# PEARSON, Charles 18 February 1879

| Designation | Accident Location | Accident Due to |
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| Guard | Rockingham-Jarrahdale Railway | Fall from train |

Charles Pearson died as the result of falling from a train on the Rockingham - Jarrahdale railway line. Charles was acting as the guard of the train when he fell and was fatally injured. Charles' was the first recorded death of an employee on a WA railway.

**Railway Accidents**
The Jarrahdale Railway was opened for traffic on commemoration Day. Fearful accidents took place, Charles Pearson, the guard, killed and James Henfry, a passenger, mutilated. An official enquiry is held at the Jarrahdale hotel. The line is reported to have been opened without the commissioner's certificate.

***Source:*** *Trove/Victorian Express (Geraldton) Wednesday 11 June 1879 Page 3.*

**The Jarrahdale Accidents**. — An inquest was held upon the body of Charles Pearson, who we reported in our last issue as having been killed while acting as guard upon the Jarrahdale railway, and a verdict of accidental death returned.

***Source:*** *Trove/The Enquirer and Commercial News (Perth) Wednesday 11 June 1879 Page 3.*

***Authors Note:*** *It is not known if Charles was married or had a family. His was the first recorded death of a railway employee in Western Australia. James Henfry, the passenger, later died of his injuries.*