# STEVENS, Thomas William Henry 6 February 1947

| Designation | Accident Location | Accident Due to |
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| Car & Wagon Examiner | Bassendean | Run over by wagon |

Thomas Stevens, a veteran of the Great War (1914-1918), was 59 years of age when he was run over and killed at Bassendean. It was surmised at the time that Thomas was examining the under carriage of a wagon when it was moved by another van. Thomas lived at Bassendean and was married to Eileen May (Deceased 1940) and they had three children. Thomas was interred with Eileen at the Guildford Cemetery (ANGLICAN /D/0020). ©MM 2019

**Man Killed On Railway**
Railway examiner, Thomas Stevens (59), widower, of Harcourt Street, Bassendean, was killed by a truck at Bassendean today.

Seeing a man's leg protruding from beneath a railway truck, an engine driver told one of his train crew to warn the man to move as he was shunting. When the man was reached it was found a truck had run over him. He was dead.

It is not known how Stevens came to be under the truck. The accident happened on Cuming Smith's pyrites loop about 9.45 a.m. It is thought that Stevens was examining the truck's under carriage when a moving van pushed the truck over him.

A St. John ambulance was called from Midland Junction, and Stevens was taken to Perth Hospital.

The train crew included driver Ralph Benson, of Montreal Road, West Midland, fireman Joseph Downey, of Loton Avenue, Midland Junction, guard Melvin Colquhuon, of York Road, Midland Junction, and shunter John Fitzgerald, of Whitfield Street, Bassendean.

Stevens, police stated, had two sons and a daughter.

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STEVENS (T. W. H.).-In fond memory of Dad, accidentally killed at Bassendean on February 6, 1947. Inserted by
his loving daughter, Irene. Someday I'll understand. Dad.

STEVENS.-On February 6, suddenly, as result of railway accident. Tom very dear friend of Gladie and Gerald
Nicholas. Our dear old Tom, we will miss you always. Good-night.

STEVENS--On Februar 6. 1.94. as the result of an accident, Thomas William Henry Stevens, esteemed member of
Bassendean R.S.L. Theo. Brewer. President; R. R. Smith. Secretary.

***Source:*** *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Saturday 8 February 1947 Page 1 (Family Notices)*

**Coroner Reserves His Finding**
The Coroner reserved his finding after the Perth Courthouse inquest yesterday into the death of railway examiner Thomas William Henry Stevens (59).

On the morning of February 6 Stevens was found lying under an empty railway truck in the yards of the Cuming Smith and Mt. Lyell fertiliser factory at Bassendean.

Dr. D. S. MacKenzie, who conducted an autopsy, said that Stevens had died from multiple injuries consistent with his having been run over by a railway truck.

Before City Coroner R. P. Rodriguez. Sergeant J. Clark assisted. Inspector G. Swan for the W.A.G.R., Mr. C. Webb for the engine driver, Mr. C. Gough for the relatives, Mr. B. Simpson for Cuming Smith and Mt. Lyell.

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