

William T. Caynor

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William Caynor, 45 years old, of 231 R street northwest, Washington, employed as a brakeman by the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad, died at 11:30 a.m. yesterday in the Alexandria Hospital, following the amputation of both legs, and his body was taken to the mortuary chapel of B. Wheatley, where City Coroner T. Marshall Jones will conduct an inquest at 10 o'clock this morning to fix the responsibility.

Caynor, while braking on a freight car on what is known as the hump at Potomac Yards at an early hour yesterday morning, fell from the car and had his legs crushed. He was taken to the Alexandria Hospital where his left leg was taken off just below the knee and the right leg at the knee. He resides at the Washington address with his sister, Miss Minnie Caynor.

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Dr. T. Marshall Jones, coroner, after an inquest yesterday in the death of William Caynor, 47 years old, of 231 R street northeast, Washington, who died Thursday at the Alexandria Hospital after having both legs amputated, declared death was the result of an unavoidable accident at Potomac Yards.

Caynor fell from a freight car while working on the hump at the yards, and both legs were so badly crushed, they had to be amputated. He died a few hours after the operation.

The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock this afternoon from Wheatley's chapel, and burial will be in Congressional Cemetery, Washington.

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Rites for Brakeman

W.T. Caynor, Victim of Train, to Rest in Congressional Cemetery

City Coroner Dr. T. Marshall Jones of Alexandria returned a verdict of unavoidable accident yesterday in the death of William T. Caynor, 47 years old, of 231 R street northeast, Washington.

Caynor fell from a freight car Thursday at Potomac Yards, where he was employed as a brakeman. Both legs were crushed and he died shortly after they were amputated at the Alexandria Hospital. Funeral services were held at Wheatley's mortuary chapel, Alexandria, this afternoon. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.