WRIGHT, Henry “Harry” 18 April 1892

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Driver	Fremantle	Fell from locomotive

Henry (Harry) Wright died when he fell from his locomotive after being struck by a bridge stanchion or telegraph pole while crossing the Fremantle railway bridge. The injuries he sustained to his head were instantly fatal. Harry lived in York and was a well-respected member of that community. He was interred at York Cemetery.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE RAILWAY.
AN ENGINE DRIVER KILLED.
Easter Monday was signalized in a sad manner by the occurrence of an accident on the Eastern Railway, by which a man named Harry Wright, an engine driver, lost his life.

On Monday morning, the York train left the Fremantle station at 7.15, having two engines attached, one of which was devoted to the run through to York and the other to bringing down the ordinary Fremantle train. Wright was in charge of the foremost engine, and when crossing the railway bridge between the East and North Fremantle railway stations, he was observed by the driver of the rear engine to be hurled from the foot-plate with great violence. The train was stopped and assistance immediately procured. Wright was picked up by the side of the rails, and an examination disclosed that be had received a frightful wound in the side of the skull which must have caused almost instant death. The exact cause of the fatality is not known, but, it is thought from what the driver of the rear engine will state at. the inquest, which will be resumed tomorrow, that Wright's hat must have blown off, whilst the train was crossing the bridge and that in his effort to recover it, his arm or head must have been struck by some of the projecting timber of the bridge parapet or a telegraph post. It is noticeable that the space between the footplate of an engine and the telegraph posts and bridge timbers is very small. If an engine driver or fireman happened to swing out of his usual position for such a purpose as indicated, such an act would in all probability be followed by a serious, if not fatal, accident. The deceased was one of the steadiest and most reliable drivers on the Eastern line of railway, and his attention to duty and genial manner endeared him to his fellow employees. He leaves a wife and three children, with whom the deepest sympathy is felt. Yesterday the railway shops were closed during the afternoon, and many flags were at half-mast as a mark of respect at the sad event. The deceased was a free mason, and a large number of members of the brotherhood attended the funeral, among those present being Mr. D. K. Congdon M. L. C, the Deputy District Grand Master. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Archdeacon Watkins. The funeral procession was a very long one, almost every fellow employee who could get off duty, being present. The firemen and engine drivers marched in the garb of their calling behind the hearse, and then followed a large and sympathetic procession of townspeople.

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