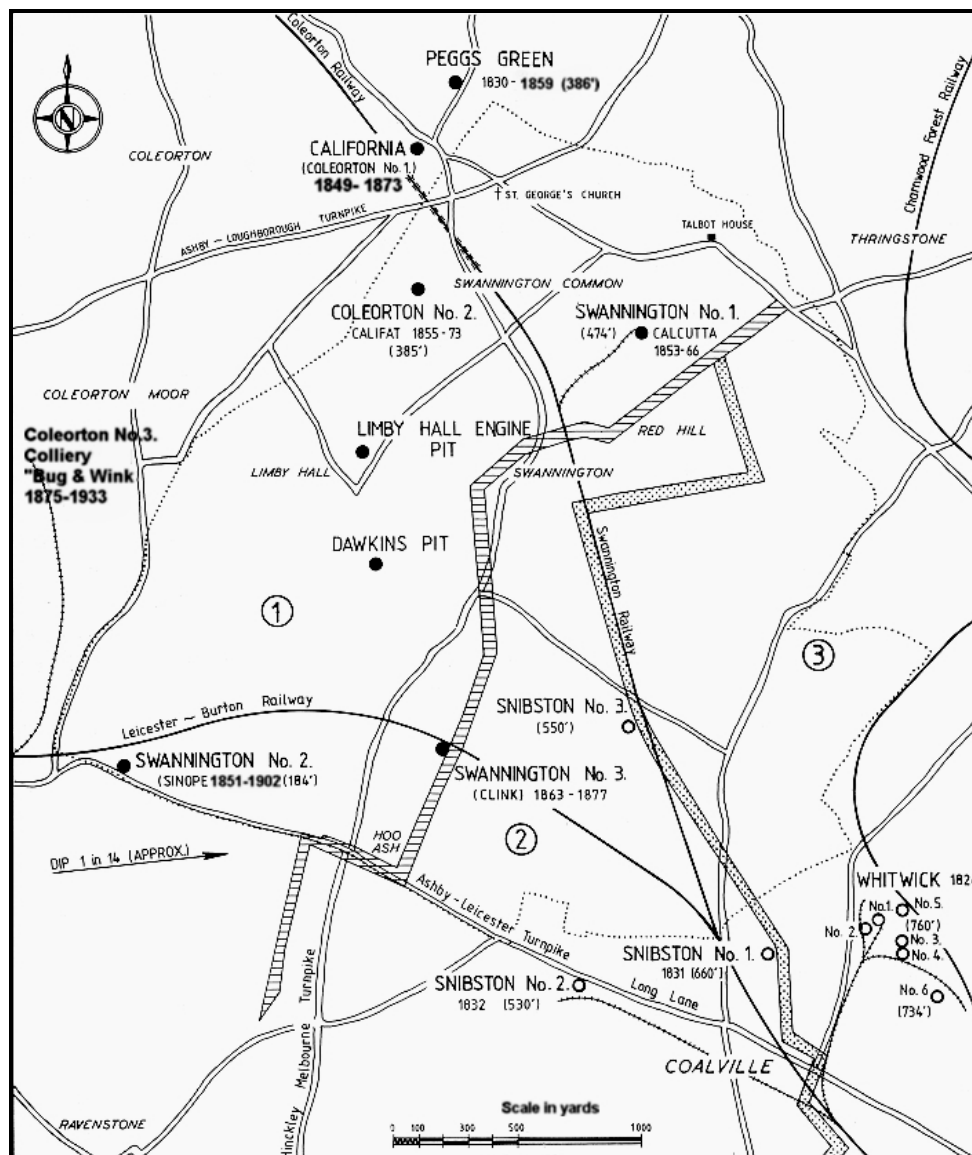


# IN MEMORY OF "KNOWN" COAL MINERS WHO DIED IN COLEORTON AND PEGG'S GREEN COLLIERIES



..... designates Swannington Parish Boundary

**MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF LOCAL COLLIERIES**

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For details of inquests and Coroner's reports where available at the time, please refer to the publication entitled 'A Record of Fatalities in Local coal Mines 1782-1957'. This can be found on the author's website [samuelstewart.com](http://samuelstewart.com) and it is in the 'Mining section' under 'Mining Tragedies'. It also includes a supplement to this entitled 'Additional Mining Deaths, Accidents and Inquest Reports'

THE NAMES LISTED HERE ARE ONLY THOSE MINERS WHO COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS BEING KILLED AT A PARTICULAR COLLIERY. THERE IS A MISCELLANEOUS SECTION IN THE ABOVE PUBLICATION LISTING 31 COAL MINERS WHO CANNOT BE RELATED WITH ANY CERTAINTY TO A PARTICULAR LOCAL COLLIERY.

### **COLEORTON NO.1. COLLIERY 1849-1873 (CALIFORNIA)**

NAME	AGE	DATE OF FATALITY
Edwin Jessop	c.15	August 1851
James Thompson	c.15	August 1851
John Williams	Boy	October 1851
John Mason	?	March 1852
Joseph Horne	Boy	January 1853
John Lakin	Boy	December 1853
Robert Lakin	14	April 1854
? Matchett	32	April 1854
Thomas Jeffcote	?	May 1855
Thomas Saddington	60	January 1867
Herbert King	28	July 1869
William Cooper	25	April 1869

### **COLEORTON NO.2. COLLIERY 1855-1873 (CALIFAT PIT) - ALSO KNOWN AS ALABAMA OR WINDMILL PIT) - Actually located in the parish of Swannington**

John Hutchinson	28	May 1863
Henry Clements	16	October 1863
Thomas Bird	41	October 1863
Jeremiah Rose	40	October 1863
Thomas Coulson	?	November 1864
John Halfpenny	59	November 1864
George Lawrence	40	October 1870

### **COLEORTON NO.3. COLLIERY 1875-1933 (BUG & WINK PIT)**

John Ward	19	January 1878
William Horne	20	February 1881
Frederick Curtis	20	June 1889 (Drowned in pit reservoir whilst swimming)
Benjamin William Johnson	14	January 1890
Frederick Allen Philips	22	March 1890
Harold Fern	21	January 1891
Jim Robinson	13	May 1895
Joseph Springthorpe	27	June 1897
John Edwards	44	June 1898
John Marsden	71	February 1899
George Otter	?	March 1905
William Rossell	19	May 1910
Charles Marshall	23	December 1910
David Gardiner	51	December 1910
Thomas Lord	32	August 1911
Nathan Lord	30	April 1912
James Bailey	50	November 1917
Samuel Matchett	48	December 1918
Samuel Robert Fretsome	21	January 1919
George King	45	March 1923
Charles Henry Watson	50	June 1929
James Turner	64	January 1929
Samuel Walker	51	May 1930

### **PEGG'S GREEN COLLIERY 1830-1859**

Thomas Hurst	15	August 1843
John Waldram	28	August 1853
Jarvis Marshall	?	August 1853
Frederick Barkby	?	November 1854
Samuel Burrows	24/25	January 1838
John Birch	19	September 1838
William Smith	35	March 1844
John Hutchinson	20	April 1845

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## **THE FINAL NAIL IN THE COFFIN FOR THE COAL MINERS OF THE BUG & WINK PIT**

The following shows the total disregard and respect Checkland & Co., had for the loyal, hard working coal miners of this Colliery who put their lives in danger every day for the company. Many, as listed above, lost their lives and were seriously injured in this pit, but not a mention or thought was given to them.

**Leicester Evening Mail - Wednesday 26th July 1933**

### **500 MINERS IDLE THROUGH CLOSING OF ANCIENT COLLIERY**

Over 500 miners are thrown out of work by the closing down today of Coleorton Colliery one of the oldest pits in Leicestershire. Today, the men were seen fetching out their tools and many were standing in groups in the village, ruefully discussing the calamity

Coleorton Colliery which was owned by Messrs. Checkland & Co. Ltd., had been working for about 60 years, and there are old miners who have worked there practically the whole of their lives.

### **NOT TAKING MEN ON**

The men employed at the pit had been under notice, but were not prepared for the developments of yesterday when an official notice, dated July 25th was posted at the pit head as follows:-

*"All men are to fetch their tools out of the pit tomorrow. The terms of employment with this company cease as at midnight today, and the purchaser's of the colliery will not be taking on any of Checkland & Co's., employees.*

*For and on behalf of Checkland and Company.*

S. Bellard  
Agent

It is understood that Coleorton Colliery has been purchased by the Leicestershire Colliery and Pipe Co., who are the owners of the New Lount Colliery but no information is to hand as to future developments, which appear to be uncertain

Locally, Coleorton Colliery has for many years been known by the peculiar name "Bug & Wink."