

# Meade J. Barnett

## Killed in Fall

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A 65-year-old Defiance resident, formerly of Fulton county, was instantly killed at 1:30 P. M. on Monday, August 11, while helping to erect a storeroom in Stonerstown.

Meade J. Barnett, a retired coal miner, was fatally injured when he was struck back of the right ear by a heavy wooden girder after the scaffolding on which he was working collapsed.

Another worker, Clifton Bowser, of Stonerstown, owner of the property, escaped a similar fate when he fell ten feet to the ground after the scaffolding broke. He suffered a painful sprain of his left shoulder.

Bowser is engaged in building a storeroom at his home in Stonerstown. Barnett, a veteran carpenter, and James Patterson of Coalmont were assisting with the work.

Barnett and Bowser were standing on the scaffold about ten feet above the ground. They were placing the 18-foot center girder in position when the accident occurred. The girder was a bit short and in trying to change its position, Barnett accidentally pulled the 4x8 piece of wood off the top sill. The girder crashed down on the scaffold and broke the 2x4's being used as a platform. Both Bowser and Barnett were thrown to the ground, but one of the 18-foot 4x8's followed Barnett down and struck him.

He suffered a compound fracture of the skull and a puncture wound of the right ear which bled profusely. According to Bowser, Barnett died instantly.

Patterson was standing on the frame of the building and was not involved in the accident. Bedford County Coroner Vernon Geisel was called to investigate the mishap.

Meade Jonathan Barnett was born on April 27, 1887, in Enid, Fulton county, the son of Jonathan and Harriet (Foote) Barnett. He married Ora Mae Truax on October 12, 1912.

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MEADE J.

Wella Valley Chapel

