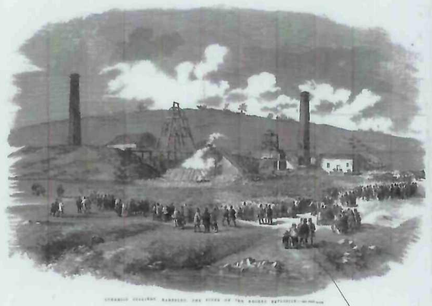
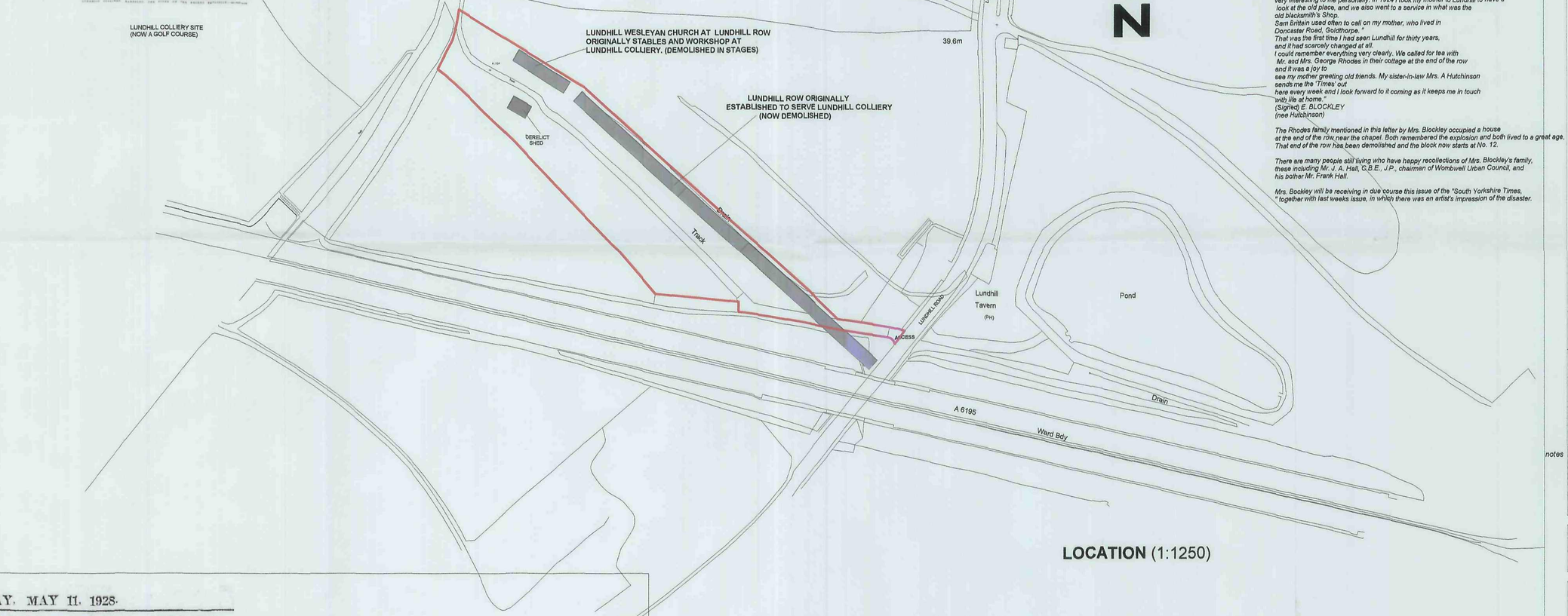


LUNDHILL COLLIERY SITE
(NOW A GOLF COURSE)



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LUNDHILL MEMORIES

Among the old people of the district who remember the terrible Lundhill Colliery explosion in 1857 is Mrs. Mary Hutchinson of Co-operative, Street, Goldthorpe.
Mrs. Hutchinson will be 80 in October, and at the time of the disaster she was only six, but she has a vivid recollection of it.
Her father, Richard Wilkinson, and her uncle, Tom Wilkinson, were both killed by the explosion, and were, buried with the rest in Darfield cemetery.
Mrs. Hutchinson's home was in Lundhill Row, overlooking the pit yard, and at time of the explosion she was playing with two of her brothers, being trundled in a box on wheels, when they were startled by a loud bang, and looking up saw flames coming out of the pit shaft. She ran into the house, crying to her mother to "come and look t the big blaze. ' Her mother rushed out, and her screams roused the neighborhood. 'Everybody hurried to the pit yard, where they saw an indescribable scene. The Wilkinson family had come to Lundhill from Worsborough Dale, and after the disaster
Mrs. Wilkinson took her family of eight children, to Wigan, where she worked down the pit to support them.

Lundhiller in New Zealand

INTERESTING REACTION TO "TIMES" CENTENARY STORIES

THE post this week has brought from the other side of the world an interesting re-echo of Joe Upton's articles on the Lundhill disaster published in the "South Yorkshire Times 'earlier this year. The subject is topical in view of the fact that this is the centenary year of the catastrophe in which 189 men and boys perished.
The articles are mentioned in a letter from Mrs. E. Blockley, of 74, Tripoli Road Fanmure, Auckland, New Zealand, to the President of Lundhill Wesleyan Reform Church, Mr. John Hunt, B.A., of Wath Road , Wombwell.

Mr. Hunt does not know Mrs. Blockley and he assumes she got his address from a latter he wrote to the "South Yorkshire Times' thanking Mr. Upton and all who assisted at the centenary celebrations in February. Mrs Blockley writes:

Grand Father a Victim

"I am taking this opportunity to write to you after reading in the " South Yorkshire Times" about the Lundhill disaster in which my father William Wilkinson lost his life. My mother lived in Lundhill Row and at the time of the disaster she would be about six years of age. I can remember my father, William Hutchinson, telling us now he used to earn a few coppers providing towels and soap for the people who came to the pit to look round.

You will understand that the articles in the " South Yorkshire Times" were very interesting to me personally. In 1924 I took my mother to Lundhill to have a look at the old place, and we also went to a service in what was the old blacksmith's Shop.
Sam Brittain used often to call on my mother, who lived in Doncaster Road, Goldthorpe. "
That was the first time I had seen Lundhill for thirty years, and it had scarcely changed at all.
I could remember everything very clearly. We called for tea with Mr. and Mrs. George Rhodes in their cottage at the end of the row and it was a joy to see my mother greeting old friends. My sister-in-law Mrs. A Hutchinson sends me the 'Times' out here every week and I look forward to it coming as it keeps me in touch with life at home."
(Signed) E. BLOCKLEY
(nee Hutchinson)

The Rhodes family mentioned in this letter by Mrs. Blockley occupied a house at the end of the row near the chapel. Both remembered the explosion and both lived to a great age. That end of the row has been demolished and the block now starts at No. 12.

There are many people still living who have happy recollections of Mrs. Blockley's family, these including Mr. J. A. Hall, C.B.E., J.P., chairman of Wombwell Urban Council, and his bother Mr. Frank Hall.

Mrs. Bockley will be receiving in due course this issue of the "South Yorkshire Times, " together with last weeks issue, in which there was an artist's impression of the disaster.

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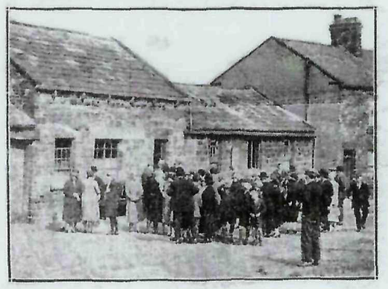
A QUAINT LITTLE CHAPEL.



The worshippers at the Lundhill Wesleyan Reform Chapel assembled for the anniversary service last Sunday. This is one of the oldest and quaintest places of worship in the district, being originally the stables and workshop at Lundhill Colliery, and its anniversary celebrations are amongst the happiest events in local Sunday School history. They have been held for nearly sixty years, and are attended by many old residents of the village who are now settled in other parts of the country.

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