

CHARLES WEST DIES IN FALL OF SLATE AT McDONALD MINE

Victim Is Survived by Wife and Four Children.

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Three Other Miners Nearby Escape Uninjured.

Sudden death came to Charles West Thursday evening in the form of a slate fall in a mine—and left destitute a wife and four children, the oldest 10 years of age.

Friday Jackson people were contributing to a fund to give West a respectable burial and to furnish some little help for the wife and children whose provider has been suddenly taken from them.

West is typical of many Jackson County miners. A few days of work—then weeks of unemployment. No chance for Workmen's Compensation when injury or death comes to the miner.

A few years ago, a brother, Tom West, suffered a broken back in a mine slate fall. Weeks of suffering, then death.

The fatal slate fall which claimed Charley West occurred at just about quitting time Thursday evening. Near West were working his brother, Frank West, and Will McDonald. A short distance away Jim Hamilton was at work. The falling slate, it is said, pushed McDonald back, and saved him from injury. Neither of the other men was injured.

Dr. W. R. Evans was called, but nothing could be done for the man. He was brought to Jackson in the Wood-Steen ambulance, and the body was taken to Undertaking parlors of that firm where it was prepared for burial.

The McDonald mine where the accident occurred is located in the Price's Switch neighborhood a few miles from Jackson, and the West home is nearby.

The body was taken Friday afternoon to the home of West's father-in-law, Andy Hughes, in McKitterick Heights. The funeral will be held at the Hughes home at 10:30 Sunday. Burial will be at Coalton.

Taken To Hospital