**2.7. Data on causes of death among miners and men who worked in and around collieries, provided by the Registrar of Easington Poor Law Union, 1853-63.**

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| Cause of death | Numbers |
| Smallpox, cholera and fever | 35 |
| Disease of the brain, including apoplexy, paralysis, and tetanus | 33 |
| Disease of the heart and dropsy | 60 |
| Phthisis | 56 |
| Diseases of the lungs, including bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma | 41 |
| Diseases of the liver | 17 |
| Diseased joints | 2 |
| Abscess, haemorrhage and cancer | 11 |
| Disease of the kidneys | 4 |
| Old age and exhaustion | 45 |
| Violence (includes accidents) | 166 (including 1 by suffocation, 2 by burning, 2 by feloniously cutting and stabbing) |
| TOTAL | 470 |

Source: Robert Wilson, *The Coal Miners of Durham and Northumberland: their Habits and Diseases*: A Paper read before the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Newcastle, 1st September 1863; Earl Grey Pamphlets Collection University of Durham, p.13.