FENNELL, Thomas 11 November 1920

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Clerk	Albany	PW Trolley/Wagons collision

Thomas Fennell was 45 years of age at the time of his death, he lived in Albany with his wife and family and is interred at Albany Cemetery.

FATAL ACCIDENT.
Albany, Nov. 12, A telephone message from Denmark states that Mr. Light, engineer for existing lines, had been killed on a farm at Nornalup. He was struck by a limb of a falling tree.

Albany, Nov. 13.
A tragic sequel to the death of Mr. Light was a railway accident near Albany, which resulted in the death of Dr. Blackburn, District Medical Officer, and Thomas Fennell, a railway employee.

Constable Jacobs was with the two deceased on the motor trolley, which came into collision with two fully laden coal trucks while the party were on their way to attend to Mr. Light. Fennell was the driver of the motor trolley.

Source: *Trove/The Pilbara Goldfield News (Marble Bar) Tuesday 16 November 1920 Page 3.*

CORONIAL INQUEST.
THE ALBANY RAILWAY TRAGEDY - JURY'S VERDICT
Perth, DEC 8
The inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Blackburne and Thomas Fennell, who were killed at Albany on November 11 by a collision between a railway motor lorry (sic) and two runaway coal trucks, was concluded at Albany today.

After a hearing extending over five days, the jury found that the accident was caused through the trucks being improperly coupled to the engine for propelling according to the railway rules and regulations; that the shunter Golding was primarily responsible for the proper coupling of the trucks, also that the driver W. C. Cook should have satisfied himself that such was the case, and that if William Dick, assistant stationmaster, Knew that the trucks were to be propelled he should have taken this precaution. The jury further found that the deceased Fennell exercised every care in carrying out his duties.

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