



**100th Anniversary of the Cross Mountain Mine Disaster
Briceville, Tennessee
Friday, 9 December 2011**

- 9:00 a.m. Memorial Service at Briceville Community Church/Cemetery, which was built in 1888 by Welsh coal miners and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.... After an opening prayer, the church bell will toll, names of miners will be read, songs written to honor them will be sung, and farewell messages will be recited. Then, we want to hear from descendants of the Cross Mountain miners. The names of the 84 miners who died in 1911 are listed on the attached memorial program from 1912.
- 10:30 a.m. Dedication of Cross Mountain Miners' Circle in Briceville being listed on the National Register of Historic Places, while Tony Thomas and students from Briceville Elementary School sing, "*Will the Circle Be Unbroken.*"
- 11:15 a.m. Tour of the abandoned portal site in Slatestone Hollow. Tennessee coal miners created a living memorial to Cross Mountain miners this year by planting half a million trees on mine sites backfilled using the Forestry Reclamation Approach. Descendants can enrich that region-wide memorial by planting six American chestnut seedlings beside the old Cross Mountain Mine portal -- one for each of the five miners rescued in 1911 (Milton Henderson, William Henderson, Dore Irish, Arthur Scott, and Irving Smith), and one for mine rescue crews then and now.

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“WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN” LYRICS

I was standing by my window
On a cold and cloudy day
When I saw the hearse come rolling
For to carry my brothers away.

Will the circle be unbroken
By and by Lord, by and by
There's a better home awaiting
In the sky Lord, in the sky.

Well I followed close behind them
Tried to hold up and be brave
But I could not hide my sorrow
When they laid them in their graves.

Will the circle be unbroken
By and by Lord, by and by
There's a better home awaiting
In the sky Lord, in the sky.

Well, I went home, home was lonely
For my brothers they were gone
And all my family there was cryin'
For our home felt sad and alone.

Will the circle be unbroken
By and by Lord, by and by
There's a better home awaiting
In the sky Lord, in the sky.

We sang the songs of childhood,
Hymns of faith that made us strong,
Ones our brothers had taught us,
Hear the angels sing along

Will the circle be unbroken
By and by Lord, by and by
There's a better home awaiting
In the sky Lord, in the sky.

There's a better home awaiting
In the sky Lord, in the sky...



Programme
for
Memorial
at the
Cross Mountain
Mine Disaster
at

Dec. 9, 1911

to be held at

Briceville

Opera

House

December 8, 1912



G. P. NORMAN
H. P. GODBY
HARRY EVANS
G. A. DEAN
BEN KESTERSON

COMMITTEE

Programme

Song by Choir

Prayer

Reading Names of Deceased by

DR. W. D. RICHARDS

Sermons by

REVS. BURRISS AND JOHNSTON

Names and Burial Places of 34 Men and Boys Killed

James A. White	New Circle	Lynn Wood	White Pine
Joe Farmer	Robbins	James Foust	Foust
French Leinart	Leinarts	Lee Polston	Brieeville
Elias Robbins	New Circle	John Marshall	New Circle
E. F. Dunean	"	Robert Hunter	"
Dan Martin	Pemberton	Melvin McKamey	"
A. L. Haynes	Brieeville	Durvin Pryor	Leach
T. A. Leatherwood, Jr.	Jr. Cemetery	Will Iriek	New Circle
Aaron Dunean	New Circle	Monroe Vandergriff	Leach
Arthur Smith	"	Ben Gallaher	New Circle
John Duff	Maryville	Reuben Gaylor	Indian Creek
F. A. Duff	"	Lewis Teno	Brieeville
H. A. Irish	Leach	Harry Cannon	"
Thomas Thomas	Brieeville	Alonzo Martin	Pleasant Hill
Richard McQueen	"	Charles Hill	"
Eugene Ault	"	Edward Ridenour	New Circle
Taylor Ault	"	R. J. Lester	"
Henry Burton	New Circle	Thomas Martin	Leach
Charles Kesterson	Jr. Cemetery	Francis Ridenour	Sharps
John White	Brieeville	Isaac Dunean	Brieeville
Conda Harmon	Longfield	Coster Payne	Dayton
Robert Sharp	Sharps	Thomas Marlow	New Circle
Herman Sharp	Sharps	C. E. Olvey	"
P. A. Hatmaker	Brieeville	Oscar Olvey	"
Chas. Marlin	New Circle	E. J. Long	Marlow
W. A. Gammon	"	James Carden	New Circle
Dave Robbins	"	Luther Wood	"
Joe McQueen	Brieeville	George Slover	Leach
Ernest Elliott	Blowing Springs	Pat Vallalay	Wiley
J. S. Peterson	Jacksboro	Tate Vallalay	Wiley
Lawrence Peterson	"	James A. Marlin	New Circle
Harvey Martin	Pemberton	John Allen, Jr.	"
Alonzo Wood	Brieeville	James Robbins	"
Roy Peters	"	Joe Ridenour	Sharps
Sam Miller	New Circle	J. K. Cooper	Indian Creek
Emmett Miller	"	J. F. Haynes	Brieeville
Mark Marlow	"	James Gilbreath	Marlow
W. A. Farmer	Robbins	Noah White	Brieeville
Andrew Johnson	Brieeville	Charles Whitted	New Circle
W. P. Rolland	New Circle	Sill Hutson	"
Albert Rolland	"	Dan Phillips	"
Eugene Peters	Brieeville	Charles White	Brieeville