DEVINE, Anthony 3 October 1941

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
District Engineer	Northam Racecourse	PW Trolley/Car collision

Anthony Devine was 53 years of age when he was fatally injured and died at the scene when the per way trolley he and Alfred Thornton (Per Way Inspector - Northam) were riding was involved in a collision with a car at the racecourse level crossing in Northam. Alfred Thornton was critically injured died the following day. Alfred lived in Northam with his wife, Mary Frances and son Laurence and interred at Northam Cemetery. *MM July 2016.*

Family Notices
DEVINE.—On October 3, 1941 at Northam as the result of an accident, Anthony Stanislaus Devine, District Engineer W.A.G.R., Northam devoted husband of Mary Frances Devine and fond father of Laurence, aged 53 years.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Saturday 4 October 1941 Page 1.*

The Crown has entered a nolle prosequi in the case in which Newton John Hicks was committed for trial by the Coroner (Mr. F. M. Read, S.M.) at Northam on November 14, when giving his finding in the inquiry into the deaths of Anthony Stanislaus Devine, district engineer of the Railway Department at Northam, and Alfred George Thornton, per way inspector, following a collision at the level crossing near the Northam racecourse between the rail motor in which the deceased were travelling and a car driven by Hicks, on October 3.

Author's Note: *The coroner clearly indicated that he was satisfied that the car driver Newton Hicks was culpable in the death of Anthony Devine and Alfred Thornton. However, the crown did not see fit follow through with a prosecution.*

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Saturday 6 December 1941 Page 5.*