# WILLIAMSON, Samuel 23 August 1940

| Designation | Accident Location | Accident Due to |
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| Ganger | East Perth | Struck by locomotive |

Samuel Williamson was 50 years of age when he was fatally injured as the result of being struck by a locomotive while engaged in track work at East Perth. Sam lived at East Perth with his wife Clara and their four children. He is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ANGLICAN/YC/0110).

**STRUCK BY EINGINE.**
**MAN FATALLY INJURED.**
**Accident at East Perth.**
Two members of a railway permanent way repair gang were struck by a locomotive at East Perth yesterday morning and one of the men was injured so seriously that he died several hours later. Working apart from the gang, Samuel Williamson (51), of Tamar Street, East Perth and Albert Watts (about 40), also of Tamar Street, were employed on the line near the Claisebrook Road crossing when the accident occurred. A locomotive approached along one of the sets of lines from the loco yards to wards the main lines to Perth, but apparently Williamson and Watts thought it was running on lines other than those where they were employed and they continued at their work. There is a curve in the lines at this point and it is believed that this was the cause of the men's confusion. As the locomotive bore down on the men others workers in the vicinity shouted a warning but their cries were not heeded in time to avoid an accident. Both men were in the act of trying to jump clear of the lines when Williamson was struck by the cowcatcher and drawn under the front of the locomotive. According to a report made to Constable Vale, of Highgate Hill, it was not clear whether Watts had been struck by the engine or by a shovel which had been used by one of the men. The men were taken to hospitals in a St. John ambulance. Williamson, with multiple injuries, was admitted to the Perth Hospital and his name was entered on the danger list. He succumbed to his injuries late yesterday afternoon. His companion was admitted to a private hospital for treat ment of less serious injuries. Mr. Williamson Is survived by a widow and four children.

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