CAMERON, Edward McQueen 14 January 1904

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Guard	Claremont	Shunting operations

Edward Cameron was 43 years of age when he was fatally injured during shunting operations at Claremont. Edward was a widower who lived at Fremantle with his daughters, Susie and Lizzie aged 20 and 16 respectively. Edward was interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (PRESBYTERIAN/AA/0223).

A SHOCKING DEATH.
RAILWAY GUARD CRUSHED TO DEATH.
A railway accident, shockingly painful in its incidents, occurred this morning at the Claremont Railway Station, and caused the death of Edward Cameron, a railway guard. Cameron was in charge of No, 4 goods train from Perth to Fremantle which arrived at Claremont at 4.30 a.m. Shunting operations were immediately commenced and the deceased Cameron ran in between two trucks which were in motion, to uncouple them, as he ran his foot caught in the check rail of the points, and fell upon the rails. His body was lying lengthwise along the rail and the trucks ran over him, crushing and mutilating him from head to foot. His body was fearfully cut and disfigured and death was almost instantaneous.

Constable Lewis, of Claremont, removed the body from under the trucks and had it conveyed to tho morgue, where an inquest was commenced before Mr. Stubbs, but was adjourned after evidence of identification had been tendered. The deceased, who was a widower, was 43 years of age, and had two grown children aged 20 and 16 respectively.

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The Claremont Fatality
INQUEST ON GUARD CAMERON.
AN ACCIDENTAL DEATH.
The adjourned inquest into the circumstances of the death of Edward Cameron, a railway guard, who was killed at the Claremont railway station early on the morning of January 14 was held at the Local Court this afternoon.

Mr. S. Stubbs, J.P., acted as coroner, and Sergt. McCarthy conducted the inquiry for the police. Mr. E. H, Casson watched the proceedings on behalf of the Railway Engine drivers and Fireman's Association.

The evidence was to the effect that Cameron was guard on the goods train which left Midland Junction for Fremantle Driver Robinson, Fireman Lyttleton and Assistant guard Bventnall were also on the train, At 4 a.m. they reached Claremont, shortly after midnight on January 14 and had to do some shunting. Cameron went to uncouple a truck, while the train was in motion, but his foot caught in a check rail, and he was run over, The railway witnesses stated that it was usual for the guard to uncouple the trucks while the train was in motion. Cameron was a sober man.

Dr. McNeil described the result of his examination of Cameron, who, when he reached the spot, was dead. The left foot was firmly caught between two parallel rails, the wheels of a truck had evidently passed over him. The bones of his right thigh and his intestines were exposed and a piece of the skull had been torn away, exposing the brain. These were the main injuries, and either of them was sufficient to cause almost instantaneous death.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. A rider was added to the effect that steps should be taken to further minimize the danger of accidents at similar railway crossings where check rails were necessary.

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FAMILY NOTICES.
DEATHS.
CAMERON.—On January 14, 1904, accidentally killed, Edward McQueen Cameron, beloved father of Susie and Lizzie Cameron, and brother of the late Mr. L. D. Cameron, of Union Street, Subiaco.

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