

Kentucky Post — June 11, 1935

ONE DEAD, TWO HURT AS TRAIN STRIKES AUTO

Bridge Street Crossing at Cyn-
thiana Scene of Tragedy;
Youth Is Victim

HEAD SEVERED IN CRASH

Southbound Freight Hurls Car
Into Air as Driver Pro-
ceeds Across Tracks

CYNTHIANA, KY., June 11. — A motorist was injured, a passenger in his car killed, and the crossing watchman hurt when a southbound train struck an auto at the Bridge street crossing here yesterday.

Roy Anderson, 24, Leesburg, was killed; George R. Curran, also of Leesburg, driver of the car in which Anderson was riding, suffered slight injuries, and Alfred Jett, the crossing watchman, waiting to go on duty, was injured.

A northbound passenger train had just passed over the rails at the crossing. The auto immediately in front of Curran's car passed over the tracks. As Curran started his car across the track the southbound freight train struck it, hurling it in the air.

Both Anderson and Curran were thrown clear of the auto. Anderson landed on the tracks and was run over by the train. His head was severed.

Jett was struck by the auto as it was hurled through the air. He was rushed to a hospital, but his injuries are believed to be not serious.

Several persons have been killed at the crossing during the past 10 years, it was said.

Cynthiana Democrat - June 13, 1935

ROY C. ANDERSON KILLED MONDAY

When Car In Which He Was Riding Was Struck By Freight Locomotive at the Depot.

DRIVER ESCAPES INJURY

A Cynthiana railroad crossing found another victim about 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon when Roy Anderson, 24 years old, farmer of the Leesburg neighborhood, was instantly killed as the automobile in which he was riding with George Rector Curran, 36, also of Leesburg, was struck by a southbound L. & N. freight train at the Bridge street crossing near the depot.

Anderson was thrown from the automobile and landed under the engine, his body crushed and decapitated, but Curran was thrown clear of the train and escaped with minor injuries. The car was carried a short distance and completely demolished.

Curran said he and Anderson had attended the live stock sale and were going west on Bridge street when they were stopped by the passing of the northbound passenger train; that as the train moved on, an automobile crossed the track and he started his car, driving directly into the path of the freight.

Ardell Philpott, watchman on duty at the crossing, said that while he remained in his usual position at the crossing a car going east, passed him, crowding the curb, as the passenger train cleared the track, and immediately the Curran car came west, was struck by the freight train and carried down toward the passenger depot several feet, striking R. L. Jett, another watchman, who was to go on duty in a few minutes. Jett was sitting in front of the shelter used by the watchmen. He was knocked several feet, rendered unconscious by a blow at the back of the head. He was removed to the Harrison Memorial Hospital in one of the R. B. Whaley ambulances, where he is receiving treatment.

A number of persons witnessed the tragedy and many stated that Philpott did all he could to flag the oncoming car, and bystanders shouted warnings.

Anderson's body was removed to the R. B. Whaley Funeral Home and prepared for burial, later it was taken to his home near Leesburg.

Roy Craig Anderson was born near Leesburg, August 24, 1910, a son of Mrs. Pearl Mullen Anderson and the late Shirley Anderson. He had never married. Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock yesterday, Wednesday, afternoon at the Leesburg Christian church by the Rev. W. G. Montgomery, assisted by the Rev. Joe Anderson. Burial in Jacksonville cemetery. Pall bearers were Frank Herrington, Lloyd Barnhill, Eugene Smith, Russell Rogers, Wm. Barkley Wilson and Russell Shropshire.

Anderson, Roy Craig 1910 - 1935



Form V. S. 1-A

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
State Board of Health
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

File No. **14528**
Registered No. **65**

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Harrison
Vot. Prec. Engin Laurel
Inc. Town _____
City Cynthiana Ky (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2. FULL NAME Roy Craig Anderson
(a) Residence No. Shelby Harrison County Ky Ward _____
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give city or town and State)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. _____ mos. _____ How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. _____

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (write the word) Single

6. DATE OF BIRTH August 24-1910
7. AGE Years 24 Months 10 Days 16 If LESS than 1 day hrs. or min.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, Sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Farmer

9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc. _____

10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____ 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____

12. BIRTHPLACE Harrison County Ky

13. NAME Shirley Anderson

14. BIRTHPLACE Harrison County Ky

15. MAIDEN NAME Pearl Mullen Anderson

16. BIRTHPLACE Harrison County Ky

17. INFORMANT Mrs. Pearl Mullen Anderson
(Address) Cynthiana, Ky. R.F.D. #1

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL
Place Jackmanville Date June 12-1935

19. UNDERTAKER Shalesy Funeral Home
(Address) 176 S. Main St. Cynthiana Ky

20. FILED 6/12 1935 Wm. J. Pope Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH June 10, 1935

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____, 19____ to _____, 19____

I last saw h. _____ alive on _____, 19____ death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at _____ m. The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:
Severed Head received when his car was struck by South Bound Freight Train and he was thrown under the train

Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause:
1071A

Name of operation no Date of _____
What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____

23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: _____ date of injury June 10 1935
Where did injury occur? Cynthiana Harrison County Ky
(Specify city or town, county, and State)
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place. _____

Manner of injury _____
Nature of injury _____

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? _____ If so, specify _____
(Signed) David R. Paul Cornut Heo
(Address) Cynthiana Ky

N. B. WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. EVERY ITEM OF INFORMATION should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIAN should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

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