NEVE, George Coomber 10 April 1939

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Stationmaster	Mount Barker	Shunting operations

George Neve was 54 years of age when he was fatally injured while shunting at Mount Barker. George is believed to have been locking points when previously shunted trucks rolled back and struck him. George died before being admitted to hospital. George lived in Mount Barker with his wife Lilia, she survived him by 17 years and they both interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (WESLEYAN/GA/0264).

Stationmaster's Death
LATE G. NEVE.
A finding that George Coomber Neve, Station Master, of Mt Barker, came to his death through injuries sustained when engaged in shunting operations at Mt. Barker on April 10, was delivered by the District Coroner, Mr. E. Y. Butler, R. M. on Thursday. The inquest was held at Mt. Barker. "No blame is attachable to anyone," he said.

The chief evidence was given by engine driver Edward Brosnan, who was engaged in shunting operations in the yard. He said that a rake of trucks was left in front of the Station Master's office, and the engine was turned on a turntable. The fireman in the engine heard someone calling for help. On investigation it was found to be a man lying besides the rake of trucks. It was the Station Master, George Neve. Deceased told Brosnan that he had been knocked down by a rake of trucks. He had been unable to get away. Brosnan said that Neve's right leg was severed at the hip. He was conscious.

Deceased was removed to hospital but died before admittance. It was Mr. Brosnan's opinion that the trucks ran back while deceased was locking the points. "It was impossible for my engine to run over the deceased," he said.

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