

FURTHER DETAILS OF EXPLOSION

Terrible Catastrophe Near Linwood is Graphically Described

The Milverton Sun gives further details of the terrible boiler Explosion near Linwood on Monday in which William Attig and Thomas Huber were killed. It states:

The boiler had been filled with water last week and on Monday morning Mr. Attig decided to make the first test of the machinery to see that everything was in running order before opening up for business on Wednesday as had been announced. Mr. Huber who followed the trade of blacksmith and woodworker, was employed along with Mr. Geo Duench in the blacksmith shop. Towards noon he went to announce to Mr. Attig that dinner was ready and while in the engine and boiler room the explosion took place with such awful consequence's to life and property. For miles around the report could be heard and many wondered as to the cause. Duench, the only other man near at hand, rushed out of the shop, and Mrs. Huber out of the house across the way. The sight that met their eyes almost staggered them for the time being. The building that had been standing a few minutes before, was now a complete wreck, with buildings blown to bits and the stone walls levelled to the ground, bricks strewn around for hundreds of yards, heavy sections of the boiler lying north south east and west. One piece seven feet wide by thirteen feet in length and weighing over three hundred pounds, having been carried a distance of nearly 640 feet. The smokestack lay across the road smashed and bent, flues were scattered about in every direction. The fields adjoining were literally covered with matchwood and the whole building, with the single exception of the heavy cider press, an entire and absolute

wreck showing the immense force of the explosion.

Search for the unfortunate men amidst the mass of ruins revealed the body of Mr. Attig about 40 feet east of the building, having been blown through the wall by the terrible impact. His head was crushed in around the left eye, the left arm torn to shreds from shoulder to elbow, while the right leg, from the knee to the ankle, was smashed into pulp. The head and shoulders were also scalded.

The body of Huber was blown a distance of about 80 feet, and was found across the road east of the building, where he had struck a tree, glancing off, knocking down the rail fence in close proximity. Not a vestige of clothing remained on him, except the collar of the shirt, a piece of the sleeve, pants, boots and socks were found on the road! One of the shoes having the sole torn off. The only apparent wound was a deep cut on the back of the head, but the body and face were badly scalded. The bodies were taken into the black smith shop and Associate Coroner McEachern of Linwood summoned, who decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Mr. Huber was about 30 years of age and leaves a sorrowing widow to mourn his loss. He was a man held in very high esteem and his unfortunate death has cast a gloom over the entire community. Mr. Attig was about 56 years old and leaves to mourn his loss a widow and family of two sons and two daughters, namely, William of Haileybury, Charles of New Hamburg, Mrs. James McConachy of Newton and Lizzie at home. Mr. Attig was too well known in the vicinity to need any comment at our hands, he having for the past thirty years been engaged in sawmilling and general contracting.