MATTHEWS, Joseph Henry 17 January 1934

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Shunter	Fremantle	Shunting operations

Joseph Matthews was 63 years of age when he was fatally injured while shunting at North Wharf. Joseph was struck by wagons and dragged for about 15 yards he died in Fremantle Hospital at 4pm the same day. Joseph lived at Buckland Hill with his wife cecilia and they had five adult children, Amy, Ivy, Elsie, Les and Reg. Cecilia survived Joseph by 6 years passing away at the age of 74 in 1940, they are interred together at Karrakatta Cemetery (WESLEYAN/GC/0548).

FAMILY NOTICES.
MATTHEWS. On January 17, 1934, at the Fremantle Hospital, as result of an accident, Joseph Henry Matthews, dearly beloved husband of Cecilia Matthews, of Willyama, 9 Gill street, Buckland Hill and loving father of Amy (Mrs. G. Sharpe, Fremantle East), Ivy (Mrs. S. Wales, Yarloop), Elsie (Mrs. J. Fuller, Bridgetown), Les and Reg Matthews.

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SHUNTER KILLED.
Accident on North Wharf.
While engaged in attending to the coupling of a stationary truck on North Wharf, Fremantle, yesterday afternoon, Joseph H. Matthews (63) a railway employee, living at 9 Gill Street, Buckland Hill, was struck by a moving rake of trucks, receiving injuries which resulted in his death.

According to the information given by four fettlers who were working on the line a short distance away, Matthews was bending over the coupling of the truck apparently making some adjustment. About six yards away, behind him, were four other stationary trucks. Three other trucks some distance further up the line started to move, it is believed through the brake being released, allowing them to run down a slight incline. Matthews, having his back turned, did not see the approaching trucks. The four fettlers, seeing his danger, tried to warn him by shouting, but they failed to attract his attention in time. The moving trucks struck the four stationary trucks behind him, setting them in motion. Matthews was knocked underneath the trucks and carried about 15 yards along the line. He was taken in the St. John ambulance to the Fremantle Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from fracture of the neck and a crushed chest. His name was immediately placed on the danger list and about 4 pm. he died.

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