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JOHN “JUAN” HALSALL (1872)

THE DEATH OF JOHN HALSALL (1872)

“Juan” Halsall, well-known to many of our readers as the Foxdale miner whom nothing would frighten or bribe into speaking a word of English, was killed while working at the Magee Mine, on Saturday last. A lot of loose earth came down so suddenly that he was buried, and before he could be got out life was extinct. Poor “Juan” was, in his way, a through-going patriot.

“[Local] A Real Manxman Killed.” *Isle of Man Times* 20 April 1872: 5c.

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In 1871, John Halsall was enumerated in the census for that year as being aged 59, unmarried, a lead miner, born in Patrick and living on his own at Ballanass. His census age would make him born in 1812. [*Census Enumerators’ Book* for Patrick 1871, RG 10/5771, fol. 57, sch. 93.]

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