

COALMINING RELATED DEATHS, HUNTER VALLEY, NSW 1951-1975

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With this publication, the Society has now printed four volumes of fatalities associated with the coalmining industry since the earliest settlement of the Hunter Valley.

The information in this last volume relates to more than 100 collieries. The coverage from 1951 to 1975 includes 355 fatalities, most of which were the result of workplace accidents. It also documents other deaths which occurred within the vicinity of old workings. Ages of those who died range from 18 months to 78 years.

It is again possible in the publication to track the further development of the coal industry. The winning of coal in the Hunter Valley by open-cut mining has expanded to include an increased number of locations, setting the scene for the substantial decline of underground mining in the post1975 industry.

Apart from the historical value of documenting another twenty-five years of mining history, this book aims to assist family historians to discover information about their extended families, through funeral notices, burial details when available, reports of coronial inquiries, and NSW State Records file numbers for inquests and workers' compensation cases.

It is anticipated that the current volume will be the last in this series for the foreseeable future.

