**5.10. Northumberland and Durham Miners’ Permanent Relief Fund, Register of Permanent Disablement, 1917.**

Note: Permanent relief or provident funds were established in various coalfields in the second half of the nineteenth century and were intended to provide benefits to the widows and ‘orphans’ of miners killed in their work, disablement benefits for miners who suffered injuries or occupational disease, and, in some cases, payments to old and infirm miners no longer able to work. These were ‘permanent funds’ because, unlike friendly societies or other agencies, they paid benefits indefinitely. The Northumberland and Durham Miners’ Permanent Relief Fund, founded in the wake of the Hartley Colliery disaster, was the first such permanent relief fund; it was also one of the most consensual and lasted well into the twentieth century after its counterparts in other coalfields had come to an end.

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| Age of Recipient | Cause, Nature and Location of Injury | Probable Duration of Member’s Inability to Work from Accident | Occupation | Year and Date when Permanent Benefit began | Year and Date when Benefit Ceased | Cause of Benefit Ceasing |
| 54 | Strain, Abdomen | Indefinite | On belt | 1917 Mar 21 | 1917 Dec 12 | Died |
| 39 | Fall of stone, crush foot, Partial Amputation | “ “ | Miner | 1917 Mar 22 | 1917 July 28 | Resumed work |
| 36 | Nystagmus | 4 months | Hewer | 1917 Mar 25 | 1917 July 16 | Resumed work |
| 20 | Crushed between tubs, fracture, arm |  |  | 1917 Mar 24 | 1917 May 14 | Resumed work |
| 68 | shoulder | Permanent | Shifter | 1917 Mar 30 |  |  |
| 64 | Fell on timber, sprain, arm | Indefinite | Labourer | 1917 Mar 1 | 1917 July 11 |  |
| 57 | tubs, fracture, left leg | Two months | “ “ | 1917 Mar 3 | 1917 July 31 | Resumed work |
| 62 | Fall of stone, fractures, ribs | 3 months | Shifter | 1917 Mar 17 | 1919 Apr 24 | Resumed work |
| 52 | Fall of coal, fracture, rt leg | Cannot say | Hewer | 1917 Mar 22 | 1917 June 10 | Resumed work |
| 37 | Fall of stone, comp. fracture of skull | Indefinite | “ “ | 1917 Jan 17 | 1927 Oct 4 |  |
| 51 | Caught with timber tram, fracture skull + knee | Two or three months | Labourer | 1917 Mar 30 | 1918 Sept 8 | Resumed work |
| 32 | Fall of coal, fracture, rt thigh + rt elbow | Indefinite | Hewer | 1917 Apr 2 | 1917 Oct 23 | Resumed work |
| 33 | Nystagmus | “ “ | “ “ | 1917 Apr 5 | 1919 Sept 29 | Resumed work |
| 48 | Fall of stone, fracture, spine | “ “ | “ “ | 1917 Apr 5 | 1936 May 26 | Died |
| 55 | Fall of stone, injury to vertebra, back | A few more months | “ “ | 1917 Apr 6 | 1917 May 7 | Resumed work |
| 28 | Fall of stone, fracture, thigh | Two months | “ “ | 1917 Apr 11 | 1917 May 5 | Resumed work |
| 40 | Nystagmus | Indefinite | “ “ | 1917 Apr 14 | 1919 Feb 26 | Resumed work |
| 64 | Slipped on rails, blows, side | 6 months | Shifter | 1917 Jan 14 | 1931 Apr 19 | Died |
| 62 | Struck with prop, contusions, head + chest | Cannot say | Stoneman | 1917 Jan 1 | 1920 Sept 18 | Died |
| 62 | Piece of steel, loss of eye | “ “ | Labourer | 1917 Feb 16 | 1938 May 14 | Died |
| 62 | Fall of coal, contusion + inflammation, testicle | Indefinite | Hewer | 1917 Mar 6 | 1927 Jan 12 | Died |
| 30 | Blow with piece of iron, puncture, eye | “ “ | Tub-shop | 1917 Mar 21 | 1917 July 16 | Resumed work |
| 39 | Fall of coal, fracture, leg | “ “ | Miner | 1917 Mar 26 | 1917 July 16 | Resumed work |
| 17 | Tubs, fracture, leg | “ “ | Putter | 1917 Apr 2 | 1917 May 14 | Resumed work |
| 31 | Fall of coal, fracture, thigh | 6 months | Hewer | 1917 Apr 2 | 1918 Sept 2 | Resumed work |
| 38 | Fall of stone, fracture, spine | Permanent | “ “ | 1917 Apr 3 | 1917 Oct 10 | Died £5 |
| 47 | Fall of stone, crush, thigh | Indefinite | “ “ | 1917 Apr 3 | 1917 Nov 26 | Resumed work |
| 45 | Fall of stone, comp. fracture, both legs | “ “ | “ “ | 1917 Apr 4 | 1919 Aug 25 | Resumed work |
| 37 | Lifting tub, strain of muscles, back | “ “ | Driver | 1917 Apr 7 | 1917 Dec 1 | Resumed work |
| 24 | Girder drawn out, fracture, rt leg | 6 months | Putter | 1917 Apr 2 | 1918 Mar 18 | Resumed work |
| 40 | Fall of Coal, Fractured Thigh | Indefinite | Hewer | 1917 Feb 22 | 1918 May 24 | Resumed work |
| 55 | Lifting a Stone, Hernia Rt Side | Uncertain | Stonework | 1917 Mar 3 | 1918 March 25 | Resumed work |
| 62 | Fall of Stone, Comp. Fracture big toe & foot | Two months | Hewer | 1917 Mar 5 | 1917 July 23 | Resumed work |
| 16 |  | Some months | Driver | 1917 Mar 19 | 1922 March 11 | Resumed work |
| 15 | Crush, fractured skull | Indefinite | Driver | 1917 Apr 4 | 1917 June 18 | Resumed work |
| 57 | Fall of Stone, Comp. fracture, left leg | 3 months | Stonework | 1917 Apr 5 | 1939 April 30 | Died |
| 32 | Fall of Stone, Fracture, leg | Indefinite |  | 1917 Apr 5 | 1917 July 28 | Resumed work |
| 43 | Fall of Stone, Fracture, Thigh | “ “ | Hewer | 1917 Apr 5 | 1953 | Died |
| 14 | Caught by tub, Comp. fracture, thigh | “ “ | Driver | 1917 Apr 6 | 1917 Sept 30 | Resumed work |
| 63 | Lifting hand pump, Sprain, left side | “ “ | shiftwork | 1917 Mar 21 | 1919 Apr 22 | Recovered |
| 54 | Fall of stone, fracture, left leg | “ “ | “ “ | 1917 Mar 25 | 1917 July 28 | Resumed work |
| 67 | Fall of stone, Extensive laceration, foot | May be permanent | Coal miner | 1917 Apr 4 | 1926 Nov 3 | Died |
| 17 | Fall of stone, fracture, rt leg | uncertain | Stone putting | 1917 Apr 4 | 1917 June 18 | Resumed work |
| 20 | Lifting tub, shock + eye strain, head & eyes | “ “ | Putter | 1917 Apr 6 | 1917 June 23 | Resumed work |
| 63 | Nystagmus | “ “ | Shifter | 1917 Apr 7 | 1917 June 30 | Resumed work |
| 38 | Fell on Elbow, Bursitis also Nystagmus | “ “ | Hewer | 1917 Apr 9 | 1922 Mar 30 | Resumed work |
| 17 | Caught by tubs, Contusion, Spine | “ “ | Braker | 1917 Apr 10 | 1919 Sept 21 | Resumed work |
| 69 | Fall in mine, Dislocation, Shoulder | A few months | Shiftwork | 1917 Apr 10 | 1917 July 16 | Resumed work |
| 46 | Fall of stone, fracture, right leg | Some months | Hewer | 1917 Apr 13 | 1917 June 11 | Resumed work |
| 26 | Fall of stone, fracture, left thigh | 9 months from accident | Putter | 1917 Jan 17 | 1917 Apr 20 | Resumed work |
| 62 | Fall of stone, strain, leg | 3 months | Hewer | 1917 Mar 21 | 1917 Apr 14 | Resumed work |
| 23 | Lifting tub, strain, left side | Indefinite | Putter | 1917 Apr 13 | 1918 May 6 | Resumed work |
| 17 | Caught by carriage, crush, amputation foot | Permanent | Landing | 1917 Apr 13 | 1917 Oct 1 | Resumed work |
| 39 | Blown off by shot, ampu of hand at wrist | “ “ | Sinker | 1917 Apr 14 | 1933 Aug 13 | Died |
| 16 | Pony falling on him, bruising rt leg | Uncertain | Driver | 1917 Apr 15 | 1917 July 2 | Resumed work |
| 48 | Fall of stone, lacerations + contusions, back | Two or 3 months | Miner | 1917 Apr 16 | 1917 Oct 13 | Resumed work |
| 19 | Caught by tub + jibbler, fracture, leg | 4 months | Seemer | 1917 Apr 16 | 1918 Feb 4 | Resumed work |
| 55 | Fall of coal, crush, hand | Uncertain | Hewer | 1917 Apr 16 | 1917 Dec 19 | Resumed work |
| 48 | Nystagmus | “ “ | “ “ | 1917 Apr 16 | 1918 Dec 30 | Med exam |
| 46 | Fall of stone, crush, left index finger | Able for light work | “ “ | 1917 Apr 17 | 1917 Aug 13 | Resumed work |

Source: Tyne and Wear Archives Service, CH/MPR/15/3, Northumberland and Durham Miners’ Permanent Relief Fund, Register of Permanent Disablement 1917.