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#### Fatal Accident in a Lead Mine near Matlock

An accident occurred about noon on Wednesday last at the Mill Close Stoop Lead Mine (the property of the Executors of the late Mr. E.M. Wass, J.P.), which is situate near Darley. A miner named John Titterton, of Winster, accompanied by the midday "shift" descended for the purpose of working for six hours in a section about 450 yards from the shaft. Titterton was on the top of the "brindle", and his companion, Job Stone, was near him, when suddenly a large stone became dislodged and rolled upon Titterton, crushing him frightfully. The body of the unfortunate man was covered with blood and his head was badly mutilated. Dr. Stubbs, of Darley Bridge, having been called, found the lower jaw smashed and the skull crushed and driven to the base. Deceased's neck was apparently dislocated, and the head very nearly severed from the body. The inquest was opened at ten o'clock yesterday morning at the Bull's Head Inn, Winster, before Mr. A.C. Brookes, Deputy Coroner, of Bakewell. George Titterton, a miner, being called, said he had recognised the body as the remains of John Titterton, his brother, who was 39 years of age. The Coroner being satisfied with the identification gave an order for the internment of deceased, and the inquest was adjourned till Wednesday next, at one o'clock, in order that the report of the Government Inspector of Mines (Mr. Stokes, of Derby) could be produced. Deceased, who was a bachelor, had worked at this mine (which employs about 160 workmen) many years, and although the mining operations have been going on over a quarter of a century, this is the first fatal accident which has occurred.