Mc INTYRE, James Edward Daniel 21 December 1931

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Driver	Midland Junction	Struck by locomotive

James McIntyre was 57 years of age when he was run down and killed while crossing the locomotive preparation apron at the Midland Workshops, he died instantly. James lived at Midland Junction with his wife, Harriet, and they had five adult children. James was interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (WESLEYAN/GC/0234). His wife Harriet, who survived him by 11 years, was interred in the same grave in 1942.

FAMILY NOTICES
McINTYRE. On December 21, 1931, accidentally killed, James Edward Daniel McIntyre, dearly beloved husband of Harriett, and loving father of Jim (Kalgoorlie), Lillian (Mrs. Ward, Fremantle), Dolly (Mrs. Pearce, Mount Lawley), Amy (Mrs. Durbridge, Bassenden), and Edwine, aged 57 years.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Tuesday 22 December 1931 Page 1.*

ARTICLE
James Edward Daniel McIntyre (58), of Amherst-road, Midland Junction, engine-driver employed by the Railway Departmnent, was killed instantly when he was run over by an engine in the Midland railway yards at 11.30 this morning. McIntyre had been preparing his engine in the locomotive yards and was ready to go on duty. He was a very short man and his practice was to obtain a block of wood to stand on in the engine. It is thought that he crossed the adjoining set of rails to pick up a piece of timber and on his return was struck by an engine which had just coaled and was travelling to the turntable. The engine was driven by Hubert Donovan and was running with the tender in front. The tender was derailed, probably by the piece of timber. No explanation has been advanced as to why McIntyre did not see the engine. His body was terribly mutilated. He has left a widow and a grown up family.

Source: *Trove/Western Argus (Kalgoorlie) Tuesday 29 December 1931 Page 12.*

INQUEST
ENGINE DRIVER'S DEATH.
'False Sense of Security.'
The District Coroner (Mr. F. F. Horgan S.M.) yesterday delivered his finding in the inquest concerning the death of James Edward Daniel McIntyre (59) a locomotive engine driver employed by the Government Railways. The deceased was struck by an engine in the locomotive yards at the Midland Junction railway workshops on December 21, and, his body was terribly mutilated.

Inspector J. Yates appeared on behalf of the Commissioner of Railways, and the secretary of the Locomotive Engine Drivers Union (Mr. W. Rudinger) watched the interests of the relatives of the deceased.

It was stated in evidence that the accident occurred on a line which ran past an overhead tank in the yard. An engine driven by the deceased was standing on a parallel line a short distance away. The deceased was seen by his fireman to reenter the cab of the engine, after having released steam. Soon afterwards he was picked up dead under the wheels of an engine and tender. The tender of the engine was derailed. It was said that, the deceased was short in stature and kept a block of wood under the tank stand, on which to stand when driving his engine. He often walked across the railway tracks at the yard to get the wood before starting duty or to replace it on completing duty.

A finding of accidental death was returned. The Coroner said that the evidence indicated that the deceased was carrying his block of wood to or from the tank stand when he was knocked down. In his opinion there would not have been sufficient time to prevent an accident, owing to the short distance from the line to the edge of the tank stand. He remarked that railway men, who often walked in the yards, became. so accustomed to it that they developed a false sense of security.

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