ROONEY, John 7 April 1898

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Repairer	Southern Cross	Per Way Trolley/Train collision

John Rooney was 45 years of age when he was run down while trying to remove his tricycle from the line. He lived at Southern Cross and was interred at Southern Cross Cemetery. John was born in County Clare, Ireland. A coroner's inquest determined that John's death was accidental.

SOUTHERN CROSS.
FATAL ACCIDENT.
SOUTHERN CROSS, April 8.
A fatal accident happened yesterday morning to John Rooney, ganger on the railway line. He appears to have been proceeding along the line on a tricycle towards Doongin, when he was overtaken by an engine. Rooney got clear of the line, but. tried to lift the tricycle off when he, was struck in the chest by the engine. He was taken to the hospital and expired shortly after being admitted.

Source: *Trove/Coolgardie Miner (WA) Saturday 9 April 1898 Page 5.*

THE SOUTHERN CROSS FATALITY.
VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH.
Southern Cross, April 12.
The adjourned inquest on the body of John Rooney was held to-day. The evidence showed that the deceased was travelling from Southern Cross towards Doongin, when he met the goods train from Perth about 200 yards from a curve in the line. The driver immediately whistled the challenge and put his brakes down. Rooney got off his tricycle, but in endeavoring to take the machine off the line was struck by the engine. He was taken to the hospital at once, but expired almost as soon as he was admitted. The postmortem examination disclosed that Rooney had eight ribs broken and extensive injuries to the limbs, spleen, lungs and other vital parts. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian Wednesday 13 April 1898 Page 3.*