BLOOMFIELD, William 6 February 1896

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Station Master	Spencers Brook	Shunting operations

William Bloomfield was 34 Years of age when he died instantly as the result of a shunting accident at Spencer's Brook where he was Stationmaster. William left a wife and four young children. He is interred at Beverley Cemetery.

A FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT SPENCERS BROQK.
STATION MASTER BLOOMFIELD FALLS FROM AN ENGINE.
BODY HORRIBLY MANGLED.
INSTANTANEOUS DEATH.
Northam, February 6
A fatal accident occurred at Spencer's Brook, on the Eastern railway line, at noon today. It happened that an engine attached to a train of trucks and carriages was engaged in "fly" shunting at the station yard.

The Stationmaster (Mr. Bloomfield) was riding on the footplate in front of the engine when he slipped off, probably owing to a jolt of the engine in kicking off a truck, or through overbalancing himself and the whole train passed over his body. When picked up life was extinct, the unfortunate man was mangled in such a dreadful fashion that not a sound bone was left in his body. Death must have been instantaneous. The deceased had been in the railway service for some time. For four years he had held the position of Stationmaster Spencer's Brook and had formerly occupied a similar post at Beverley. He was a comparatively young man, being only 34 years of age and he leaves a wife and four young children, for whom the deepest sympathy is expressed in the district. He was a capable officer and was very much respected by a wide circle of friends. The remains are to be taken to Beverley for interment.

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