GIFFARD, Ernest de Lisle 11 November 1923

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Conductor	Perth	Struck by train

Ernest Giffard was 52 years of age when he was struck by a passing locomotive. Ernest was killed instantly. Ernest lived in Perth with his wife, Frances. Frances survived Ernest by 12 years and was interred with him in 1935 at Karrakatta Cemetery (ANGLICAN/BA/0011)

RAILWAY FATALITY
CONDUCTOR RUN DOWN.
Perth. Nov. 12.

Ernest de Lisle Giffard, aged about 45 (sic), a conductor in the railway service, was run down by a train at the Melbourne Road crossing late last night and killed. The deceased leaves a widow.

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ELDERLY MAN'S DEATH.
An Inquest Held.
In the City Courthouse on Thursday before the Acting Coroner (Mr. J. H. Mead J.P., an inquest was held in connection with the death of Ernest de Lisle Giffard, which occurred at the Melbourne Road railway crossing on November 11.

Dr. McKenzie, C.R.M.O. at the Perth Hospital, said that he performed a post mortem examination on the body of an elderly man, which was brought to the morgue on November 11. Death was apparently caused by fracture of the skull and disorganisation of the brain.

Evidence was given by another witness, who identified the body as that of the deceased, Ernest de Lisle Giffard.

Archibald Morgan, driver in charge of the 10 p.m. train ex Fremantle on November 11, stated that, on approaching the Melbourne Road crossing, he saw a man fall on the rails in front of the train. He immediately applied the brake, but was unable to stop the train in time to prevent an accident. When the train had stopped, witness went back along the line and found the deceased lying between the rails. He appeared to be dead.

Joseph Hellard, a railway employee, gave evidence that at 10.45 p.m. on the 11th he was going on duty in the vicinity of the Melbourne Road crossing. Witness saw a man standing near a post just inside one of the gates, on the Perth side of the crossing. The man walked towards the carriage shed, and, after throwing something away behind the signal box, he went back to where he was standing before. A train was approaching, and the deceased hurried to meet it Witness then lost sight of him. Noticing, a few minutes later, that the brakes were being applied on the train, witness went with the driver to the rear of the train and saw a man lying with his face downward on the rails. There was a big gash on the back of his head. Deceased slightly moved his head once but he gave no other indication of life.

William Williams, night stationmaster at the Perth railway station, said that for the last 20 years he had known the deceased, who had been a conductor on the Western Australian Railways. For the past fortnight the deceased's state of health had not been good.

The Acting Coroner found that the deceased came to his death at the Melbourne Road crossing on November 11, by being struck by a railway engine.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Saturday 24 November 1923 Page 9.*