# SEATON, Robert 21 September 1916

| Designation | Accident Location | Accident Due to |
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| Head Shunter | Fremantle | Shunting operations |

Robert Seaton was 35 years of age when he was fatally injured while shunting on Victoria Quay at Fremantle. Robert died later the same day at fremantle Hospital. Robert lived at Cottesloe Beach with his wife, Ann and he was interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (WESLEYAN/BC/0272).

**SHUNTING ACCIDENT**
**RAILWAY GUARD INJURED.**
This morning Robert Seaton, a guard in the W.A. Government rail ways, met with an accident, attended with painful injuries, while at work at Fremantle. He was attending to some trucks, which were being shunted along Victoria Quay, and at the foot of Cliff Street his left leg became caught under a truck. He was taken to the Fremantle Hospital in the ambulance van, and it was found that the limb had been badly lacerated; pieces of flesh having been torn off near the ankle. On enquiry this afternoon, it was ascertained that the patient was progressing favorably.

***Source:*** *Trove/The Daily News (Perth) Thursday 21 September 1916 Page 3.*

**A SHUNTER'S LEG CRUSHED DEATH FROM INJURIES.**
**Perth. Sept. 22 -** Robert Seaton, a guard, had his left leg crushed under a truck during shunting operations at Fremantle yesterday. His leg was severely lacerated. He suffered greatly from shock, and died last evening.

***Source:*** *Trove/Kalgoorlie Miner (WA ) Saturday 23 September 1916 Page 4.*

**FREMANTLE SHUNTING FATALITY.**
**INQUEST OPENED.**
Robert Seaton, the railway guard, who had his left leg caught under a truck during shunting, operations on Victoria Quay yesterday morning, succumbed to his injuries in the Fremantle Hospital last evening. An inquest was opened before Mr. R. McCutcheon, J.P., (Acting Coroner), and a jury in the Courthouse this morning, and adjourned until 11 a.m. on Thursday next.

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**FREMANTLE SHUNTING FATALITY.**
**INQUEST CONCLUDED.**
The inquest was concluded on Thursday into the circumstances concerning the sad death of Robert Seaton, a shunter who was run over by a raliway truck on Victoria Quay on September 21 and died as a result of injuries received.

Evidence showed that deceased was attempting to uncouple two wagons while the train was in motion, and his foot caught in the rails. He was run over by one of the wagons, and so badly hurt that he died from shock shortly after reaching the hospital. A verdict of accidental death, no blame being attachable to anyone, was recorded. The jury complimented our ambulance officials for the prompt manner in which they rendered first aid to the unfortunate sufferer.

***Source:*** *Trove/Sunday Times (Perth) Sunday 1 October 1916 Page 13.*

**FUNERAL NOTICE**

SEATON.-The Friends of the late Mr. Robert Seaton, shunter of the Western Australian Government Railways, Fremantle, and of Harvey Street, Cottesloe Beach, are respectfully invited to follow his remains to the place of interment, the Wesleyan portion of the Karrakatta Cemetery. The Funeral is appointed to leave the residence of his father in law, Sir William Brown, Sunnyside, Harvey Street Cottesloe Beach. THIS (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock. Friends attending the Funeral may proceed by trains leaving Fremantle and Perth at 3.30 p.m.
ARTHUR E. DAVIES and CO. Undertakers Market Street, Fremantle
(Tel 225), and opposite the Railway Station, Claremont.

***Source:*** *Trove/The West Australian (Perth)* Saturday 23 September 1916 Page 1.