

United States Mine Rescue Association
Glen Alden Coal Company
Pettebone No. 6 Colliery Roof Fall
(a.k.a Peach Orchard Mine)
Kingston, Pennsylvania
July 3, 1926
No. Killed – 7

Miners Buried under Timbers and Heavy Rock
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Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July 3 -- Seven miners were killed late today and eight others injured, some seriously, in a roof fall at the Peach Orchard mine of the Glen Alden Coal Company.

Late tonight four bodies had been recovered. The victims were Anthony Urbin and Matt Marzinek of Kingston, Pa., and Joseph Vitowski of Parsons, Pa., and one unidentified miner.

Three others who were buried are believed to have perished. They are Metro Kabrita, Peter Kutcao and Andrew Purcell, all of Wilkes-Barre. Eight others who were in the mine were rescued and taken to hospitals.

Early reports were that an explosion of gas following a shot had caused an explosion. This was subsequently found to be incorrect. Mine officials said there was no explosion.

The roof fall occurred about 700 feet below the surface over an area of approximately four acres where second mining was being done. Timbers, rock and earth fell with crashing force, pinning the workers under tons of debris. The fall also released quantities of gas which made the work of rescue difficult.