

**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.**

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:

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.