WILSON, James 17 October 1914

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Fettler	Bunjil	Fell from Per Way Trolley

James Campbell died as the result of falling from a gang trolley carrying eleven men. In an attempt to arrest his fall he grabbed his workmate **James Wilson**. **James Wilson** died within hours and **James Campbell** died in Northam Hospital sometime later. **James Wilson** was married with four children and **James Campbell** was single.

RAILWAY WORKER KILLED.
ACCIDENT ON THE WONGAN
MULLEWA LINE.
Wongan Hills, Oct. 21.
An accident which was attended with fatal results, occurred on the Wogan Hills -Mullewa railway construction line on Saturday afternoon, about 98 miles from Wongan Hills. A party of men were returning from work on a truck, when two of them, **James Wilson** and **James Campbell**, by some means overbalanced and were thrown in front of the vehicle, the wheels of which passed over them. Wilson never regained consciousness and died in a few hours. Campbell, who was conveyed to the Goomalling hospital, lies in a critical condition. An inquiry, before Mr. F. B. Moore, was commenced on Saturday evening and adjourned until the 22nd inst., Wilson, who was a native of Scotland, arrived in the State about two years ago, and selected land at Balli Balli, in this district, but owing to the drought, he was compelled to seek work on the construction line. He leaves a wife and four young child ren at Balli Balli and his mother and two sisters reside in Fremantle.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Thursday 22 October 1914 Page 3.*

Fatality at Wongan Hills
On Saturday a fatal accident occurred on the Wongan-Mullewa line about 97 miles north of Wongan, whereby one man was killed, and another seriously injured. From the facts available, it is learned that eleven men were riding on a trolley when one of them named **James Campbell** lost his balance and fell backwards. In falling, he caught hold of another occupant of the trolley named **James Wilson**, and pulled him backwards, with the result that Wilson fell heavily, his head striking a sleeper with great force, death being almost instantaneous. Campbell's head struck the rail, and he sustained serious injuries. He was brought in, to the Northam Hospital on Monday morning and now lies in a serious condition . Wilson's body was conveyed to Wongan Hills and an inquest was opened and adjourned. It is understood that Wilson was a married man with a family 0f four children, whilst Campbell is believed to be unmarried.

Source: *Trove/The Northam Advertiser (WA) Wednesday 21 October 1914 Page 2.*

Author's Note: *James Campbell died later the same day in Northam Hospital.*