PHILLIPS, Thomas 16 September 1909

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Per Way Inspector	Cue	Fall from train

Thomas Phillips was 51 years of age when he was fatally injured in a fall from a train between Cue and Day Dawn at about 8:00 a.m. Thomas was taken to Cue Hospital where he died at 9:40 a.m. Thomas lived at Cue with his wife Emma, who survived him by 12 years , they are both interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ANGLICAN/FC/0256).

PERMANENT WAY OFFICER'S DEATH.
INSPECTOR PHILLIPS KILLED NEAR CUE.
Cue, Friday.
Mr Thomas Phillips, permanent Way Inspector, fell from the guard's van attached to the 8 o'clock outgoing Perth train yesterday, and was killed. It appears that Mr Phillips endeavored to speak to some working near the cattle yards between Cue and Day Dawn, when he either slipped or overbalanced, and fell with great force on the line. When picked up, Mr. Phillips was unconscious. His body was considerably bruised. He was taken to the hospital where he died shortly before 10 o'clock.

Source: *Trove/Geraldton Express (WA) Friday 17 September 1909 Page 3.*

Fatal Railway Accident.
A fatal accident occurred on Thursday morning shortly after the train left Cue. The train for Mt. Magnet left the Cue platform at 8 a.m. and when about mile 8 on the way to Day Dawn, Permanent way Inspector Thomas Phillips fell from the guard's van and was so seriously injured that he died shortly afterwards. It appears that Mr. Phillips was looking out at one side of the van for the purpose of speaking to a gang of men who were at work re-laying the line near the Cue sheep and cattle yards, and in crossing to the opposite door of the van by some means he was precipitated with great force to the ground. The train, which was travelling at the rate of about 20 miles an hour, was stopped and the injured man was taken to the hospital on an ambulance by his men.

The accident occurred about 8:05 a.m. and Mr. Phillips expired at 9:40 a.m. at the hospital, without regaining consciousness. He received terrible injuries which included concussion of the brain, a number of broken bones, and internal injuries. A post mortem examination was held, death being due to hemorrhage. An inquiry was opened and adjourned.

Mr. Phillips was well known and highly respected, and had been on this section for upwards of four years.

The remains were taken to Guildford, where deceased's relatives reside, by yesterday morning's train.

Source: *Trove/Mount Magnet Miner and Lennonville Leader (WA) Saturday 18 September 1909 Page 2.*

FUNERALS.
The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Phillips, Inspector of Permanent Way, W.A.G.R., late of Cue and Maylands, took place on Saturday week, and was largely attended the remains being interred in the Anglican portion of the Karrakatta Cemetery. The chief mourners were Mrs. Phillips (widow), Mr. Douglas Phillips (son), Miss Amy Phillips (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jones (son-in-law and

daughter), and Mr. D. Gray (brother-in-law). The pall bearers were Messrs. B. E. Light (Chief Engineer for Existing Lines), J. Pidgeon (District Engineer, Perth), H. A. Creswell (District Engineer, Geraldton), S. H. Gregg, G. Dedman, and W. Jones, sen.

Many beautiful wreaths and floral tributes were received.

Canon W. Everingham conducted the service, and the funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. G. McInnes, Cue, and Messrs. A. Douglas Jones and Co., Guildford.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Monday 27 September 1909 Page 3.*