



## **The Paint Creek Flood of 1932**

### **Event Details**

- Date: July 1932
- Flood Type: Summer Thunderstorm
- Precipitation Amount: Unknown
- Fatalities: 18
- Impacted Streams: Paint Creek, Armstrong Creek (1 fatality)
- Location: Primarily Kanawha County (with 2 fatalities in Fayette County)

### **Mitigation Efforts**

- No mitigation efforts were implemented following the flood event.

### **Risk and Impact Analysis**

#### **• Flood Zone Classification:**

- 100% of fatalities occurred in FEMA Zone A

#### **• Cause of Death:**

- 18 by drowning

#### **• Fatality Locations (limited data):**

- 12 in water
- 6 in structures

### **Demographics of Victims**

#### **• Age Groups:**

- 3 children (Ages 0–12)
- 1 young adult (Ages 19–39)
- 6 middle-aged adults (Ages 40–70)
- 1 elderly adult (70+)

#### **• Gender Distribution (of known victims):**

- 7 female
- 4 male

#### **• Race (of known victims):**

- 38.9% Black

### **Mass Casualty Events (66.7% of fatalities):**

- **Kincaid Family:** A father and his three children were swept away by rising floodwaters.
- **Mitchell Family:** The father awoke to thunder and rushed to wake his family. As he stepped outside, he heard a massive crash—waters carrying a tree trunk surged through. His wife and children were swept away, never to be seen again.

**Multimedia & Sources**

- [Mitchell Family Story – \*Charleston Daily Mail\*, July 12, 1932](#)
- [Kincaid Family Story – \*Bluefield Daily Telegraph\*, July 12, 1932](#)
- [Overview – \*Goldenseal\* via WV State Archives](#)
- *Images: The Flood and The Blood* by Dennis Deitz