WILLIAMS, Jasper Fisher 26 February 1901

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Porter	Perth	Struck by locomotive

Jasper Williams was fatally injured by the Fremantle to Perth train as he crossed the main line near the Perth carriage sheds. Jasper was19 years of age and lived at home with his parents in Leederville. He is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ANGLICAN/AA/0070)

RAILWAY FATALITY.
A CARRIAGE CLEANER KILLED.
A cleaner, named Jasper Williams, at the Perth railway carriage sheds, met his death as the result of an accident on the railway line near the Roe Street sheds early this morning. Shortly after 5 o'clock Williams was passing from the cleaning sheds to several carriages which were standing in the goods yard. He stepped on to the Perth - Fremantle line of rails, and having his face towards the Perth and did not notice the Fremantle train approaching at a rate of about 15 miles an hour. When the engine was a few yards distant from him, Williams apparently heard it coming, for he stepped back hastily. The engine, however, struck him on the hip and threw him clear of the rails. The guard, noticing the mishap, pulled the train Up, Williams was found lying on the in ground in an unconscious condition, with injuries to his hip and head. The latter injuries were probably caused through the man's head coming into violent contact with the ground. The railway ambulance stretcher was obtained, and the man was conveyed to the hospital. Dr. Thompson on examining the injuries gave no hope of the injured man's recovery and at about 9:00 o'clock Williams succumbed. Although Dr. Thompson had not made a postmortem examination this morning, he believed that death was caused by fracture of the base of the skull. The deceased was a young, single man, and he resided at Leederville. He had been 10 months in the railway services of this State.

An inquest in connection with the fatality was opened at the hospital at half-past 12 today, before, the district coroner (Dr. E. Black) and a jury. After the usual preliminary formalities had been complied with, the inquest was adjourned.

Source: *Trove/The Daily News (Perth) Tuesday 26 February 1901 Page 3.*

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT CENSURE.
At the Perth Hospital board room an adjourned inquest was held before Dr. Black and a jury concerning the death of Jasper Fisher Williams, a shunter, who was killed at the Perth railway station on the morning of February 26. Mr. Leake appeared on behalf of tie relatives of the deceased, and Mr. G. W. Stead on behalf of the railway department. Sergeant Mc Carthy conducted tie inquiry. The evidence showed that the deceased was engaged in cleaning tie Bunbury train on the South side of the line. He was sent across the line to the cleaning shed to get a brush. A couple of carriages were standing on the loop line next to tie main line, and on the north side. Williams returned with the brush, and as he was coming out from behind the empty carriages was struck by an incoming train from Fremantle. The unfortunate fellow had his right foot on the line, and before he could get back he was turned round by the cowcatcher of the engine and struck by the first carriage of the train. He was not seen by the driver before the accident.

The jury returned a verdict that death was due to tie deceased being accidentally struck by a passing train, which caused fracture of the skull and injury to the brain. A rider was added that the practice of leaving empty carriages outside the cleaning sheds should be discontinued, as the carriages obscured the view of approaching trains.

Source: *Trove/The Inquirer and Commercial News (Perth) Friday 26 April 1901 Page 1.*

FUNERAL NOTICES.

WILLIAMS. The Friends of the late Jasper Fisher Williams, late of the Traffic Department, Government Railways, Perth, Western Australia, are respectfully invited to follow his remains to the place of interment, the Church of England Cemetery, Karrakatta. The Funeral is appointed to leave his late residence, Short-street (opposite Leederville Railway Station), Leederville, at 3.45 o'clock THIS (Wednesday AFTERNOON, per road. The 4.15 p.m. train from Perth stops at Karrakatta.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Wednesday February 27 1901 Page 4.*