

MINERS MEMORIAL PROJECT

Registered Free Quarrymen Listed By Name



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This document forms part of the Miners Memorial Project and contains records of registered **Free Quarrymen** of the Forest of Dean, listed by name.

“A free quarryman is a person born within the Hundred of St Briavels and abiding there and having worked a year and a day at coal or mine work”. The original registers of Free Miners and Free Quarrymen are kept in the office of the Deputy Gaveler. John Harvey, a previous Deputy Gaveler, deposited a photocopy of this register of applications to be recognised as free miners with the Gloucestershire Record Office which was then transcribed to a computer readable form. The Data Protection Act means that only applications from 1838 – 1959 are included in this document.

The original free quarrymen applications are held at the Gloucestershire Record Office (GRO Ref D5947 1/1). The information given on these applications comprises name, birthplace and year of birth, address, mine where worked; later applications include certificates of employment.

The original register was in manuscript form and may contain some errors due to literacy standards, inaccuracies in recording and variations in representation.

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Surnames A-C

Surname	Forename	Age	Residence	Reg Date	ID
Adams	David	27	New Road nr Blakeney	1st May 1882	260
Adams	George	32	Old Furnace Bottom	16 th April 1858	210
Adams	Henry	35	Blakeney Hill	20 th July 11858	209
Adams	John	42	? Furnace	15 th Sep 1838	68
Adams	Joseph	32	Blakeney Hill	24 th March 1859	220
Adams	William	48	Blakeney Hill	15 th Sep 1838	67
Adams	William	35	Blakeney Hill	20 th July 1858	208
Adams	William	34	Blakeney Hill	23rd March 1859	219
Baker	William	44	Whitcroft	8th Sep 1838	40
Baldwyn	Moses	55	Ruardean Woodside	15 th Sep 1838	73
Baldwyn	William	39	Ruardean Woodside	15 th Sep 1838	69
Barnard	James	27	Plump Hill	27th Oct 1838	169
Barrow	Charles	48	Slow Green	29 th Sep 1838	112
Baruath ??	Thomas	46	Hazle Tump??	29 th Sep 1838	153
Beard	Edmund	38	Ruardean Hill	29 th Sep 1838	146
Beddis	George	44	Blakeney Hill	14 th Jan 1863	230
Beddis	Thomas	49	Blakeney Hill	22nd Sep 1838	92
Bendell	Thomas	34	Coleford	29 th Sep 1838	148
Benfield	Elmes	39	Coleford	22nd Sep 1838	108
Benfield	George	49	Park End	17 th Sep 1`838	89
Benfield	Herbert	26	Coleford	16 th Jan1888	269
Benfield	Joseph	53	Coleford	29th Sep 1838	121
Benfield	William	22	Coalford Lane	8th Sep 1838	29
Bennett	William	30	Plump Hill	15th Sep 1838	85
Bennett	William Henry	47	Plump Hill Mitcheldean	14 th Oct1922	290
Benson	George Frederickk	23	Coleford Road Bream	19 th Nov 1934	299
Bethel	William	33	Oldcroft	29th Sep 1838	120
Bradley	George	59	Coalway Lane End Coleford	29 th Dec 1925	293
Bradley	William	38	Coleford	22nd Sep 1838	110
Bridge	Thomas Millard	54	Palmers Flat	26 th Sep 1882	261
Bridges	Thomas	36	Coalway Lane	8th Sep 1838	36
Broadstock	John	34	Lea Bailey	29 th Sep 1838	151
Clark ?	?Barzillais??	46	Bailey Hill	29 th Sep 1838	139
Clay	George	35	Blakeney Hill	29 th March 1859	221
Coleman	Albert Herbert	28	Ruardean Hill	30 th Jun 1943	300
Constance	William	46	Studley	29 th Sep 1838	128
Cooper	George	59	Christchurch Coleford	16 th Jan 1948	305
Cooper	John	42	Soudley	28 th June 1854	197
Court	Richard	48	Herbert Lodge	27 th Oct 1838	172
Court	Thomas	43	Herbert Lodge	27 th Oct 1838	170
Crisp	John	23	Lydbrook	29 th Sep 1838	137
Cullis	George	31	Ellwood	9 th Oct 1866	234
Cullis	John	22	Ellwood	2nd Sep 1838	25
Cullis	Thomas	24	Ellwood	2nd Sep 1838	26
Cullis	Thomas	25	Coalway Lane	8th Sep 1838	32
Cullis	Thomas Smart	55	Mile End	30 th April1910	284

Surnames D-H

Surname	Forename	Age	Residence	Reg Date	ID
Davies	George	27	Hawesclef	11 th Aug 1865	233
Davies	James	21	Lea Bailey	7 th June 1850	185
Davies	James	60	Old Furnace	24 th July 1857	201
Davies	Philip	30	Lea Bailey	25 th June 1849	180
Davis	Daniel	35	Hawsley	6 th Oct 1838	161
Davis	James	52	Blakeney Hill	15 th Sep 1838	64
Davis	James	21	Blakeney Hill	23rd March 1859	216
Davis	Johm	21	Blakeney Hill	14 th Feb 1877	257
Davis	John	60	Soudley	15th Sep 1838	50
Davis	John	42	Sling Nr Coleford	3rd Jan 1887	268
Davis	Joseph George	28	Scowles Coleford	31st May 1934	297
Davis	Milsom	42	Milkwall	3 rd Jan 1887	267
Davis	Richard	33	Coleford Lane End	22nd Sep 1838	100
Davis	Thomas	34	The Reddings	29th Sep 1838	116
Davis	Thomas	32	Old Furnace Bottom	7th Feb 1870	256
Davis	William	30	Blakeney Hill	15 th Sep 1838	63
Davis	William	43	Old Funace	15 th Sep 1838	76
Davis	William	49	Lea Bailey	29 th Sep 1838	129
Davis	William	31	Blakeney Hill	23rd March 1859	218
Davis	William	64	The Old FurnaceBottom	29 th March 1859	222
Davis junior	John	23	Soudley	15 th Sep 1838	51
Davis junior	William	39	Lea Bailey	29 th Sep 1838	134
Dibbin	Jame s Charles	34	Milkwall Nr Coleford	3 rd Sep 1910	285
Dowle	Amos	29	Staunton Lane	22 nd Sep 1838	102
Dowle	George	35	Heans Hill	15th Sep 1838	42
Dowle	James	50	Coleford Lane End	15 th Sep 1838	53
Dowle	Ralph Edward	40	BoxbushRoad Coleford	2 nd Aug 1927	294
Dowle	Samuel	40	Coleford Lane End	14 th March 1860	223
Dowle	Thomas	51	Coleford Lane End	15 th Sep 1838	52
Dowle	William	37	Coleford Lane End	22nd Sep 1838	97
Duberley	Austin Tom	46	Ruardean Hill	19 th Jul 1946	302
Edmunds	William Henry	51	Oldcroft Nr Lydney	30 th Jun 1934	298
Eheeler	James	57	The Morse	29 th Sep 1838	149
Ellis	John	25	Ellwood	1st Sep 1838	4
Fisher	John	42	Lydbrook	29th Sep 1838	138
Frowen	George	33	Coleford Lane End	15th Sep 1838	43
Gilbert	Thomas	32	Viney Hill	15 th Sep 1838	74
Grindall	Thomas	23	Lydbrook	21st Aug 1845	178
Grindell	Thomas	53	Coleford	15 th Sep 1838	88
Grindell	William	56	Lane End	24 th April 1875	251
Hale	John	29	Ruardean	27Oct 1838	171
Harding	James	33	The MORse	29 th Sep 1838	142
Hardins	Moses	36	Ruardean Woodside	15 th Sep 1838	70
Harris	John Sanders	49	Coleford	1st Sep 1838	8
Harris	Thomas	23	Ellwood	15th Sep 1838	47
Harris junior	John	27	Coleford	14 th July 1846	179
Harrison	Richard	25	Reddings Ruardean	28 th Dec 1849	183
Hawkins	George Thomas	39	Coalway Nr Coleford	17 th Dec 1928	295

Hawkins	James	36	Coleford	29th Sep 1838	117
Hawkins	John	55	Pitchen Green East Dean	23rd March 1859	215
Hawkins	Samuel	30	Coleford	2nd Sep 1838	17
Hawkins	Thomas	45	Coleford	8th Sep 1838	37
Hawkins	Thomas	66	Palmers Flat nr Coleford	7 th Oct 1912	289
Hawkins	William	35	Viney Hill	15th Sep 1838	55
Hawkins	William	42	Coleford	29 th Sep 1838	114
Hild	Thomas	44		27 th Oct 1838	174
Hill	John	43	Perry Grove	27 th Oct 1838	175
Hoare	Edmund	28	Drybrook	13 th Oct 1838	163
Hoare	Henry	20	Drybrook	8th Sep 1838	27
Holmes	Ivor Manley George	27	Crow Ash Berry Hill	27 th Sep 1947	307
Howard	John	35	Lydney lane Bream	7th Nov 1900	277
Hulin	William	60	Lords Hill	8th Sep 1838	31

Surnames J-M

Surname	Forename	Age	Residence	Reg Date	ID
James	James	24	Blakeney Hill	28 th Aug 1857	206
James	John	61	Old FurnaceBottom	13th Dec 1858	213
James	Philip	68	Coleford Lane End	22 nd Sep 1838	99
James	Richard	42	Coleford	29 th Sep 1853	193
James	Theophilus	25	Worrall Hill	28 th Nov 1853	195
James	Thomas	49	Lane End	6th Oct 1853	194
James	William	33	Coleford	27 th Oct 1838	167
Jefferies	William	50	Soudley	16 th Jan 1895	273
Jenkins	Henry George	43	Cleverend Green	1st Sep 1838	1
Jenkins	John Halford	56	Blakeney Hill	3rd Feb 1858	207
Jenkins	Peyter	59	Clearwell	2nd Sep 1838	16
Jenkins	Thomas	24	Poolway	22nd Sep 1838	109
Jenkins	Thomas	69	Viney Hill	29th Sep 1838	141
Jenkins	Wood	43	Gorsty Knoll Nr Coleford	12 th Mar 1883	263
John	Walter Methuselah	25	Crow Ash Berry Hill	27 th Sep 1947	306
Jones	Edwin	34	Coleford	9 th Jan 1854	196
Jones	James	45	Coleford	8h Sep 1838	33
Jones	John	47		1st Sep 1838	6
Jones	Thomas	49	Lane End	6th Oct 1853	190
Jones	Thomas Hubert	29	Ellwood	22 nd Jun 1911	288
Jones	William	55	Coalway Lane	6 th Oct 1838	160
Jordan	William Henry	32	Ellwood	28 th Aug 1886	266
Keane	George	33	Gorsty Knoll Coleford	13 th Aug 1947	304
Kear	George	50	Viney Hill	6 th Oct 1838	162
Kear	William	26	Clements Green	22nd Sep 1838	105
Kear	William	46	Old Furnace Bottom	11 th Mar 1863	231
Lambert	Edmund	34	Clearwell Meend	12 th Mar 1866	235
Lambert	Thomas	37	Clearwell	2nd Sep 1838	23
Lambert	William	43	Clearwell	2nd Sep 1838	22
Laundless	James	48	Blakeney	15 th Sep 1838	48
Lukins	Richards	29	Clearwell	2nd Sep 1838	21
Lyne	John	46	Plump Hill	15 th Sep 1838	83
Marfell	Aaron	40	Drybrook	30 th Dec 1851	186
Marlin	James	47	Coleford Lane End	31st Dec 1858	214
Marshall	George	24	Blakeney Hill	23rd March 1859	217
Marshall	William	30	Blakeney Hill	15th Sep 1838	61
Martin	John	40	Newland Toll Gate	12 Aug 1885	265
Martin	Leslie	41	Coleford	16 th Feb 1906	278
Martin	Ralph	30	Coleford	15 th Mar 1889	270
Martin	Thomas	57	Coleford	22nd Sep 1838	111
Mason	Nathaniel	39	Camomile Green	22nd Sep 1838	93
Mason	William	43	Moorwood	29th Sep 1838	135
Matthews	George Moses	33	The Plump Mitcheldean	30 th Nov 1906	281
Matthews	John	33	Coleford Lane End	29th Sep 1838	125
Meek	Cornelius	42	Bailey Hill	29 th Sep 1838	140
Meek	Emmanuel	27	Drybrook	29 th July 1845	177
Miles	William	61	Perry Grove	27 Oct 1838	173
Moore	John	46	Plump Hill	27 th Oct 1838	168

Morgan	George	43	Coleford	7 th Mar 1873	240
Morgan	John	58	Viney Hill	15th Sep 1838	54
Morse	George	36	Viney Hill	19 th Oct 1858	211
Morse	Jonathan	43	Bream Woodside	22nd Sep 1838	104
Morse	Richard	34	Blind ???	29 th Sep 1838	124
Morse	Samuel	41	Plump Hill	29 th Sep 1838	154

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Surname	Forename	Age	Residence	Reg Date	ID
Nelmes	John	63	Bradley	15 th Sep 1838	82
Nelmes	Richard	23	Bradley	15 th Sep 1838	84
Payne	Elias ?	39	Coleford	29 th Sep 1838	115
Payne	Richard Townsend	23	Lambsquay House Coleford	7 th Jan 1882	259
Perkins	Emmanuel	45	Sharpridge	15 th Sep 1838	87
Perkins	John	33	Shapridge	16 th Sep 1852	188
Phillips	John	40	Coleford	2nd Sep 1838	24
Phipps	Philip	49	Yorkley Slade	17th Sep 1904	279
Playsted	James	27	Braines Green	5th Nov 1861	225
Porter	Richard White	30	Broadwell Lane End	17 th April 1875	249
Porter	William	54	Coleford	29 th Sep 1838	143
Porter	William	29	Barnhill	22 Mar 1872	237
Porter junior	Thomas	29	Coleford	29 th Sep 1838	144
Porter junior	Thomas	23	Coalway nr Coleford	10 th Nov 1858	212
Powell	Abraham	22	Ellwood	2nd Sep 1838	20
Powell	James	32	Ellwood	28 th July 1891	271
Powell	John	41	Drybrook	29 th Sep 1838	155
Powell	Samuel	47	Coleford Lane End	22nd Sep 1838	98
Price	Hiram	32	Coalway Same End	30 th Mar 1872	239
Price	Walter	39	Bream	8th Sep 1838	30
Price	William	61	Bailey Hill	29 th Sep 1838	113
Priest	Amos	28	Ellwood	15 th Sep 1838	44
Priest	William	30	Coleford	1st Sep 1838	7
Protheroe	William	28	Drybrook	29 th Sep 1838	122
Rees	Alfred	44	Clearwell	15 th Feb 1883	262
Rees	Frank Balch	25	Clearwell Coleford	11 th Jan 1909	282
Rees	Tom Rees	35	Clearwll Coleford	22 nd Jul 1909	283
Ridler	John	40	Lydbrook	29 th Sep 1838	131
Roberts	George	22	Coleford	26 th March 1853	191
Roberts	Henry John	37	Harrow Hill Drybrook	20 th Nov 1951	308
Roberts	James	32	Coalway Lane	1st Sep 1838	9
Roberts	James	32	Clearwell	1st Sep 1838	13
Roberts	John	40	Coleford	2nd Sep 1838	18
Roberts	John	33	Broadwell Lane End	27 th Jun 1923	291
Roberts	Lewis	28	Coleford	2 nd Dec 1862	229
Roberts	Richard	33	Coleford	29th Sep 1838	119
Roberts	Samuel	31	Coleford	24 th Nov1852	189
Roberts	Thomas	24	Coleford	1st Jan 1852	187
Roberts	Thopmas	46	Coleford	8th Sep 1838	39
Roberts	William	43	Coleford	2nd Sep 1838	19
Roberts	William	35	Bradley	15 th Sep 1838	56
Roberts	William	27	Scowles nr Coleford	15 th Sep1862	228
Roser	Henry	42	Coleford	22nd Sep 1838	101
Rosser	Charles	40	Ellwood	8th Sep 1838	28
Rosser	Geoge	43	Coleford	8th Sep 1838	34
Rosser	John	29	??? Green	13 th Oct 1838	165
Rosser	Joseph	38	Ellwood	15th Sep 1838	45
Rosser	Richard	31	The Lane End	24 th March 1856	199

Rosser	Samuel	48	Staunton Lane	22nd Sep 1838	103
Rosser	Thomas	29	Coleford Lane End	1st Sep 1838	5
Rosser	Thomas	54	Coleford	1st Sep 1838	10
Rosser	Thomas	54	Coleford	22nd Sep 1838	96
Rosser	William	24	Berry Hill	6th Oct 1838	159
Rudge	John	51	Bailey Hill	29 th Sep 1838	132
Rudge	John	24	Coleford	6 th Oct 1838	158
Rudge	Thomas	50	Blakeney Hill	15 th Sep 1838	49
Rudge	William	35	Bailey Hill	29 th Sep 1838	130
Rudge	William	24	Broom Hill	13 th Oct 1838	166
Ruffe	Benjamin	52	Bailey Hill	29 th Sep 1838	126
Ruffe	George	52	Mitcheldean	15 th Sep 1838	86
Ruffe	John	21	Bailey Hill	29 th Sep 1838	127
Ruffe	Thomas	54	Bailey Hill	29 th Sep 1838	123
Russell	James	59	Broadwell Lane End	18 th Jun 1946	301
Russell	Walter James Henry	27	Broadwell Lane End	13th Aug 1947	303

Surnames S-V

Surname	Forename	Age	Residence	Reg Date	ID
Sanders	Henry	46	Old Furnace Bottom	2nd Jan 1862	226
Sanders	Henry	53	Blakeney Hill	15 th Sep 1862	227
Saunders	Thomas	51	Old Croft	29 th Sep 1838	152
Saunders	William	31	Blakeney Hill	30 th April 1875	255
Simms	Robert Ronald	41	Stowefield Farm Drybrook	21 st May 1958	309
Smart	George	45	Ruardean Woodside	22nd Sep 1838	95
Smart	John	32	Briarly	15 th Sep 1838	57
Smart	Richard	59	Mitcheldean Lane End	7th Oct 1873	243
Smart	Richard	34	Milkwall	26 th Feb 1875	246
Smith	George	40	Ellwood	15 th Sep 1838	46
Smith	George	28	Breames Eaves	24 th Dec 1863	232
Smith	James	63	High Beeches	29th Sep 1838	118
Smith	William	30	Woodlans Bream	7th April 1900	276
Stephens	Albert	37	Bakers Hill Coleford	27th Mar 1877	258
Stevens	John	29	Broadwell Lane End	13 th Feb1875	245
Taylor	John	30	Clay lay End	23 rd March 1855	198
Taylor	Richard	45	Ellwood	8th Sep 1838	35
Taylor	Thomas	42	Drybrook	13 th Oct 1838	164
Teague	Thomas Edward	26	Littledean woodside	19 th June 1860	224
Thomas	Benjamin	26	Coalway Lane End Coleford	7 th Jul 1905	280
Thomas	Davis	41	Lea Bailey	1 Nov 1849	182
Thomas	John	53	Gorsty Knoll nr Coleford	10 th Nov 1925	292
Thomas	Samuel	32	Same End??	18 th Oct 1872	238
Thomas	William	33	Same End??	1st Dec1871	236
Thorn	John	60	Old croft	22nd Sep 1838	94
Townsend	Richard	33	Gorge House	1st Sep 1838	11
Turley	David	34	Viney Hill	23 rd Jan 1892	272
Turley	Richard	34	Blakeney Hill	4 th Aug 1857	204
Turley	Thomas	46	Blakeney Hill	30 Jan 1875	244
Tyler	Thomas	60	Coleford Lane End	29 th Sep 1838	157
Vigo	Thomas	52	Blakeney Hill	15 th Sep 1838	79
Vinnington	Robert	45	Viney Hill	15 th Sep 1838	77
Virgo	Joseph	43	Blakeney Hill	15 th Sep1838	78
Virgo	Joseph	61	Blakeney Hill	4 th Aug 1857	205
Virgo	Samuel	48	Blakeney	15 th Sep 1838	75
Virgo	William	50	Blakeney Hill	15 th Sep 1838	80
Virgo	William	69	Blakeney Hill	4th Aug 1857	202

Surnames W-Y

Surname	Forename	Age	Residence	Reg Date	ID
Wait	John	40	Clearwell	27 th April 1853	192
Wait	Thomas	22	Bradley	15 th Sep 1838	60
Walkley	Daniel	30	Cinderford Bridge	26 th Oct 1897	275
Watts	Henry	51	Lane End	24 th April 1875	250
Weaver	Charles	47	Lydbrook	29 th Sep 1838	133
Weaver	John	39	Lydbrook	29 th Sep 1838	136
Welch	James	50	Wigpool	22nd Sep 1838	90
Wheatwhore	William	23	Drybrook	15 th Oct 1856	200
Wickenden	John	57	Bradley	15 th Sep 1838	81
Wilce	James	49	Ruardean	15th Sep 1838	58
Wilce	John	49	Ruardean Woodside	15 th Sep 1838	71
Wilce	John	31	Coleford	29 th Sep 1838	147
Wilce	John Reuben	42	Viney Hill Nr Blakeney	27 th Mar 1911	287
Wilce	Richard	33	Ruardean Woodside	15 th Sep 1838	72
Wilce	Thomas	27	Ruardean	29th Sep 1838	150
Wilce (senior)	James	21	Ruardean	15 th Sep 1838	59
Wildin	George Hathaway	52	Braem	1st Oct 1896	274
Willetts junr	William	34	Old Furnace Bottom	30 th April 1875	254
Williams	A.E.	31	Lane End	8th April 1875	247
Williams	Alfred	55	Rose Cottage St Briavels	24 th Oct 1932	296
Williams	George	38	The Morse	22nd Sep 1838	107
Williams	James	24	Clearwell	5th Aug 1884	264
Williams	Joseph	25	Ruardean	22nd Sep 1838	106
Williams	Robert	26	Clearwell	26 th April 1875	252
Williams	Samuel	21	Ruardean Hill	29 th Sep 1838	145
Williams	Thomas	42	Clearwell	1st Sep 1838	12
Williams	Thomas	32	Drybrook	22nd Sep 1838	91
Williams	Thomas	30	Clearwell	26 th April 1875	253
Williams	Thomas	50	Drybrook	25 th Oct 1910	286
Williams junior	Thomas	37	Broadwell Lane End	7 th Mar 1873	241
Wintle	Jonathan	52	Lea bailey	3 rd July 1849	181
Wood	Thomas	30	Staple Edge Lodge	15 th Sep 1838	41
Yarworth	George	25	Coleford	18th Jan 1845	176
Yaworth	Richard	33	Clearwell	2nd Sep 1838	15
Yaworth	William	26	Dean Pool	2nd Sep 1838	14
Yemm	Job	52	Silver Street Mitcheldean	3rd July 1849	184
Yemm	John	49	Blakeney Hill	15 th Sep 1838	66
Yemm	Samuel	30	Blakeney Hill	15 th Sep 1838	62
Yemm	Thomas	45	The Slade	15 th Sep 1838	65
Yemm	Thomas	48	Bailey Pound	29 th Sep 1838	156
Yemm	William	31	Blakeney Hill	4 th Aug 1857	203
Young	James	32	Palmers Place	8th Sep 1838	38
Young	John	26	Palmers Place	1st Sep 1838	2
Young	Thomas	23	Coleford	1st Sep 1838	3