

# Wath Main Colliery

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*God bless them*

**Eli Davis**, aged 30, died 17 January 1882

(Accident: 28 December 1881)

A fall of coal injured him while working as a trammer, and he later died from those injuries.

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**S. Law**, aged 51, died 22 February 1884

Killed by a fall of roof.

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**R. Crooks**, aged 50, died 3 May 1887

Crushed by wagons while working as a screener.

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**G. Briggs**, aged 60, died 20 July 1887

Run over by corves while working as a collier.

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**G. Bradley**, aged 48, died 13 May 1890

Killed by a fall of roof.

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**F. Norman**, aged 19, died 20 July 1891

Run over by tubs while working as a driver.

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**A. Nichols**, aged 25, died 20 November 1892

(Accident: 18 November 1892)

Fatally injured by a fall of stone and died two days later.

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**H. W. Hollings**, aged 21, died 28 September 1894

Run over by tubs.

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**A. Burland**, aged 34, died 10 April 1896

(Accident: 17 January 1896)

Killed by a fall of the side at the coal face.

**C. Cusworth**, aged 56, died 22 January 1897

(Accident: 23 December 1896)

Killed by a fall of roof.

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**Issac Burnley Robertshaw**, aged 31, died 2 June 1898

Run over by corves while trying to stop them.

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**G. Jackson**, aged 20, died 15 July 1898

Run over by corves on the engine plane.

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**James Frost**, aged 55, died 9 October 1901

Killed when the roof fell while preparing to set timber.

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**E. Williams**, aged 52, died 22 November 1901

(Accident: 31 May 1901)

Fatally injured by a fall of coal while preparing to set a sprag.

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**W. Downing**, aged 35, died 18 August 1902

A coupling link broke on a haulage road, causing tubs to run back and strike him.

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**R. Redfern**, aged 27, died 17 October 1903

(Accident: 16 October 1903)

Crushed against a girder when tubs ran back after the pony slipped its gears.

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**R. Motteran**, aged 47, died 23 January 1904

He fell through an uncovered hole at night while climbing to the screens.

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**George Barton**, aged 44, died 5 July 1904

Crushed in the cage after an accidental signal caused the engine to move.

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**John Mouser**, aged 27, died 18 August 1904

(Accident: 16 August 1904)

A weight bump burst coal from the face, striking him fatally.

**James Nightingale**, aged 51, died 4 December 1904

(Accident: 29 November 1904)

Died from injuries after a fall of roof at a slip in the gateway.

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**Robert John Maughen**, aged 26, died 6 January 1905

Killed when wagons were forced forward as he crossed between  
buffers.

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**Mark Jackson**, aged 38, died 8 January 1905

(Accident: 28 December 1904)

Died from blood poisoning after a bruised shin became infected.

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**William Major**, aged 39, died 18 September 1905

Killed when a derailed tub threw him beneath a train of full tubs.

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**Joseph Betney**, aged 27, died 27 October 1906

(Accident: 22 October 1906)

Struck by coal after a weight bump displaced a prop.

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**Joseph Askew**, aged 34, died 19 March 1907

Killed by a fall of roof while loosening a prop.

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**Henry Westerman**, aged 58, died 3 September 1907

Crushed between the drum and bed plate after winding gear moved  
unexpectedly.

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**Harold Hudson**, aged 18, died 6 December 1907

(Accident: 27 November 1907)

Illegally riding on tubs; a broken hook caused a violent jerk that  
crushed him.

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**Rowland Catling**, aged 16, died 17 March 1908

Crushed while trying to stop tubs to protect men ahead.

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**Arthur Choke**, aged 38, died 13 May 1909

Run over by a long set of tubs on a self-acting incline.

**Frank Speight**, aged 19, died 17 July 1909

(Accident: 3 May 1909)

Killed by a heavy fall of top coal at the face.

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**Isaac Gibbons**, aged 19, died 27 October 1909

Found dead under tubs he had been bringing out with a pony.

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**Alfred Skelton**, aged 39, died 15 April 1910

(Accident: 20 August 1909)

Killed by a fall of roof due to a concealed slip.

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**Frank Moningham**, aged 34, died 28 September 1910

Killed when a runaway set of full tubs struck him.

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**Edwin Mason**, aged 14, died 19 October 1911

(Accident: 29 September 1911)

Struck by falling bind under a ripping lip; died 21 days later.

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**William Mearn**, aged 25, died 27 November 1911

Smothered after sinking into damp slack in a coke-oven bunker.

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**Dick Naylor**, aged 35, died 14 December 1911

(Accident: 8 November 1911)

Crushed between two sets of tubs sent without signalling.

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**Albert Wenlock Creaser**, aged 39, died 12 January 1912

Killed instantly when a hidden slip in the roof released a large fall of dirt.

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**Edwin Parry**, aged 38, died 19 July 1912

Killed by a sudden fall of roof while setting a bar.

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**John Nobles**, aged 50, died 12 November 1912

Crushed by coal bursting from the face after a weight bump.



**John Weston**, aged 45, died 7 December 1913

(Accident: 29 November 1913)

Killed by a fall of top coal from known slips and breaks.

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**John R. Avery**, aged 31, died 15 April 1915

Died from injuries after a fall while cleaning with a tool following a shot.

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**Parkin Wall**, aged 41, died 23 November 1915

Buried by a fall of coal that displaced a prop.

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**George Crossman**, aged 28, died 5 April 1917

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**Edward Guest**, aged 45, died 21 July 1919

Fatally injured by a second fall of dirt while clearing a haulage road.

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**Edward Hydes Pasley**, aged 57, died 25 August 1919

Pinned by runaway tubs after a lashing chain broke.

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**Percy Fellows**, aged 34, died 5 October 1919

Died after falling 27 feet while fixing a scaffold.

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**Herbert Allott**, aged 27, died 24 February 1930

Killed in the firedamp explosion ignited by a safety lamp.

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**Ernest Cusworth**, aged 31, died 24 February 1930

Killed in the firedamp explosion.

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**John Dyson**, aged 37, died 24 February 1930

Killed in the firedamp explosion.

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**Thomas Francis King**, aged 55, died 24 February 1930

Killed in the firedamp explosion.

**John Algernon Poole**, aged 21, died 24 February 1930

Killed in the firedamp explosion.

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**John Russell**, aged 42, died 24 February 1930

Killed in the firedamp explosion.

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**Leonard Unwin**, aged 46, died 24 February 1930

Killed in the firedamp explosion.

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**James Greenfield**, aged 57, died 10 April 1934

(Accident: 11 January 1934)

Struck by coal that burst from the face while holing.

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**William H. Marshall**, aged 57, died 25 July 1934

(Accident: 20 July 1934)

Killed by a fall of the side while cutting back coal.

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**A. R. Webb**, date of death 21 November 1935

Knocked down by runaway tubs while walking toward the pit  
bottom after his shift.

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**Herbert William Norman**, aged 40, died 14 January 1947

Died from asphyxiation after being buried by a fall of roof.

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**Ellis Birks**, aged 56, died 10 October 1959

Killed when the roof fell while he was engaged in packing work and  
drawing off old supports.

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**Peter Young**, aged 46, died c. 1964

Killed when the roof fell while he was engaged in packing work and  
drawing off old supports.

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**Brian Turner**, aged 21, died 17 July 1964

Killed when a roof collapsed while filling coal in the colliery.