ATKINS, Thomas 24 April 1942

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Paymaster	Pinjarra	Per way trolley derailment

Thomas Atkins was 50 years of age when he was fatally injured as the result of his motor trolley derailing at the southern end of Pinjarra station yard. Thomas and three other men were on their way to Dwellingup. Thomas lived at Baywater and is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (Roman Catholic/GA/0582).

PINJARRA FATALITY
When a rail trolley was derailed at the Pinjarra railway yards on April 24, 50-year old railway employee Thomas Atkins of Bayswater was fatally injured.

At an inquest in Pinjarra yesterday, Acting Coroner D. R. McLarty returned a finding of accidental death with no blame attachable to anyone. Constable Rae assisted the Coroner. Inspector J. H. P. Simpson for the Commissioner of Railways; Mr T. A. Kenafick for the Railway Officers' Union; Mr C. Gough for the Railway Employees' Union.

Source: *Trove/The Daily News (Perth) Friday 19 June 1942 Page 3.*

TROLLEY LEAVES LINE.
Railway Paymaster Killed.
Thomas Atkins (50) of 6 Georgina Street, Bayswater, a paymaster in the Railway Department, died at the Perth Hospital last night from injuries received at Pinjarra about 11 o'clock yesterday morning when a motor trolley on which he was travelling with 3 other men jumped the rails at the south end of the Pinjarra railway station. At the time of the accident the men had left Pinjarra on the trolley with the intention of visiting No 2 Railway mill at Dwellingup. Atkins and a repairer named Daniells, who was also hurt but less seriously were taken to the Murray District Hospital. The paymaster sustained a compound fracture of the skull and owing to the severe nature of his injuries was later transferred to the Perth Hospital where his name was immediately placed on the danger list.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Saturday 25 April 1942 Page 4.*

FAMILY NOTICES.
ATKINS. On April 24, 1942, as the result of an accident, Thomas, dearly loved son of the late Georgina Harriet McDonald and Thomas McDonald, of 6 Georgina Street, Bayswater, fond step brother of Betty (Mrs. E. Outridge). Georgina, Cecilia and Paddy McDonald brother-in-law of Harry and Mabel. and fond uncle of Noreen. Harry. Betty RIP.

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