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Year	Date	Colliery	Company	Location of Colliery	Cause of Accident	Number Killed
1847	Feb.	Spencer	Spencer Coal Co.	Pottsville	Explosion of gas	7
1869	Sep. 6	Avondale	Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Co.	Plymouth	Mine fire	110
1870	Mar. 22	Potts	Locust Dale Coal Co.	Locust Dale	Boiler explosion	5
	Aug. 10	Heins & Glassmire	Heins & Glassmire	Middleport	Cage fell down shaft	9
	Aug. 29	Preston No. 3	Preston Coal & Improvement Co.	Girardville	Car fell down slope	7
1871	May 27	West Pittston	Lehigh Valley Railroad Co.	West Pittston	Suffocated by smoke from burning breaker	20
	Oct. 2	Otto Red Ash	Cain, Hacker & Cook	Branch Dale	Explosion of gas	5
1873	June 10	Henry Clay	Langdon & Co., R.	Shamokin	Explosion of gas	10
1877	May 9	Wadesville	Wadesville Shaft Colliery	Wadesville	Explosion of gas	7
1878	Jan. 15	Potts	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Locust Dale	Explosion of gas	5
1879	May 6	Audenried	Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	Audenried	Explosion of gas	6
	No. 2	Mill Creek	D. & H. Canal Co.	Mill Creek	Explosion of Gas	5
1880	May 3	Lykens Valley	Short Mountain & Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Shamokin	Explosion of gas	5
1882	May 24	Kohinoor	Heckscher & Co., R.	Shenandoah	Explosion of gas	5
1884	Aug. 21	Buck Ridge	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Shamokin	Mine fire	7
1885	Apr. 6	Cuyler	Heaton & Co., S. M.	Raven Run	Fall of Roof	10
	Aug. 11	West End	West End Coal Co.	Mocanaqua	Suffocated by gas from boiler fire	10
	Oct. 21	Plymouth No. 2	D. & H. Coal Co.	Plymouth	Explosion of gas	6
	Dec. 18	Nanticoke No. 1	Susquehanna Coal Co.	Nanticoke	Inrush of quicksand	26
1886	Aug. 30	Fair Lawn	Fair Lawn Coal Co.	Scranton	Explosion of gas	6
	Sep. 13	Marvine	D. & H. Coal Co.	Scranton	Suffocated by gas	8
	Nov. 26	Coryngham	D. & H. Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Explosion of gas	12
1887	Apr. 27	Tunnel	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Ashland	Suffocated by gas	5
	Oct. 1	Bast	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Big Mine Run	Explosion of gas	5

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1890	Feb. 1	Nottingham	Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	Plymouth	Explosion of gas	8
	Mar. 3	S. Wilkes-Barre No. 3	Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Explosion of gas	8
	Apr. 2	Susquehanna No. 4	Susquehanna Coal Co.	Nanticoke	Explosion of gas	5
	May 15	Jersey No. 8	Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	Ashley	Explosion of gas	26
1891	Feb. 4	Spring Mountain No. 1	Spring Mountain Coal Co.	Jeanesville	Drowned-water from old workings	13
	Oct. 23	Richardson	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Glen Carbon	Suffocated by gas	7
	Nov. 8	Susquehanna No. 1	Susquehanna Coal Co.	Nanticoke	Explosion of gas	12
1892	Apr. 20	Lytle	Lytle Coal Co.	Minersville	Drowned-water from old workings	10
	July 23	York Farm	Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Pottsville	Explosion of gas	15
1893	Apr. 1	Neilson	Langdon & Co., Inc., A. L.	Shamokin	Mine fire	10
	July 22	Susquehanna No. 1	Susquehanna Coal Co.	Nanticoke	Explosion of gas	5
	Sep. 21	Lance No. 11	Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	Plymouth	Explosion of gas	6
1894	Feb. 13	Gaylord	Kingston Coal Co.	Plymouth	Fall of roof	13
	July 17	East Sugar Loaf	Linderman & Skeer	Stockton	Explosion of powder & dynamite	8
	Oct. 8	Luke Fidler	Mineral Railroad & Mining Co.	Shamokin	Mine fire	5
	Oct. 11	Henry Clay	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Shamokin	Boiler explosion	6
1895	Feb. 18	West Bear Ridge	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Mahanoy Plane	Explosion of gas	5
	Oct. 7	Dorrance	Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Explosion of gas	7
1896	June 28	Twin	Newton Coal Co.	Pittston	Fall of roof	58
	Oct. 29	S. Wilkes-Barre No. 3	Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Explosion of gas	6
1897	Jan. 13	Wadesville	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Wadesville	Crosshead fell down shaft	5
	Sep. 28	Jermyn No. 1	Jermyn & Co.	Rendham	Mine fire	5
	Oct. 30	Von Storch	D. & H. Coal Co.	Scranton	Mine fire	6
1898	May 26	Kaska, William	Dodson Coal Co.	Middleport	Drowned-water from old workings	6

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1898	May 26	Kaska, William	Dodson Coal Co.	Middleport	Drowned-water from old workings	6
	Oct. 1	Midvale	Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Mine fire	6
	Nov. 5	Exeter	Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	West Pittston	Car fell on cage in shaft	9
1900	Nov. 9	Buck Mountain	Mill Creek Coal Co.	Mahanoy City	Explosion of gas	7
1901	Oct. 25	Buttonwood	Parrish Coal Co.	Plymouth	Explosion of gas	6
1902	Nov. 29	Luke Fidler	Mineral Railroad & Mining Co.	Shamokin	Explosion of gas	7
	Dec. 9	S. Wilkes-Barre	Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Explosion of powder & dynamite	5
1904	Jan. 30	Maple Hill	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Mahanoy City	Explosion of powder & dynamite	5
	May 5	Lance	Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	Plymouth	Explosion of powder & dynamite	5
	May 5	Locust Gap	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Locust Gap	Mine fire	5
	May 25	Williamstown	Summit Branch Mining Co.	Williamstown	Suffocated by gas from mine locomotive	10
	Nov. 2	Auchincloss	Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Co.	Nanticoke	Falling down shaft	10
1905	Feb. 18	Lytle	Lytle Coal Co.	Minersville	Fall of roof	5
	Mar. 9	Clear Spring	Clear Spring Coal Co.	West Pittstown	Falling down shaft	7
	Apr. 26	Conyngham	D. & H. Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Falling down shaft	10
1906	May 15	Shenandoah City	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Shenandoah	Explosion of powder & dynamite	7
	Aug. 6	Susquehanna No. 7	Susquehanna Collieries Co.	Nanticoke	Explosion of gas	6
1907	Mar. 2	Holden	Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Co.	Taylor	Explosion of gas	7
1908	June 18	Johnson No. 1	Scranton Coal Co.	Priceburg	Explosion of gas	7
	May 12	Mount Lookout	Temple Iron Co.	Wyoming	Explosion of gas	12
	May 13	Prospect	Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Midvale	Fall of roof	5
	July 15	Williamstown	Summit Branch Mining Co.	Williamstown	Explosion of powder & dynamite	6
	Aug. 28	Warrior Run	Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Mine cars	6

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1909	Mar. 2	Pennsylvania No. 14	Pennsylvania Coal Co.	Pittston	Explosion of gas	8
	Nov. 9	Auchincloss	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Nanticoke	Mine fire	9
1910	Jan. 11	Nottingham	Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	Plymouth	Explosion of gas	7
	Mar. 12	S. Wilkes-Barre No. 5	Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Explosion of gas	7
1911	Apr. 7	Pancoast	Price-Pancoast Coal Co.	Throop	Mine fire	72
	May 10	Plymouth No. 5	Delaware & Hudson Co.	Dorranctown	Suffocated by gas from underground fire	5
	May 27	Cameron	Mineral Railroad & Mining Co.	Shamokin	Explosion of gas	5
	Sep. 12	Marvine	Delaware & Hudson Co.	Scranton	Mine cars	5
	Oct. 3	Drifton No. 2	Coxe Bros. Co., Inc.	Freeland	Cave-in	5
1912	Jan. 9	Parrish	Parrish Coal Co.	Plymouth	Explosion of gas	6
1913	Aug. 2	East Brookside	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Tower City	Explosion of gas	20
1914	May 29	Maryd	Maryd Coal Co.	Maryd	Overwinding of cage	6
	Sep. 16	Lehigh No. 4	Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.	Lansford	Explosion of gas	7
	Dec. 9	Diamond	Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Co.	Scranton	Falling down shaft	13
1915	Feb. 17	Prospect	Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Explosion of gas	13
1916	Feb. 8	Lance No. 11	Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	Plymouth	Explosion of gas	7
	Mar. 9	Hollenback No. 2	Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Explosion of gas	6
	Aug. 8	Woodward	Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Co.	Edwardsville	Explosion of gas	6
1919	June 5	Baltimore Tunnel	Hudson Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Explosion of powder & dynamite	92
	July 8	Lansford	Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.	Lansford	Explosion of gas	8
1921	Mar. 9	Rahn	Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.	Seek	Explosion of gas	5
1922	Nov. 3	Eddy Creek	Hudson Coal Co.	Scranton	Premature blast	6

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1923	Feb. 21	Alliance	Alliance Coal Mining Co.	Middleport	Explosion of gas	5
	June 26	Richards	Susquehanna Collieries Co.	Mount Carmel	Explosion of gas	5
	Dec. 8	Mount Jessup No. 2	Mount Jessup Coal Co.	Jessup	Fall of roof	5
1924	June 6	Loomis	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Nanticoke	Explosion of gas	14
1925	May 22	Woodward	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Edwardsville	Explosion of gas	7
	Aug. 3	Dorrance	Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Explosion of gas	10
1926	May 6	Randolph	So. Penn Collieries Co.	Port Carbon	Explosion of gas	5
	July 3	Pettebone	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Kingston	Explosion of gas	7
	Oct. 30	Susquehanna No. 7	Susquehanna Collieries Co.	Nanticoke	Explosion of gas	9
1927	May 26	Woodward	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Edwardsville	Fall of roof, followed by an explosion of gas	7
1928	May 25	Baltimore No. 5	Hudson Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Explosion of gas	10
1930	Aug. 8	Gilberton	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Gilberton	Fall of roof	8
1931	May 29	Richards	Susquehanna Collieries Co.	Mount Carmel	Explosion of gas	5
1935	Jan. 21	Gilberton	Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.	Gilberton	Explosion of gas	13
	May 7	S. Wilkes-Barre	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Piece of rock fell down shaft, struck cage	7
1936	Aug. 24	Clear Spring	Sullivan Trail Coal Co.	West Pittston	Explosion of gas	5
1938	Apr. 27	St. Clair	St. Clair Coal Co.	St. Clair	Explosion of gas	8
	June 2	Volpe	Volpe Mining Co.	Pittston Twp.	Explosion of gas	10
1943	Sep. 24	Primrose	M. & S. Coal Co.	Minersville	Explosion of gas	14
1947	Jan. 15	Nottingham	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Explosion of gas	15
	Apr. 10	Schooley	Knox Coal Co.	Exeter Boro.	Explosion of gas	10
	Dec. 11	Franklin	Lehigh Valley Coal Co.	Wilkes-Barre	Explosion of gas	8

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1951	Mar. 29	Buttonwood	Glen Alden Coal Co.	Hanover Twp.	Explosion of gas	5
1952	Mar. 27	Holmes Slope	Cano & Martin, Inc.	Forrestville	Drown-blast blew through to old workings	5
1959	Jan. 22	Ewen	Knox Coal Co.	Port Griffith	Drown - river broke into mine	12
1977	Mar. 1	Porter Tunnel	Kocher Coal Co.	Tower City	Inrush of water	9