

Hoosac Tunnel Accident Victims

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History records that there were 195 men killed and others injured, during the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel. This is a list of those that were documented in newspapers, vital records or in the personal memoirs of witnesses to the events.

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| Badeau, Joseph T. | 12 Jan 1871 | Killed | Explosion |
| Bakey, James | 29 Nov 1869 | Killed | Explosion |
| Barrett, James | 15 Dec 1873 | Injured | Falling Rock |
| Barryman, Richard | 4 Oct 1869 | Drowned | Flood |
| Berry, Thomas | 26 Mar 1874 | Killed | Accident |
| Blanchard, Isaac Jr. | 20 June 1872 | Killed | Explosion |
| Bond, E. A. | 3 Oct 1873 | Injured | Falling Rock |
| Bottwell, Reuben | 14 Oct 1871 | Injured | Drawing a Charge |
| Bottwell, Reuben | 22 Apr 1872 | Died | Result of Injuries Above |
| Bourdon, David | 11 Sept 1873 | Killed | Explosion |
| Bradley, Daniel | 19 Jan 1865 | Killed | Load Overturned |
| Bray, Thomas | 28 Sept 1869 | Killed | Accident |
| Brown, Robert | 26 Dec 1870 | Killed | Fire |
| Brown, Stephen | 29 Jun 1873 | Killed | Explosion |
| Bucklin, Thomas | 17 Dec 1860 | Killed | Accident |
| Burnett, James | 19 Oct 1867 * | Killed | Fire |
| Burns, Thomas | 15 Sept 1860 | Injured | Cave In |
| Burt, John | 16 Nov 1870 | Injured | Falling Rock |
| Callahan, John | 8 Aug 1871 | Injured | Explosion |
| Cameron, | 15 Apr 1861 | Injured | Explosion |
| Campbell, Michael | 29 June 1873 | Killed | Explosion |
| Casey, Michael | 20 Jan 1874 | Killed | Falling Rock |
| Cavanaugh, James | 19 Oct 1867 * | Killed | Fire |
| Chamberlain, Nestor | 30 Apr 1868 | Injured | Struck by Broken Drill |

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| Collins, Peter | 19 Oct 1867 * | Killed | Fire |
| Collins, Thomas | 19 Oct 1867 * | Killed | Fire |
| Columbus, Terry | 14 Oct 1871 | Killed | Drawing a Charge |
| Condis, John | 3 Apr 1871 | Killed | Accident |
| Conolley, Patrick | 19 Oct 1867 * | Killed | Fire |
| Cook, Thomas | 19 Oct 1867 * | Killed | Fire |
| Crager, John | 2 July 1869 | Killed | Fall |
| Cronan, (Son of Mary) | 15 Sept 1864 | Killed | Skull Fracture |
| Cunningham, Michael | 3 Oct 1872 | Killed | Drawing a Charge |
| Curron, John | 19 Oct 1867 * | Killed | Fire |
| Daily, William | 25 Sept 1868 | Killed | Accident |
| Davis, J. | 4 Aug 1864 | Killed | Machinery Accident |
| Desrine, Michael | 15 May 1867 | Killed | Pre-Mature Blast |
| Donavan, Joseph | 28 Feb 1872 | Injured | Explosion |
| Donnelly, Patrick | 12 Mar 1874 | Killed | Explosion |
| Dunn, Richard | ? | Killed | Explosion |
| Dunn, William | 21 Apr 1871 | Killed | Explosion |
| Dunn, William | 11 Aug 1867 | Killed | Fall |
| Dusten, John | 29 July 1869 | Injured | Explosion |
| Englishman | 9 Mar 1864 | Killed | Explosion |
| Fennel, John | 16 Dec 1859 | Killed | Explosion |
| Ferns, Henry | 29 June 1873 | Killed | Explosion |
| Ferns, John | 8 Aug 1871 | Killed | Explosion |
| Fitzgerald, James | 19 Oct 1867 * | Killed | Fire |
| Fitzgerald, Patrick | 15 Dec 1871 | Injured | Falling Rock |
| Fitzgerald, Patrick | 28 Feb 1872 | Injured | Explosion |
| Flaherty, Michael | 15 Dec 1873 | Injured | Falling Rock |
| Fourney, Daniel | 18 Jan 1857 | Killed | Falling Rock |
| Frenchman | 16 Dec 1871 | Injured | Falling Rock |
| Gallagher, James | 18 July 1874 | Killed | Falling Rock |
| Gardner, Henry | 27 Mar 1860 | Killed | Fall |

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| Granger, Joseph | 14 Oct 1867 | Injured | Drawing a Charge |
| Granger, Joseph | ? | Killed | Explosion |
| Hanley, James | 4 Aug 1874 | Killed | Accident |
| Harrington, Michael | 11 Sept 1872 | Killed | Explosion |
| Haskins, Edwin | 19 Oct 1867 * | Killed | Fire |
| Hicks, John | 9 Sept 1859 | Killed | Accident |
| Hicky, William | 16 Sept 1873 | Killed | Explosion |
| Hocking, John Jr. | 29 Nov 1870 | Killed | Falling Rock |
| Howard, John | 1 Sep 1871 | Injured | Falling Rock |
| James, William | 18 Oct 1870 | Killed | Fall |
| Jewell, Matthew | 18 Oct 1870 | Killed | Fall |
| Johnson, Michael | 30 June 1869 | Killed | Fall |
| Johnson, William | 10 Sept 1859 | Killed | Falling Rock |
| Jones, Griffith | 23 Jan 1871 | Killed | Fell Down Central Shaft |
| Kane, William | 21 Sept 1872 | Injured | Explosion |
| Kennedy, John | 8 Aug 1871 | Killed | Explosion |
| Kehoe, Michael | 20 Dec 1861 | Killed | Explosion |
| Kingsley, Francis | 29 June 1873 | Injured | Explosion |
| La Montang, Felix | 9 Oct 1869 | Killed | Explosion of Magazine |
| La Montang, Oswell | 9 Oct 1869 | Killed | Explosion of Magazine |
| Lynch, Timothy | 29 June 1873 | Killed | Explosion |
| Lyons, Michael | 6 Dec 1866 | Killed | Accident |
| MacDuff, Felix | ? | Killed | Explosion |
| MacDuff, George | 9 Oct 1869 | Killed | Explosion of Magazine |
| MacDuff's Brother-in-Law | ? | Killed | Explosion |
| Mack, Patrick | 12 Jan 1871 | Injured | Explosion |
| Mason, John | 21 Apr 1871 | Killed | Accident |
| McCarthy, Stephen | 10 Oct 1872 | Injured | Explosion |
| McArty, Patrick | 23 Aug 1857 | Killed | Accident |
| McCallon, Leonard | 18 July 1866 | Injured | Fall from Wagon |
| McCann, John | 28 Feb 1872 | Killed | Explosion |

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| McCormick, James | 19 Oct 1867 * | Killed | Fire |
| McElroy, Joseph | 12 May 1869 | Killed | Accident |
| McFayden, Dennis | 29 June 1873 | Killed | Explosion |
| McGannon | 6 Mar 1874 | Injured | Explosion |
| McGowan, John | 29 Dec 1870 | Killed | Fire |
| McNamara, Edward C. | 16 Apr 1875 | Killed | Accident |
| Menable, Patrick | 13 Sept 1869 | Killed | Fall |
| Merrical, Frank | 2 June 1866 | Drowned | |
| Messier, Joseph | 19 Oct 1867 * | Killed | Fire |
| Miller, Fred | 25 Dec 1869 | Killed | Accident |
| Millit, James | 17 Apr 1861 | Killed | Struck by a Bucket |
| Mulaney, James | 6 Mar 1874 | Killed | Explosion |
| Mulcahy, Patrick | 15 Dec 1873 | Injured | Falling Rock |
| Mulcare, Thomas | 19 Oct 1867 * | Killed | Fire |
| Murphy, Daniel | 25 June 1868 | Killed | Accident |
| Murphy | 16 Dec 1871 | Injured | Rolling Stock |
| Murray, Michael | 2 July 1875 | Killed | Accident |
| Name Not Learned | 20 Dec 1866 | Injured | Explosion |
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| Nevin, Patrick | 1 Sept 1875 | Killed | Accident |
| O'Grady, Miles | 15 Dec 1873 | Killed | Falling Rock |
| O'Hern, Edward | 1 Dec 1864 | Injured | Machinery Accident |
| Oliver, James | 19 Jan 1871 | Injured | Fall |
| Patchford, Thomas | 2 June 1866 | Drowned | |
| Pender, Michael | 10 Oct 1872 | Injured | Explosion |
| Phillips, Thomas | 10 Oct 1872 | Injured | Explosion |
| Quinn, John | 15 Dec 1871 | Injured | Fall |
| Raycroft, Thomas | 21 Apr 1871 | Killed | Accident |
| Redding, Cornelius | 18 Oct 1870 | Killed | Fall |
| Regan, Christy | 27 May 1868 | Injured | Explosion |

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| Reynolds, Richard | 29 June 1869 | Killed | Fall |
| Rhuel, Edward | 29 Mar 1860 | Injured | Explosion |
| Rice | 21 Sept 1872 | Injured | Explosion |
| Rigney, Edward | 8 Dec 1874 | Killed | Accident |
| Roberts, Alfrnte | 21 Apr 1871 | Killed | Accident |
| Rundle, James | 1 Nov 1870 | Killed | Accident |
| San Souci, Samuel | 28 Feb 1872 | Injured | Explosion |
| Scollay, John | 11 Sept 1872 | Injured | Explosion |
| Shea, Patrick | 9 June 1865 | Killed | Accident |
| Shea, Patrick | 20 Dec 1866 | Killed | Explosion |
| Shea, Patrick | 8 Aug 1871 | Killed | Explosion |
| Shean, John | 18 Nov 1858 | Killed | Falling Rock |
| Sheenan, John | 19 Jan 1858 | Injured | Chopping Wood |
| Smith, John | 21 Sept 1872 | Injured | Explosion |
| Stafford, Richard | 12 Oct 1871 | Injured | Explosion |
| Stokes, Martin | 22 July 1866 | Injured | Thrown from Hand Car |
| Stone | 21 Sept 1872 | Killed | Explosion |
| Sullivan, Timothy | 8 Sept 1875 | Killed | Accident |
| Tool Boy, (No Name Recorded) | 11 Sept 1872 | Injured | Accident |
| Tower, Marshall O. | 11 Aug 1867 | Killed | Fall |
| Treat, Andrew | 7 Nov 1870 | Killed | Accident |
| Trombly, Fred | 5 Apr 1867 | Killed | Falling Drill |
| Velsor, John | 23 Dec 1870 | Killed | Explosion of Magazine |
| Whalan, Michael | 19 Oct 1867* | Killed | Fire |
| Wilson, Orrin | 20 Sept 1874 | Killed | Struck by Elevator |
| Witto, David | 11 Sept 1872 | Killed | Explosion |