SINCLAIR, Thomas 2 August 1904

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Night Watchman	East Fremantle	Struck by passing train

Thomas Sinclair was 48 years of age when he was fatally injured by being struck by a train. The train that struck him was never located. A coronial enquiry determined that his death was an accident. Thomas lived at Cottesloe Beach with his wife and is interred at Fremantle Cemetery (Presbyterian/MON E/0377).

FUNERAL NOTICES.
SINCLAIR. The Friends of the late Mr. Thomas Sinclair (W.A.G. Railways) are respectfully invited, to follow his remains to the place of interment, the Presbyterian portion of the Fremantle Cemetery. The Funeral is appointed to leave Messrs. Arthur E. Davies and Co.'s Undertaking Establishment, Market-street, Fremantle, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON at 3.30 o'clock.
ARTHUR E. DAVIES and CO, Undertakers. Market Street, Fremantle. Tel. 225.

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EAST FREMANTLE RAILWAY FATALITY.
THE INQUEST.
The inquest into the case of the death of Thomas Sinclair who was found lying in an unconscious condition alongside the railway line near the East Fremantle station, on Tuesday night last, and who subsequently died at the Fremantle Hospital, was resumed at the Fremantle Courthouse this afternoon before Mr. B. Dearie, who acted as coroner, and a jury of three. Mr. M. L. Moss watched the proceedings on behalf of the wife of the deceased and Mr. Clarke for the Railway Department.

Dr. Lotz stated that he was called to see the deceased about midnight on August 2 at the East Fremantle railway station. Seeing that he was in a hopeless condition he ordered his removal to the hospital.

Dr. Deravin, resident medical officer at the Fremantle Hospital , stated that Sinclair was dead when brought to the hospital. From a postmortem examination he had come to the conclusion that death had resulted from extensive injuries to the brain, lungs, and thorax. The injuries could have been inflicted by his having been thrown down by a passing train.

E. A. Evans, manager of the loco, workshops, Fremantle, stated that deceased was a watchman employed at the loco works his duty, was to patrol the works and give an alarm should anything unusual occur. In carrying out his duties he had to walk along the railway line from East Fremantle to Fremantle. The last record made by Sinclair, on the clock kept to check his movements, was made at 11.20 on the night of the accident. Witness was of opinion that, deceased was knocked down by the train which left Fremantle at 11:30p.m.

To Mr. Moss: It was not customary to blow the whistle on approaching the East Fremantle station, unless the signals were against the train. The 11:30 train was examined on arrival at Perth, but no marks to indicate that it struck the deceased were found on it.

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