MOXON, Archibald Howard 20 December 1909

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Shunter	West Perth	Shunting Operations

Archibald Moxon was 23 years of age when he was fatally injured by being caught between a wagon and overhanging timber on another while carrying out his duties as a shunter. He was taken to hospital but died shortly afterwards. Archibald was single, lived in Perth and is interred at the Karrakatta Cemetery (ANGLICAN/FC/0293). MM 11/16

A GOODS YARD FATALITY, SHUNTER KILLED.
INQUEST/OPENED.
A sad fatality, which resulted in, the death of a shunter named. Archibald Moxon occurred at the Perth railway yards early this morning. It appears that ,about 7a.m. Moxon, with a fellow employee, was engaged shunting a rake of timber, attached, to which were a number of coal trucks. In endeavoring to couple a timber truck on to one containing coal, Moxon, misjudging the distance between the two trucks, was suddenly pinned between a length of timber, and one of the trucks, the unfortunate man being caught by the timber in the stomach. Upon being extricated, Moxon was quite conscious, and, turning to another shunter named John Jeffrey, he made the following remarks; "What a fool I was to go in there. Let me lay down". Immediately after this Moxon became unconscious, and the Police Ambulance arriving, the victim of the accident was conveyed to the Perth Public Hospital. The unfortunate man never rallied and succumbed to his injuries at 7:45am.

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A SHUNTER'S DEATH.
CORONER'S INQUEST.
OVERHANGING TIMBER ON TRUCKS.
At the Coroner's Court, Perth, yesterday morning, before Mr. H. J. Holland, J.P., acting-Coroner, and a jury, the inquest was continued on the body of Archibald Moxon, a shunter, who was injured at the railway yards, West Perth, on December 20, and died. Corporal Sunter conducted the in quiry, and Mr. N. Cowan appeared for the relatives of the deceased.

Dr. Tymms, chief resident medical officer at the Perth Public Hospital, stated that on December 21 he made a post-mortem examination on the body of Moxon. The liver and right kidney were completely split and torn, occasioning hemorrhage, which with shock was the cause of death.

John Jeffreys, a head shunter on the rail ways at Perth, said that on the morning of December 20 he was engaged in shunting at "Klondyke," near the West Perth station. The deceased was also shunting. When the accident happened there were two "Q" trucks of timber and three other trucks attached to the engine, and they were going to pick up more. The timber was slightly hanging over the ends, but not sufficient to have a "tailer" (an empty truck) next to the trucks containing it. It was witness's duty to uncouple the trucks. He thought that the deceased noticed the chopper going to catch on the side of the buffer, and stepped in to straighten the chopper. The trucks were going very slow at the time. As soon as the trucks came together witness gave the signal to the driver, and they stopped. Moxon came out from in between the trucks and said, "My word, Jack, I did get squeezed !" Witness asked where he was hurt, and Moxon said across the stomach. Moron walked several yards, and was about to collapse when witness caught him and brought him over under the shade of a truck. Witness noticed that there was no room between the timber on the truck and the next truck for a man to go in upright between them.

To Mr. Cowan witness said that he could not say whether there was a "tailer" next to the trucks carrying the timber when they arrived in Perth. He did not know who broke the train up when it arrived. It was a common practice, however, for trucks of timber to arrive without a "tailer." He would say that this was undoubtedly dangerous.

To Corporal Sunter witness said that he had no chance to stop Moron from going in between the trucks.

The foreman of the jury: Do you consider that there was any neglect on the part of the deceased, or was it an accident Witness: It was purely an accident.

J. Knox Peden, a fireman, stated that he noticed Moxon go in between the trucks to couple up. The buffers of the two trucks just met, and the next he saw of Moxon was when Jeffreys was supporting him.

To Mr. Cowan: He was positive there was a "tailer" next to the timber truck, but before the accident it was "kicked" into one of the roads. Moxon could not take the "tailer" off himself without getting instructions from Jeffreys. It was not a safe custom, in his opinion, to have timber overhanging on a truck without having a " trailer"

John Turnock, an engine-driver, said that when he heard that the accident had occurred he got off his engine and went over to Moxon. who said that he did not think the timber would have touched him.

The jury returned a verdict that death was due to shock and hemorrhage caused through deceased being jambed between trucks by overlapping timber. They added a rider to the effect that had the trailer been left on they considered that the accident would not have happened, and that more care should be taken in future with trucks carrying overhanging timber.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Friday 7 January 1910 Page 3.*

FUNERAL NOTICE.
MOXON.--The friends of the late Mr. Archibald Howard Moxon late shunter of the Govt., Railway at West Perth are respectfully invited to follow his remains to the place of interment, the Anglican portion of the Karrakatta Cemetery. The funeral is appointed to leave Mr. Donald J. Chipper's Private Mortuary. Hay Street Perth at 2:45 o'clock this Wednesday Afternoon per road. Friends wishing to attend the Funeral may proceed by the: 3.30 o'clock train from Perth and the 3.25 p.m. train from Fremantle.

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