

**Pike County, Coal Miners at Enos Mine, 1921–1930,
and Logtown’s African American Mineworkers and Others
Buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery**

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Enos Mine Employment List, 1921–1930

Following is the Enos Mine Employment List, September 15, 1921, to December 15, 1930, from *The Coal Miner’s Cry*.¹ (The original list includes employees up to August 18, 1992.) Names are given in the order in which the employees started working for Enos.

Virgil Ward 09-15-21

Joe Bone

Maurice Corn

John B. Forsythe

Fred Geiselman

Thurlo Geiselman

Howard Miller

Charles Sutton

Bernard Turnbloom

Harry Bryan

Roy McKinney

Charles Coutts 09-29-21

Floyd Corn

Felix Fleener

John Oxby

James A. Turnbloom

Oscar Tyring 10-13-21

Charles Fowler

Earl Hart

R. D. Simpson

Syl Corn	George Copeland 10-02-22
Elmer Skinner	William Copeland 10-03-22
Homer Robling 10-16-21	George Fowler 10-26-22
Ralph Ferguson 10-29-21	Edgar Faries 11-02-22
Chris Christ 11-10-21	Frank Henegar
Charles Gourley 12-15-21	Harry Nelson 11-16-22
Shirley Tevault 12-15-21	James Sallas
Ottis Durham 12-29-21	John T. Mason 11-23-22
Ott Hunley	P. O. Lesle
Denziel Julian	A. E. Wallance
Wilber Owens	Floyd Corn 12-01-22
Adrian Beatty 01-05-22	Chester O. Arnold 12-12-22
John Dyson	Amel Miller
Henry Luff	Dan McKinney
Frank Sutton 01-09-22	Rupert Perry
Charles Dougan 01-12-22	O. H. Spardley
Lewis Riddle 01-16-22	Oscar Tools
W. S. Burnett 01-26-22	Erwin Schmidt
Sam Harper 02-08-22	A. M. Owens 12-14-22
John Conner 02-12-22	Clarence Chapman
B. D. Brenton 02-19-22	James Erwin
George Blacketer	William Lemasters
William Johnson 02-23-22	John McCarty
Jake Julian 03-02-22	Roy McKinney 12-15-22
Charles Kays 03-23-22	Luman Ashby 12-28-22
Charles Pride	T. G. Burnett 01-04-23
T. L. Grubb 08-31-22	James T. McKinney
Enos Bailey 09-01-22	Wright McKinney 01-18-23
M. V. Barrett 09-07-22	Cecil McQuarry 01-23-23
Roy Gladish 09-14-22	William Peterson 02-01-23
Adolph Fella 09-31-22 [sic]	Alva Oxby 02-17-23

Owen Riddle 02-22-23	Orba Johnson 01-02-27
Joe Bailey 07-17-23	Edgar Curry 01-05-27
Elza Faries 09-11-23	John Clark
P. D. Emmons 09-11-23	Ed Head
N. E. Burkhart 09-25-23	Walza Mason
Aaron Clark 12-27-23	John Coutts 01-12-27
Alonzo Fritz 01-08-24	Ed Copple 01-26-27
Alsie Kinder 01-15-24	Shirley Clark
Francis Sheridan 01-29-24	Ed Shumacher 02-16-27
Percy Austin	John Brown 04-27-27
Lawrence Biggs 01-30-24	Lawrence Decker 05-04-27
Charles Biggs	Frank Froman
Harold F. Winland 12-30-24	H. W. Ramsey
George Burnett 04-07-25	Arlie Emmons 05-18-27
Ross Foley 05-25-25	Willard McClary 10-08-27
C. W. Crist 09-29-05	Ed Batch 10-12-27
Vernor Brimm 10-15-25	William Sutton 11-30-27
Fred Shoulders	J. C. Troublefield 02-08-28
Herbert Tevault 12-07-25	Elmer Harper 01-16-29
Ortho France 12-15-25	Otley Nixon
H. W. Parks	Alvin Schmidt 02-22-29
Earl Miles 12-19-25	Lloyd Skinner 07-22-29
R. P. Carter 01-12-26	Guy Ferguson 12-11-29
Leroy Smith 06-24-26	Alva Martin 01-09-30
Fred Shields 10-13-26	Roscoe McKinney
Oral Bodkins 10-20-26	Frank Richeson
Harvey Roettger 10-23-26	Ed Schlotman
Dan McClure 12-01-26	John Theiring
Elva C. McGregor 12-03-26	H. L. Nole 02-08-30
Forrest Cannon 12-05-26	Herber Henke
Stewart Cox 12-28-26	Norman Loehner

Gaines McKinney	Scott Pirkle 02-12-30
Carl Parker	Clarence Weist
Paul Simpson	Alonzo Gardner 02-24-30
Cyrus Willis	Adrien Webster 03-01-30
Herb Brantley 02-09-30	Hilbert Theiring 04-09-30
Enos McKinney 02-11-30	E. C. Woolsey 12-15-30

African American Miners in Logtown

Logtown was “a tiny neighborhood” in Ayrshire, “just north of Winslow,” Indiana. Logtown residents, who were African American, came “to work for David Ingle’s Ayrshire Coal Company.”² Although little evidence remains of these black coal miners, many were buried in nearby Mount Hebron Cemetery, which had been associated with a Baptist church of the same name that no longer exists. In 2005 the web page “INPCR Cemetery Hall of Shame” listed the names and dates as they appeared on the gravestones in the cemetery. These are reproduced below.³

Patton, James H. 1878–1940
Wells, Emma 1875–1941
Wells, Joseph d - 1947
McFarland, George Earl 1905–1945
Ricketts, James 1856–1925
Ricketts, Grace 1900–1919
May, Jamie 7-16-1901–11-8-1918
Swearingen, Hershel, Rev. 1878-9-16–1975 - 96 yr - hus of Johnny May (obit)
Davis, Ham 12-26-1885–11-8-1914
Harris, James Wm. d - 2-23-1953 - 37 yr 11 mo 21 da
Tucker, John C. d - 8-24-1883 - 18 yr 5 mo 19 da - son of John & Julia Tucker
Wilson, Thomas 1876-1-18–1940 - 64 yr
Wilson, Etta 9-15-1887–2-12-1924

Homer, Ella d - 1-8-1880 41 yr - wife of Henry Horner
Curry, Mary E. 1862–1939
Minters, Martin 1855–1949
Minters, Lavonia 12-1-1896–11-4-1950 - Ind Cpl 6 Pioneer Inf WWI
Minters, Floe A. d - 3-16-1912
Taylor, Fred S. 2-1-1891–7-12-1971
Taylor, Naomi S. 5-10-1912–9-11-1966
Gilbert, Richard 9th US Cav TRA Spanish American War
Davis, Baby (Jesse) 5-1914–2-1915
Davis, William 11-11-1914
Todd, James E. Rev. 10-1940
Jackson, Rufus 11-9-1845–11-9-1902
Jones, William 12-31-1902
Rhodes, Rose 6-2-1903–9-2-1903
Short, Mary 1-2-1845–11-26-1904
Swearingen, Johnnie 1-8-1889–12-23-1951
Tett, Harrison Phil 1891–1964
Wells, Edd 1887–1904
Williams, Marshall 9-2-1903
Wilson, Pearl 8-4-1903–6-25-1904
Wickware, Samuel 5-28-1878–5-28-1940
Horner, Ella 1-8-1880
Jones, Johanna “Mam” Horton 1838–1940
Crawford, John 1920
Curry, Mary 1862–1939
Davis, Vilant 12-26-1885–10-8-1914
West, Thomas G. 1928–1941
Wells, Ida 12-3-1902–6-23-1904

Notes

1. *The Coal Miner's Cry: Coal Mining in Pike County, Indiana, from 1835 to 1999*, written by students at Pike Central High School, Petersburg, Indiana, ed. by Beth Bohnert and Dixie Cooper (Vincennes, IN: Vincennes University, 1999).
2. "Man Rescuing Historic Cemetery," (*Dubois County*) *Herald*, July 12, 1999.
3. Indiana Pioneer Cemeteries Restoration Project, "INPCRP Cemetery Hall of Shame: Mt. Hebron Cemetery (a/k/a Ayrshire Cemetery), Pakota [*sic*] Township, Pike County, Indiana," <http://www.rootsweb.com/~inpcrp/HallofShame/mthebroncem.html>, accessed January 2005. For an updated list see Find a Grave, Grave Search Results for Mount Hebron Cemetery in Pike County, Indiana, <https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2295671>, accessed January 2017.

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