COPE, Thomas John 10 April 1920

Sunday, 3 July 2016
9:39 AM

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Guard	Jarrahdale, Millar's T & T	Fall from log rake

Thomas Cope was 43 years of age when he died instantly after falling under wagons loaded with logs at Millars' Mill. Thomas Left his wife, Ada, and their five children Ruby, Ernest, Athol, Jean, and Mary. Thomas was interred at Jarrahdale Cemetery.

TIMBER LINE GUARD KILLED.
On April 10 Thomas John Cope, a guard employed by Millars' Timber and Trading Company, was run over by a log rake and killed near Jarrahdale. The body was found lying beside the line, about a quarter of a mile from the mill and, from the waist downwards, the remains were cut to pieces. Death must have been instantaneous.

Source: *Trove/Albany Advertiser (WA) Wednesday 28 April 1920 Page 4.*

GUARD KILLED
ON MILLARS' TIMBER LINE
IN JARRAHDALE BUSH
A report has been received by Inspector Brophy, officer in charge of the Fremantle police district, from Constable Bake, of Jarrahdale, to the effect that on the 10th inst a guard employed by Millars' Timber and Trading Co. was run over by a truck rake on the bush side of the mill. In company with Mr. Bradshaw of Millar's Company the constable went to the scene of the accident, where they found a body, which the constable identified as that of Thomas John Cope. The body was lying on the east side of the bush line, about a quarter of a mile from the mill, and had been cut to pieces from the waist downwards. Death must have been instantaneous.

The Acting Coroner and jury from Jarrahdale viewed the body, and the inquiry was adjourned until to-day.

Deceased was a native of Jarrahdale, 43 years of age, and resided with his wife and family of four children, whose ages range from two to ten years, at Jarrahdale. He had been employed by Millars' for years past as a guard on the mill lines at Jarrahdale. It is stated that about a minute before the accident deceased was seen standing on the truck in the middle of the rake, which was proceeding from the bush camp to the mill loaded with logs. Eight trucks passed over his body.

Source: *Trove/The Daily News (Perth) Friday 23 April 1920 Page 7.*

Family Notices
DEATHS.
COPE. On April 19th, accidentally killed at Jarrahdale, Thomas Cope, beloved husband of Ada, and fond father of Ruby (Beria), Ernest, Athol, Jean, and Mary; loving brother of Willie (Mt. Lawley), Mrs. Martin (Beria), Kitty (Jarrahdale), and Mrs. Hugham (Maylands). Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul.

Source: *Trove/The W.A. Record (Perth) Saturday 8 May 1920 Page 4.*

Timber Line Guard Killed.

Inspector Brophy, chief of police of the Fremantle District, has received from Jarrahdale a report stating that on April 10 Thomas John Cope, a guard employed by Millars' Timber and Trading Company, was run over by a log rake and killed. The body was found lying beside the line, about a quarter of a mile from the mill and from the waist downwards , the remains were cut to pieces, portions of flesh being found scattered along the line for a distance of eight yards. Death must have been instantaneous. Shortly before the accident, deceased was seen standing on one of the couplings of the trucks in about the middle of the rake, which was coming from the bush camp to the mill with a load of logs. Deceased, it is supposed, slipped and fell between the trucks, eight of which passed over his body.

Cope was a native of Jarrahdale, and was 43 years of age. He leaves a wife and five children, who reside at Jarrahdale. He had been employed as a guard upon the mill lines for many years

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Friday 23 April 1920 Page 6.*