35		Haughton			Married woman committed suicide by getting over fence and jumping down shaft. Not comprised.
TAYLOR	Ellen		1882	15	Screeener	Bamfurlong	Cross Tetley and Co Ltd	Wigan	Inspection made. Deceased fell into a tank of hot water when she went to fill her can and was scalded to death. The tank was 2 feet square and 8 feet high and appeared to be perfectly safe.
EASTHAM	Jane		1884	20	Screeener	Hindley Green	J Scowcroft and Co	Wigan	Inquest attended. The deceased and some other girls were passing between the buffers of some waggons which were standing a few feet apart when some other waggons where were being lowered ran too fast owing to the slippery state of the rails and bumping up against the standing waggons knocked them over the scotches. The manager promised to make such arrangements that it would not be necessary for the girls to cross the line in future.
ATHERTON	Elizabeth		1884		Screeener	White Moss	White Moss Coal Co Ltd	Skelmersdale	According to the medical evidence the woman died in Aug. from an ulcerated stomach. After her death however the man with whom she lived stated that she had been injured at the colliery on the 1st May. Inquiries were made and it was found that she had had a slight blow through her dress catching in the nut of a revolving shaft and that she was off work for a day or two but she subsequently worked till she left the colliery and got employment elsewhere.
HILTON	Theresa	(injured)	1884	16	Coal picker	Hic-Bibi	Ellerbeek Collieries Ltd		A prop which she put in front of her waggon was thrown against her.
KAY	Mary		1885	24	Coal picker	Hindley Green	John Scowcroft and Co	Wigan	Deceased was at work in a waggon when she was struck by a tub which fell down the screen having by some means slipped out of the tippler.

TURTON	Faith		1886	16	Waggon timmer	Deep	Wigan Coal and Iron Co Ltd	Hindley	Inspection made and inquest attended. The wagon lowerer lowered some waggons without looking to see that the road in front was clear and his waggons struck against the one the woman was on and knocked her off under the wheels. .
BIRCHALL	Mary		1886	39	Pitbrow woman	Queen	Richard Evans and Co Ltd	Haydock	Inspection made and inquest attended. The waggon lowerer was lowering the waggon down to the next screen when deceased who was in the waggon was crushed against the screen shoot. The deceased told the man to lower the waggon but she must have been taken by surprise as she could easily have slipped on one side of the shoot.
PLATT	Margaret		1886	21	Screener	Fir Tree House	Crompton and Shawcross	Wigan	Inspection made. Deceased was picking out stones en the top of a loaded waggon and was told to get off as the waggon had to be moved. She neglected to do so and when the other waggons bumped up against it she was knocked off and fell under the wheels.
LEYLAND	Elizabeth		1886	25	Screener	Alexandra	Rose Bridge & Douglas Bank Collieries Co Ltd	Wigan	Deceased was supposed to have strained herself but went on working till the 4th inst. when she was taken ill and died on the 14th inst. from typhus fever.
DAVIES	Lucy Ann	(injured)	1888	30	Number taker	Brinsop Hall No	Brinsop Hall Colliery Co. Ltd.		Four ribs between the buffers of two railway waggons. She was standing against the buffer waggon with her back to one which the waggon lowerer was letting down and he not did not call out.
DICKINSON	Ellen		1889	52	Not employed	Scot Lane			Killed by the colliery locomotive engine as she was making a short cut across the colliery and No.5 Pit the night being dark. Non-Comprised. . Inspection and inquest attended.
CARWRIGHT	Martha	(injured)	1889	17	Coal picker	Atherton	Fletcher Burro ws and Co		Fingers crushed drum which carries the conveying rope bands at the coal cleaner. Inspection and inquiry.
GREENALL	Moira		1890	24	Screener	Orrell	Orrell Coal and Cannel Co Ltd	Wigan	Inquest attended. She was passing across the line to her work and was going between two waggons when the engine suddenly backed and she was crushed to death. . Noon
JONES	Jemima	(injured)	1891	17	Coal cleaner	Hewlett No.2	Westleigh Colliery Co. Ltd.	Westhoughton	Thigh broken by falling about four yards from the stage where she worked. She fell underneath a fence rail as she was resting. Inspection and inquiry.

GORE	Margaret		1891	14	Coal cleaner	Blainscough Hal	Blainscough Hall Colliery Co	Coppull	Fatally injured. Arm ran over by a railway waggon that was moved when she was getting down. Inspection and inquiry. Died 8th at Wigan Infirmary. Arm amputated 7th. Attention at the inquest was called to time being scarcely allowed for her to get clear and to the danger of delay in amputating in such cases. Inquest attended. .
FIELDS	Mary		1891	25	Waggon trimmer	Low Hall	Moss Hall Coal Co Ltd	Wigan	Inspection and inquiry made. This woman had to trim waggons and with the intention of getting up on one on the brake side she went between the buffers of a standing waggon and one being lowered by hand and was crushed. She could have gone behind the waggon quite as readily. . 11.0 am
PRESCOT	Ann		1894	15	Screener	Abram	Abram Coal Co Ltd	Bickershaw	Inspection made. While in the act of coming down the steps from the screen to which there was a hand rail attached she accidentally fell and received injuries the following day.
MAKINSON	Ellen		1894	18	Tub cleaner	Crawford	Wigan Coal and Iron Co Ltd	Aspull	Inspection made and inquest attended. There were some tubs standing at the top of the wooden inclined stage and the deceased appears to have pushed one over and got in front to try to stop it when it overpowered her and causing such injuries that he died on the 31st instant.
BRISCOE	Margaret		1897	16	Screener	White Moss	White Moss Coal Co Ltd	Rainford	Attended inquest. The deceased in going to warm her dinner was crushed in passing between some stationary coal wagons which were suddenly moved in the siding by the wagon lowerer unknown to her. The wagon lowerer is required by the rules to warn those about but he did not do this effectively.
ROWLEY	Elizabeth		1898	23	Wagon setter	Princess	Richard Evans and Co Ltd	Haydock	Inspection made and inquest attended. The locomotive was pushing waggons past the screens. The deceased was walking up the line and apparently did not hear the wagons coming and was run over. The driver did not whistle but the brakesman was between the two tail waggons and although he stated he was looking out he never saw her until she was under the wagons.

OSWALD	Ellen		1898	16	Screen hand	Garswood Hall	Garswood Hall Collieries Co Ltd	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Inspection made and inquest attended. Three girls sat down on a fence rail the edge of the pit black and it broke suddenly being partly rotten with age causing them to fall a distance 25 feet to the ground. The bad state of the rail was partly hidden being bad where it was socketed into upright. She succumbed to the injuries received on the 31st instant.
MASON	Elizabeth A.		1901	13	Pitbrow girl	Middle Place	Garswood Coal and Iron Co	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Inspection made and inquest attended. Deceased had been paid her wages and had to cross the railway lines near the screens to go home. She was knocked down and run over by the two empty waggons. The loco was pushing the two waggons and one of the brakemen ought to have ridden on the leading waggon but he neglected to do so hence the accident which otherwise would have been prevented. She died from her injuries received at Wigan Infirmary Jan. 25th.
PRESCOT	Mary		1902	18	Screenhand	Wigan Junction	Wigan Junction Colliery Co	Wigan	Inspection made and inquest attended. Deceased attempted to cross some bevelled pulleys where a face rail had been taken off near the screens and her dress got caught in the wheels and she got her leg severely injured. She expired at the Wigan Infirmary 5th 1903 after undergoing an operation. Manager prosecuted and convicted for non-fencing.
GREENOUGH	Elizabeth		1906	19	Screenhand	Old Boston	Richard Evans and Co	Haydock	Inspection made and inquest attended. While engaged at the screens her skirt came in contact with the end of a revolving shaft the clutch of which was under repair and part of the fence down. She succumbed to the injuries received 30th March 1906.
POWELL	Margaret		1910	23	Pit brow girl	Low Hall	Moss Hall Coal Co., Ltd	Wigan	Whilst on her way to work and whilst crossing Moss Hall Co.'s railway, Powel was knocked down by a wagon in course of shunting and killed. She is reported to have been employed at Wigan Junction Colliery.

RUDD	Sarah Ann		1910	32	Coal picker	Eatock	Wigan Coal and Iron Co., Ltd		Crossing railroad near screens, whilst passing between buffers of two waggons it shunter on opposite side lowering an empty waggon bumped it against waggon standing, she was crushed so that she died in an hour. She was crossing to go to breakfast.
CHAPMAN	Margaret		1913	23	Dirtpicker	Agecroft	A Knowles and Sons, Ltd.		Whilst widening about the premises at a meal interval, she stepped on the cover of a hot water well; both legs badly scalded. Died 25th April
LALLY	Margaret	injured	1915	19	Pit brow worker	Sutton Manor	Sutton Manor Collieries Ltd.	St. Helens	
CHISNALL	Bessie	injured	1916	14	Filler	Princess	Richard Evans and Co. Ltd.	Haydock	Caught between tubs, fractured wrist
BROWN	Ethel	injured	1916	19	Picker on belts	Nook No.3	Astley and Tyldesley Collieries Co Ltd.	Tyldesley	Crushed by tub, fractured arm
FAULKNER	Sarah	injured	1916	16	Pit brow girl	Pendleton	A Knowles and Sons Ltd.	Pendleton	Crushed by tubs, fractured arm
HEYES	Mary	injured	1916	20	Coal tippler	Low Hall	Moss Hall Coal Co. Ltd.	Wigan	Crushed between tippie and tubs, severe contusions
FAIRHURST	Elizabeth	injured	1917	16	Browhand	Sutton Manor	Sutton Manor Collieries Ltd.	St Helens	Slipped and fell, broken leg
WARBURTON	Maggie	injured	1917	30	Labourer	Bamfurlong	Cross Tetley and Co. Ltd.	Ashton-in-Makerfield	Crushed between barrel and tub, crushed hand
PYE	Sarah	injured	1917	16	Brow hand	Sherdley	Sutton Heath and Lea Green Collieries Co Ltd	St. Helens	Caught between tubs, jaw fractured
QUINN	Mary	injured	1917	14	Screener	Old Boston	Richard Evans and Co Ltd	Haydock	Caught by runaway tub, injury to foot
LIVESLEY	Mary	injured	1917	16	Browhand	Parr No.1	Richard Evans and Co Ltd	St Helens	Wind blew her over, fractured leg
ACTON	Edna	injured	1918	17	Coal picker	Tyldesley	Astley and Tyldesley Collieries Co Ltd	Tyldesley	Fell in waggon, injured face
SMETHURST	Mary	injured	1919	67	Office cleaner	Astley			Fell, fractured thigh