**CLEARY, HUGH 6 JUNE 1914**

| Designation | Location of Accident | Accident due to |
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| Fireman | Midland Junction | Turntable fault |

Hugh Cleary was 25 years old when his foot was crushed in an accident on the locomotive turntable at West Midland on 25 May 1914. Hugh was taken to Nurse O'Farrell's Private hospital in Midland Junction where it was determined that his foot was beyond saving and it was amputated. Hugh appeared to be recovering until he was overtaken by infection (Tetanus). Hugh died from the infection 12 days after the accident on 6 June 1914. Hugh lived with his parents in Midland Junction and is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (Roman Catholic/BC/0104A)

**A SERIOUS ACCIDENT**
On Saturday last a serious accident befell Hugh Cleary, a fireman in the service of the Government railways.

He was working the turntable for an engine at West Midland, and by some means the clutch failed to catch. The result was that the whole weight of the engine passed over his foot, crushing it to a pulp. He was taken to Nurse O'Farrell's private hospital, where he was attended by Dr. Clark. There was no hope of saving the foot, and it was amputated. The injured man is now getting along as well as can be expected, in view of the serious nature of his injuries.

**Source:** The Swan Express (Midland Junction WA:1900-1954) Friday 29 May 1914 Pg. 6.

**DEATH OF MR. H. CLEARY.**
Funeral Notices
The friends of Mr and Mrs J B Cleary, of Midland Junction, will learn with regret of the death of their son Hugh, as the result of an accident which occurred a fortnight ago. It will be remembered that the deceased had his foot so terribly crushed at the turntable at West *Perth* (sic) Midland that the limb had to be amputated. The operation was successfully performed, but subsequently tetanus set in, as a result of which death occurred this morning. The funeral takes place tomorrow at Karrakatta. Those wishing to attend may proceed by the 2.53 p m. train from Midland Junction.

**Source:** The Swan Express (Midland Junction WA:1900-1954) Friday 5 June 1914 Pg 4.

**Family Notices**
Midland Junction, Hugh, the dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cleary, of Byers Road, Midland Junction, and brother of William, Nellie, and Vera Cleary, and cousin of Mrs. Morris Horn and Mrs. H Smith, of Midland Junction; the result of a railway accident, aged 25 years. R.I.P.

**Source:** Trove/The West Australian (Perth WA 1879-1954) Saturday 6 June 1914 Page 1.