STOKES, Charles Hartley 2 June 1927

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Chief Civil Engineer	Mogumba, MRWA	Fall from Moore River Bridge

Charles Stokes was 47 Years of age when he was fatally injured, on May 31, in a fall from the Mogumber railway bridge. He was standing on a scaffold when a girder swung and knocked him 35 feet (10.7 metres) to the ground. He died at the St. Omer Hospital two days later. Charles lived at Midland with his wife Gladys and their four young children, he was interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (Anglican/ZA/0253).

DEATH OF MR. C. H. STOKES
ACCIDENT AT MOGUMBER
The friends of the Mr. Charles Hartley Stokes, Chief Engineer of the Midland Railway Company, learned with deep regret that he had passed away yesterday, after suffering from the result- of an accident received on Tuesday last. From what can be gathered, Mr. Stokes was superintending the renewal of a railway bridge at Mogumber. He was standing on the scaffold swinging beneath the bridge when a girder suspended in the air ready to be placed in position swung around and knocked him off the scaffold. Mr. Stokes fell about 35ft and sustained multiple injuries, including broken legs and broken arms. He was brought by special train to Midland Junction and conveyed to Perth Hospital by- the Midland district ambulance. There he was operated upon, one arm being amputated, but medical aid was unable to save him and he passed away last night.

Source: *Trove/The Daily News (Perth) Saturday 4 June 1927 Page 4.*

DEATH OF MR. STOKES FALL FROM MOGUMBER BRIDGE
THE INQUEST
An inquiry into the cause of the death of Charles Hartley Stokes, railway engineer, whose fatal injuries were caused by falling from a scaffold at the Mogumber railway bridge on Friday, 31st May, was conducted at the Moora Court House on Monday, 21st inst, before the Deputy Coroner (Mr W. J. Carrick).

After evidence had been heard which showed that the rope and tackle were in good order and condition, the Coroner found that the deceased's, Charles Hartley Stokes, death was the result of injuries received by a fall from a scaffold at Mogumber Bridge at 3.50 p.m., on the 31st May, 1927, and from which he died at St. Omer Hospital, Perth, on the 2nd June, no blame being attachable to anyone.

Source: *Trove/The Moora Herald & Midland Districts Advocate (WA) Thursday 23 June 1927 Page 2*.

FUNERAL NOTICE
STOKES. The Friends of the late Mr. CHARLES HARTLEY STOKES, Chief Engineer of the Midland Railway Company, are respectfully invited to follow his remains to the place of interment, the Church of England portion of the Karrakatta Cemetery. The Funeral is appointed to leave the Private Mortuary of Messrs. Donald J. Chipper and Son, 844 Hay Street, Perth, at 2 o'clock TOMORROW (Saturday) AFTERNOON. Friends wishing to attend the Funeral may proceed by the 2.5 o'clock' train from Perth, and the 1.50 o'clock train from Fremantle.
DONALD J. CHIPPER and SON. Funeral Directors, 844 Hay -street, Perth. Tel. A8232.

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