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Summary Information

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Biographical

The Osage Coal and Mining Company was established in 1872 after the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad reached the locality of McAlester, Oklahoma. It was the first commercial mining company in Indian Territory (Oklahoma) in both the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Coleman Cole, Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, tried to stop the Osage Coal company from mining on native land without success. Coal mining in Indian Territory was exempt from U.S. Federal Government laws and regulations making mines in Indian Territory some of the most dangerous in the United States. On January 7, 1892 the Osage Coal and Mining Company, mine number eleven, in Krebs, Oklahoma set off an explosion that killed a hundred men and injured roughly two hundred more. This disaster is considered one of the worst mining tragedies in the United States during the 19th century.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains one legal brief presenting the legal argument that the Osage Coal and Mining Company is not at fault for the ineffectiveness of its employees.

Administrative Information

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