SKELTON, Joseph 28 April 1903

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Shunter	Kalgoorlie	Shunting operations

Joseph Skelton was 32 years of age when he was fatally injured in a shunting accident at the Kalgoorlie Loco Depot. A coronial inquest determined that he died accidentally. *MM December 2016.*

FATALITIES
Joseph Skelton, 32 years of age, a member of the Kalgoorlie Branch of the Loco. Engine-Drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Union was killed at the Kalgoorlie loco, sheds on April 28. The deceased, who was applying the brake to a water truck, was run over by the train and died after reaching the hospital.

Source: *Trove/Westralian Worker (Perth) Friday 1 May 1903 Page 3.*

KALGOORLIE.
Inquests in connection with the deaths of Joseph Skelton and Mortimer Meade, who were killed in the Kalgoorlie railway yard yesterday, were opened yesterday and adjourned.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Thursday 30 April 1903 Page 4.*

FATALITIES AT K ALGOORLE.
CRUSHED IN THE RAILWAY YARD.
TWO MEN KILLED.
Kalgoorlie, April 28.
Two fatalities occurred within the space of a few hours at the Government loco. Sheds this afternoon. In the first case a shunter, named: Joseph Skelton, was engaged in putting a brake down on a water truck attached to an engine when he slipped and fell between the water truck and another truck. The brake of the latter dragged him along a short distance, and he finally become jammed between it and the permanent way. The unfortunate man, who was frightfully crushed about the body, succumbed to his injuries shortly after his admission to the Kalgoorlie Hospital. The deceased, who was a single man, and 32 years of age, was a native of Victoria.

Following closely upon Skelton's terrible death came that of an old man named Mortimer Meade. He was standing on the railway line between two water trucks and, while he was in the act of getting some water from a tank on one of them, the other was shunted up by an engine, with the result that he was crushed between the buffers. The agonized screams that Meade uttered on being struck reached the ears of several workmen in the vicinity, and these immediately went to his assistance. An ambulance was quickly procured, but Meade, who, like Skelton, was badly crushed, died on the way to the hospital. The deceased who was a widower, has a son residing at Leonora. Meade was not a railway employee. He entered the railway yard to obtain a drink of Water.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Wednesday 29 April 1903 Page 5.*