FOGARTY, Andrew 12 November 1917

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Plate Layer	Spencers Brook	Fell from wagon while unloading

Andrew Fogarty was 53 years of age when he died as the result of a fall from a railway wagon while unloading. He died at the scene from a broken neck. He left Ipsa, his wife of 20 years, and his son Laurence age 16. He lived at Leederville with his family and is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (RC/BC/0201). Ironically his father (1892) and his younger brother (1879) were also killed in separate railway accidents years earlier in South Australia. Information provided by Christine Chamberlain, his great neice by marriage. March 2016

Fatality at Spencer's Brook

On 'Monday afternoon an elderly man named Andrew Fogarty, who was employed on railway construction work at Spencer's Brook, met with an accident which terminated fatally. Fogarty in company with three other men was engaged in unloading rails from, a truck in the Station yard. He was standing on the top of the rails, his duty being to lever them down so that the other men could handle them. Whilst loosening one of the rails he Collapsed and fell, striking the back of his head on the ground with great force. When picked up the poor fellow was unconscious and died shortly after, his neck having apparently been broken by the fall. During the day the deceased, had complained of feeling unwell and the accident must have been caused by a sudden fit of dizziness. He was about 48 years of age *(His actual age was 53)* and was well known throughout the State, having been engaged in railway construction work for many years. Two of his brothers, Messrs. C. J. and V.M. Fogarty, were for several years residents of Northam, whilst his mother some years ago resided at East Northam.

The body was sent to Perth by the afternoon train for interment in the Karrakatta Cemetery.

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The flowery language and assumptions used in the old newspaper reports, would today verge on the offensive. MM April 2016

PDF: Ipsa Mary STEPHENS (1867-1937) and Andrew Fogarty (1864-1917)

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7 Newnham Street, West Leederville as it is today 15 May 2016

