WALSH, John 19 December 1890

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Navvy	King's Siding, MRWA	Blasting accident

John Walsh was 37 years of age when he died in a blasting accident on the Midland Railway at King's Siding. John is interred at Walkaway Cemetery. A memorial was erected by his workmates.

FATALITY ON THE MIDLAND RAILWAY WORKS.
[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
GERALDTON, December 19.
News has just been received here of a fatal accident on the Midland Railway works. A man named John Walsh, engaged in a cutting near King's, was killed. It is believed that he was employed in blasting, but particulars are not yet to hand.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian(Perth) Saturday 20 December 1890 Page 3.*

Midland Railway Fatality
A sad accident happened on the Midland Eailway works last week. It appears that a man named John Walsh was engaged in blasting some stone, and had lighted a fuse which hung fire. He thereupon proceeded to ascertain the cause and whilst handling the fuse the charge exploded, killing Walsh instantly. Fragments of the unfortunate man's body were picked up at a distance of forty-five feet from the scene of explosion. Deceased was buried the following day, a large number of his mates accompanied the remains to their last resting place.

Source: *Trove/Western Mail (Perth) Saturday 27 December 1890 Page 24.*