**2.1. Summary of returns made by Clerks of the Peace of Coroners Inquests concerning people who had met with ‘untimely deaths in the Mines of England and Wales’ since 1810.**

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| Place | Lives lost | Cause (if recorded) |
| Chester | 7 | Fire-damp & choke-damp |
| Cumberland | 140 | Fire-damp & choke-damp |
| Derby | 19 | Fire-damp & choke-damp |
| Gloucester | 3 | Fire-damp & choke-damp |
| Monmouth | 3 | Fire-damp & choke-damp |
| Nottingham | 3 | Fire-damp & choke-damp |
| Salop | 89 | Fire-damp & choke-damp |
| Somerset | 1 | Fire-damp & choke-damp |
| Stafford, one district | 104 | Fire-damp & choke-damp |
| Warwick | 3 | Fire-damp & choke-damp |
| York, North Riding | 29 | Fire-damp & choke-damp |
| York, West Riding | 23 | Choke-damp |
| York, West Riding | 93 | Fire-damp |
| York, West Riding | 250 | Other accidents not specified |
| Brecon | 15 | Other accidents not specified |
| Brecon | 3 | Explosions |
| Flint | 39 | Choke-damp and fire-damp |
| Lancashire (no returns for several districts) | 135 | Choke-damp and fire-damp |
| TOTAL | 954 |  |

Evidence for Durham and Northumberland was presented separately:

Fatal accidents in coal mines on the banks of the Rivers Tyne and Wear since 1710:

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| Cause of death | Numbers killed |
| Fire-damp | 1,479 |
| Inundations | 84 |
| ‘By other casualties’ | 37 |
| TOTAL | 1,600 |

The 1835 Select Committee criticised the paucity of statistical returns regarding accidents and believed that the number of fatal accidents between 1810 and 1825 was closer to 2,070.

Source: *PP* 1835 (603) Report from the Select Committee on Accidents in Mines; together with the minutes of evidence, and index.