

IN MEMORIAL

IN HONOR OF THOSE MINERS WHO LAY AT REST IN UNMARKED GRAVES FROM THE 1903 AND 1908 MINE EXPLOSIONS

**THE WORST COAL MINING CATASTROPHE IN THE HISTORY OF WYOMING OCCURRED ON JUNE 30, 1903.
UNION PACIFIC COAL COMPANY'S NO.1 MINE EXPLODED KILLING 169 MEN,
LEAVING APPROXIMATELY 150 WIDOWS AND 600 CHILDREN FATHERLESS.
THESE ARE 110 OF THE MEN THAT PERISHED IN THAT EXPLOSION
AND BURIED IN UNMARKED GRAVES IN THE HANNA CEMETERY:**

ALAHUHTA, JOHN (HUHTA)	FINLAND	LAAMANEN, NIKOLAI (LARMEN, NIC)	FINLAND	PELTOKANGAS, CHARLES (PELTO)	FINLAND
ARTHURS, MIKE	IRELAND	LASKALA, HENRIK (LEAKELA, HARRY) (LESKELA)	FINLAND	PELTOKANGAS, JOHN (PELTO)	FINLAND
ASPLUND, JOHN (ASHBLUND)	FINLAND	LASSILA, JOHN (LASSALI)	FINLAND	PETRACCO, EJDIO	ITALY
AUSTIN, DESHA D.C.	AFRICAN AMERICAN	LINDEN, GUSTAF	FINLAND	POHTO, SOLOMON (POUTTA) (POUTI)	FINLAND
AUSTIN, WILLIAM	AFRICAN AMERICAN	LONGI, ANDREW	FINLAND	PULKKINEN, WILHELM (PULKAMEN) (PULKENEN)	FINLAND
AYSTO, SAMUEL RICHARD	FINLAND	LONGI, AUGUST (AUKUSTI)	FINLAND	RAASIO, HJALMAR (MATSON, ELMER) (MATTSON)	FINLAND
CIARRALLAS, CASTANZO (CIARALLO)	ITALY	LONGI, ERICK (LONGU)	FINLAND	RAASIO, JOHN WILLIAM (RASSIA) (ROSSIA)	FINLAND
DAVIS, URIAH	UNITED KINGDOM	LONGI, MATTI A.	FINLAND	RAPAKKO, JOHN (HOPNACK)	FINLAND
D'BARTILOMEO, GIOVANNO (DELBARO, JOHN) (EELEARTO)	ITALY	LONGI, MATTI	FINLAND	RUONALA, JOHN (RUNNALA) (RUNNOLA)	FINLAND
DECASARO, PASSO (DICESARE, PASA)	ITALY	LUOMA, DAN	FINLAND	RYSBERG, JOHN (RYSBERT) (KUUSBERG, JUHO)	FINLAND
DECRESHENTIS, CHRIST (DANDRY, D.C.)	ITALY	LUOMALA, ANDREW (LUOMA)	FINLAND	SAARI, JOHN	FINLAND
DELMONICO, JUISTO (JIM)	ITALY	LUOMALA, ERIC (LUOMA)	FINLAND	SAARI, LAURI A. (SAAR, J. A.)	FINLAND
EVANS, ROBERT (BRANCH)	AFRICAN AMERICAN	MAKYNEN, ALFRED (MAKI)	FINLAND	SAARINEVA, AUGUST (MAKI)	FINLAND
GLAD, HENRIK (KOSKELA) (GLOAT) (GLAAT)	FINLAND	MANTY, THOMAS (LANTY)	FINLAND	SALO, RUDOLF (SELLA)	FINLAND
HALL, WILLIAM	AFRICAN AMERICAN	MASSARO, D.	ITALY	SANNAMAKI, JOHN (SAUNAMAKI) (HILL)	FINLAND
HANHIMAKI, YRJO (HAMKIMO, Y.)	FINLAND	MASSARO, NICK	ITALY	SCHILL, THEODORE	GERMANY
HANKINEN, H. (RANKINEM) (RANKENEN)	FINLAND	MATSON, AXEL	SWEDEN	SMITH, W. L.	AFRICAN AMERICAN
HATALA, ALRICK (HEITALA, ALU)	FINLAND	MATSON, JOHN B.	SWEDEN	SOMERS, CHARLES (SOMERILL) (SUMMERILL)	FINLAND
HAYES, JAMES	FINLAND	MAZZANA, FELEPO (MARZON, PHIPP)	ITALY	SORVISTO, NIKOLAI (SERVISTA)	FINLAND
HOKKA, JOHN (HAKKA)	UNITED KINGDOM	MERTALA, CHARLES (KERTILLA)	FINLAND	SWANSON, JOHN	SWEDEN
HOLM, ALFRED	FINLAND	MERTALA, JOHN (MERTILLA)	FINLAND	TALKKINEN, HENRY (TALKANEN) (TOLKKINEN)	FINLAND
HONKA, JOHN (HONKS) (HUNKS)	FINLAND	MIKKILA, JAC	FINLAND	TAPIO, JOHN (TAKIA)	FINLAND
JARVELA, MAT (JARVALS) (JARVALA)	FINLAND	MILLER, MARK	AFRICAN AMERICAN	THIES, NICK (THIDZ)	BELGIUM
JULIO, JOE	FINLAND	MYLLYNIEMI, ANDRY (MATSON, ANDREW)	FINLAND	TIKKA, ANDREW	FINLAND
KAANTA, ANDRUS GUSTOF (MATSON, AUGUST K.)	ITALY	NIEME, CHARLES (NIEMO)	FINLAND	TOMPERI, JOHN (TEMPET)	FINLAND
KAERIS, SAMUEL (KAERIA) (KAERIE)	FINLAND	NIEMELA, ABRAHAM (NEIMO)	FINLAND	TUHKALA, MATTI (TUKOLA)	FINLAND
KAKKO, SAKARI (LAKKO) (SAKKO)	FINLAND	NIEMI, MATTI (NIOMO, ALF) (NEIME)	FINLAND	TUHKALA, SIMON (TUKOLA)	FINLAND
KANKAANPAA, ANTI WILHO (WILLIAMS, ANDREW)	FINLAND	NIEMISTO, JACOB (NIEMSTSTC)	FINLAND	WAHTOLA, NIKOLAI (WAKTALA, NELS) (WATTILA, JOHN)	FINLAND
KANKAANPAA, HENRIK (KOSKAMPER) (KENKAMPER)	FINLAND	NIKKOLA, ALEX	FINLAND	WASTI, JACK (NANTI)	FINLAND
KANKAANPAA, OTTO (HULLANDA) (HULLANDO)	FINLAND	NIKKOLA, MIKE (KUKKOLA)	FINLAND	WESTERLUND, GUS (WESTERLAND)	FINLAND
KASKELO, HERMAN (TALKAMEN) (TAKKINEN)	FINLAND	NISSILA, MATTI	FINLAND	WESTHERS, THOMAS (WEATHERS) (WETHERS)	AFRICAN AMERICAN
KERTTULA, AKSEL (KERTULA) (KERTILLA) (YITTALA) (CITTILA, AXEL)	FINLAND	NOTUNEN, JOHN (NORKEOEM) (NORCONEN)	FINLAND	WILLIAMS, W. O.	AFRICAN AMERICAN
KLEMETTILA, ALEX (KEIMO) (KIEMO) (KLEM)	FINLAND	NUNLEY, ROBERT	AFRICAN AMERICAN	WILLIAMS, WILLIAM	AFRICAN AMERICAN
KORKIAKASKI, ANDRY (KOSKI, ANDREW J.)	FINLAND	OJA, HENRY (OJUA) (OJALA)	FINLAND	WILMUMEN, HENRY (WILMUNSEN) (WILMUNEN)	FINLAND
KORKIAMAKI, KAAPPO (MAKI, GABE)	FINLAND	PASSI, JOHN	FINLAND	WILMUMEN, SAC	FINLAND
KOSKI, TEOFILUS (NICLELSON, FILES) (NICKELSON)	FINLAND	PATTON, JAMES (DENNY)	AFRICAN AMERICAN	ZILLO, ALF (ZALLA) (ZILLA)	FINLAND
KUKKOLA, OSCAR (KUKOLA)	FINLAND	PAYHONEN, SAKRI (JACOBSON)	FINLAND		

**ON MARCH 28, 1908 THE UNION PACIFIC COAL COMPANY'S NO.1 MINE EXPLODED TWICE IN THE SAME DAY
KILLING 59 MEN AND LEAVING 31 WIDOWS AND 103 FATHERLESS CHILDREN.
THESE ARE THE 17 MEN THAT PERISHED IN THOSE EXPLOSIONS
AND BURIED IN UNMARKED GRAVES IN THE HANNA CEMETERY:**

COOKSON, JOHN - UNITED KINGDOM	HENDRICKSON, EMIL - FINLAND	LARSON, JAMES (JOHN) - SWEDEN	JOKI, WILLIAM - FINLAND
CORLEY, A.C. - AFRICAN AMERICAN	HARRIS, CHARLES - AFRICAN AMERICAN	LYNN, JONAS A. (LINDMAN) - FINLAND	OLLILA, JALMER (OLILA) - FINLAND
FOSTER, HARRY - UNITED KINGDOM	KARRIKA, ENSTI (KARRIKKA) (KARIKKA) - FINLAND	MADDEN, AARON - AFRICAN AMERICAN	PURA, ABEL (PURO) - FINLAND
HALLIDAY, ALFRED (HOLLIDAY) - UNITED KINGDOM	LAKSON, AUGUST (LAKSONEN) - FINLAND	MCCORMICK, SAM - UNITED KINGDOM	TULLY, JOHN - UNITED KINGDOM
			TYNER, JAMES - AFRICAN AMERICAN

**IN TOTAL, 228 MEN WERE KILLED IN THE THREE EXPLOSIONS - 127 OF THEM WERE BURIED IN UNMARKED GRAVES IN THE HANNA CEMETERY.
THERE WERE 28 MEN WHOSE BODIES WERE UNABLE TO BE RECOVERED AND STILL AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MINE.
A MONUMENT IS LOCATED AT THE MINE SITE LISTING THE NAMES OF THOSE MEN.
THE REMAINING 73 MEN ARE BURIED IN MARKED GRAVES IN THE HANNA CEMETERY AND IN OTHER CEMETERIES.**

IN THE SPRING OF 1909 THE UNION PACIFIC COAL COMPANY'S NO. 1 MINE WAS ABANDONED.

LIKE THESE PEOPLE WHO DWELL IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH, SUCH PEOPLE AS THOSE WHOSE
HOMES ARE OVER TOWERED BY A DEATH DEALING VOLCANO, THE CITIZENS OF HANNA WILL CONTINUE TO
LIVE THERE TRUSTING IN FATE TO BE MERCIFUL. (SEMI WEEKLY BOOMERANG, LARAMIE WYO. JULY 23, 1908)

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