

A painting that depicts the Felling Mine Disaster in May 1812 where 92 lives were lost. The blast was heard 4 miles away.



A simulation of what a mining disaster might look like underground.



A 'fireman' who was sent underground to rescue any survivors and recover bodies. The tank of air on his back was made from sewn up pigskins.



The penitent man. His job was to explore the mine before the workers arrived, with a stick and candle. This was to burn off any small pockets of methane (or firedamp as it was known then) to prevent larger volumes collecting, which might set off an explosion when the mine was fully occupied. He wore rags soaked in water to protect him from burns.



Rev John Hodgson (1779-1845)



Sir Humphry Davy



A Davy Lamp



George Stephenson



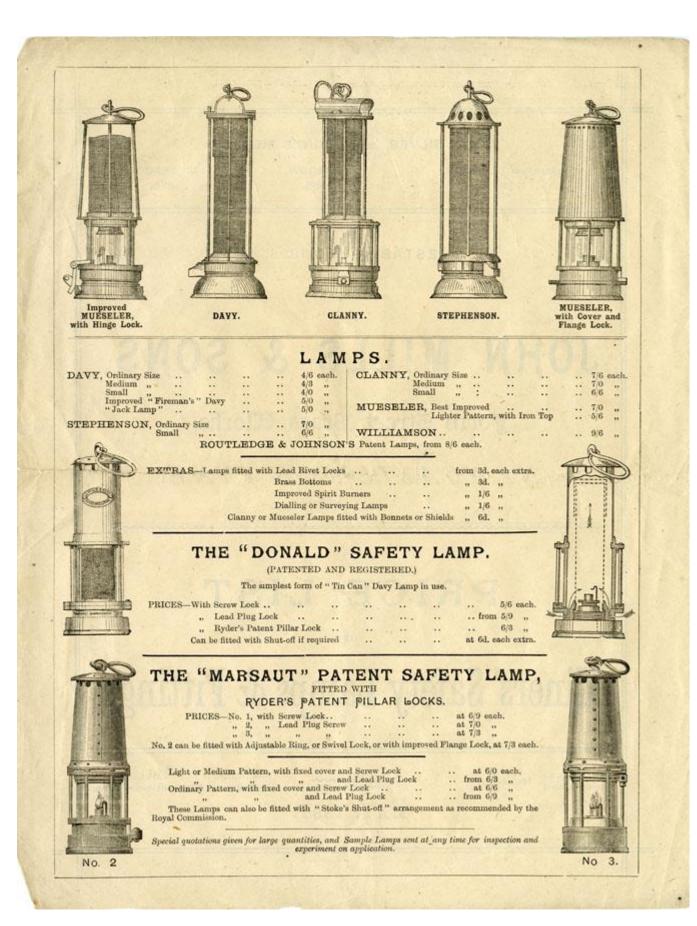
A Stephenson Lamp circa 1830



William Reid Clanny



A Clanny Lamp circa 1880



Inside left of trade catalogue and price list for Miners Safety Lamps and Fittings manufactured by John Mills & Sons, Forth Street Brass Works, Newcastle upon Tyne. May 1887.

A list of the Persons killed by the Explosion.

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Name	burial	Age	Employment
George Culley	22	14	Trapper
Joseph Wilson	23	25	Hewer
John Boutland	23	46	Hewer
George Reay	24	9	Trapper
William Gardiner	24	10	Trapper
Thomas Craggs	24	36	Hewer
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John Greener	24	21	Hewer
Edward Richardson	24	39	Hewer
Robert Dobson	24	13	Trapper
WilliamDixon	25	35	Hewer
George Robson	25	15	Putter
Andrew Allan	25 25 25	11	Trapper
John Thompson	25	36	Hewer
JohnPearson	25	64	Hewer
ThomasBears	25 25	48	Hewer
Charles Wilson		20	Hewer
Michael Gardiner	25	45	Hewer
James Comby	25 25 25 25	28	Hewer
Joseph Gordon	25	10	Trapper
Roben Haswell	25	42	Hewer
Joseph Wood	27	39	Hewer
John Wilkinson	27	35	Hewer
John Turnbull	27	27	Hewer
Matthew Sanderson	27	33	Hewer
Robeet Gordon	27	40	Hewer
Thomas Gordon	27	8	Trapper
Christopher Mason	27	34	Hewer
Robert Gray Leck	28	16	Putter
William Jacques	July 28	23	Putter
William Hunter	29	35	Deputy
Thomas Ridley	29	13	Putter
William Sanderson	30	43	Hewer
George Lawton	30	14	Lamp-keeper
Michael Hunter	30	8	Trapper
William Dixon	31	10	Waggon Driver
Edward Haswell	Aug. 1	20	Hewer
Joseph Young	3	30	Trapper
George Kay	26	16	Putter
Robert Pearson	Sept. 1	10	Trapper
John Archibald Dobson	19	15	Trapper
Not yet discovered			

Those marked m. were married men: the rest single. Hodgson records 31 married men, while the Relief Fund records only 30 widows.



The plaque and one side of the Felling 1812 memorial at Heworth Cemetery.