PALFREYMAN, Arthur 2 April 1934

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Porter	Perth	Shunting operations

Arthur Palfreyman was 35 years of age when he was run down and killed at Perth Station while engaged in shunting operations. Arthur stepped clear of an arriving train and is believed to have stepped or tripped and fallen into the path of an approaching shunting engine. Arthur lived at Maylands with his wife, Violet and their two children, Ronald and John. He is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (WESLEYAN/FC/0274).

RAILWAY YARD FATALITY
Stepping back to avoid an engine on one set of rails, a man was run over by another engine and killed instantly on a parallel set of rails in the Perth shunting yards at 10.55 a.m. today. The front wheels of the engine passed over his body, crushing his chest and severing one leg. The victim was ARTHUR PALFREYMAN (35), shunter, of Sixth-avenue, Maylands. Palfreyman leaves a wife and two children.

The accident occurred shortly after the Albany express arrived at Perth. Palfreyman, who had been employed by the Railway Department for several years, was working in the shunting yard near B cabin, just west of the horse shoe bridge, when the disengaged express engine approached along a set of rails he was about to cross.

Shocking Injuries
A shunting engine driven by John Edwards was approaching on a parallel road. Apparently Palfreyman failed to notice the shunters approach, and stepping back to avoid the express engine, stepped directly in front of the other. The engine crew had no chance of stopping, and the front wheels passed over his body, killing him instantly and inflicting shocking wounds. One leg was severed and the chest was crushed to such an extent that the upper part of the body was almost divided.

Source: *Trove/Western Argus (Kalgoorlie)* Tuesday 10 April 1934 Page 10.

RAILWAY FATALITY.
Shunter's Death Investigated.
Falling beneath an engine engaged in shunting at the Perth marshalling yards on the morning of April 2, Arthur Palfreyman, shunter, of sixth Avenue Inglewood, was killed instantly. His death was the subject of an investigation at the Perth Courthouse on Monday by the Coroner (Mr. T, Y. A. Lang, P.M.), who was, assisted by Sergeant Lynes.

Ernest Robert Beech, a resident medical officer at the Perth Hospital, said that death was due mainly to a fractured spine and pelvis.

William Arthur Kell, head shunter, said that an express from Albany arrived at the station about 11 a.m. He saw the deceased clear the line for the Albany train, then walk between the two sets of rails. On the adjoining rail was an engine which was being used for shunting. The witness then heard a shout and turning, saw the deceased only a few feet in front of the shunting engine, which was just beginning to make pace. He saw the deceased attempt to catch hold of the buffer, but he fell in front of the engine. The cow catcher was flat-nosed and Palfreyman was rolled over twice before he disappeared under the engine.

Similar evidence was given by James Edgar Gosnell, who was on duty at a nearby signal-box, and Edwin Morgan Murray, a shunter. Murray said that he rode on the Albany engine after he had uncoupled it and saw Palfreyman and Kell step clear. He then saw the shunting engine move and shouted and whistled to attract the two men's attention. Palfrey man was nearest the shunting engine and the witness saw. him disappear from view.

The Coroner found that death was due to injuries received when the deceased was accidentally struck by the shunting engine. No blame was attachable to the driver of the engine.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Wednesday 25 April 1934 Page 12.*

FUNERAL NOTICES

PALFREYMAN. — The Friends of the late Mr. Arthur Palfreyman, of 59 Sixth Avenue, Maylands (late shunter, W.A.G.R.), dearly beloved husband of Violet, loving father of Ronald and John, fond son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John Redfern, of 17C Seventh Avenue, Maylands, are respectfully informed that his remains will be interred in the Wesleyan Cemetery, Karrakatta, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 4.5 o'clock. The Funeral is appointed to leave the Private Chapel of Messrs. Prosser, Scott and Coy., Ltd., 855-357 Hay Street, Subiaco, at 3.45 o'clock. Friends wishing to attend the Funeral may proceed by the 3.45 .o'clock train from Perth. PROSSER, SCOTT and COY., LTD., Undertakers, Subiaco, Leederville, Fremantle, Cottesloe.
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FREE GARDENERS' LODGE PIONEER, No. 1.

PALFREYMAN. — The Brethren of the above Lodge are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of the late Bro. Arthur Palfreyman, whose remains will be interred in the Wesleyan Cemetery, Karrakatta, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 4.5 o'clock.
E. E. LAWRENCE, B.W.M.
CHA3. H. COMPTON, Secretary.

WEST AUSTRALIAN AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

PALFREYMAN. — The Members of the above Society are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of the late Member, Arthur Palfreyman, whose remains will be interred in the Wesleyan Cemetery, Karrakatta. THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 4.5 o'clock.
Q. KEATING, Secretary.

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