BURDON, John Jervois 14 May 1942

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Checker	Perth	Shunting operations

John Burdon was 64 years of age and almost due to retire, he died instantly when struck by a loose shunted coal wagon. This was a compounding tragedy for the family as John's older brother, Will, passed away in South Australia the day before. John was a husband, father, father-in-law and a grandfather at the time of his death. John Lived at Bassendean and is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (WESLEYAN/HA/0580).

Author's Note: *John's age was variously reported as 59, 60 and 64. If due for retirement his most likely age was 64.*

Man, Soon To Retire. Killed
Sixty-four-year-old John Jervois Burdon, who was due to retire from the Railway Department in a few weeks, was killed in Perth railway yards last night. He was married and lived in James Street. Bassendean.

The accident happened about midway between Perth station and Milligan Street. Burdon was watching a train pull into the shunting yards, did not notice that a loaded truck was approaching him on the lines between which he stood. The truck which had been 'kicked' along by a shunting engine struck Burdon, rolling him along under its brake gear but did not run over him. He was killed almost instantly.

Source: *Trove/The Daily News (Perth) Friday 15 May 1942 Page10.*

FAMILY NOTICES.
BURDON.
On May 14, at Perth, John Jervois, dearly loved father of Erica, father-in-law of Charlie and grandpa of Neil Blue also Will, elder brother of above, passed away at South Australia, May 13 1942.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Wednesday 20 May 1942 Page 1.*

RAILWAY CHECKER'S DEATH
Struck by a truck laden with coal during shunting in the Perth railway goods yards at about 11.50pm on May 14, John Jervois Burdon (64), checker, of James Street, Bassendean, fell beneath the truck. Dragged along the line, he was killed.

At an inquest at the City Courthouse on Friday, the Acting Coroner (Mr W. Schofield, JP) found that Burdon died at Perth on May 14 from multiple injuries, hemorrhage and shock and that no blame was attached to anyone.

Mr G. A. Gough,, acting-secretary of the Railway Traffic Union, watched the interests of deceased's relatives. Inspector J. H. P. Simpson appeared for the Commissioner of Railways, and Mr W. Rudinger, general secretary of the Locomotive Drivers' Union, appeared on behalf of the engine crew. Sergeant J. W. White assisted the Acting-Coroner.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth)* Tuesday 30 June 1942 Page 4.