

Hayward, George

Hayward, George F.
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 Birth Place:
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 Death Place: Carson City, Nv.
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Multiple George Hayward's – unable to determine
 If any of these were the correct one's.

Other Sources:

Carson Appeal Newspaper Index, 1865-66,
 1879-80, 1881, 1885-86 - Nevada State Archives

A Strange Coincidence

Reno Evening Gazette, April 24, 1880

It is a singular and touching coincidence that the following verses, written by **Mrs. George Hayward**; were published in the CARSON TIMES simultaneously with the news of the accident by which her husband lost his life. The lines were entitled "It Is Finished."

It Is Finished

Blighted, blighted, seared and withered,
 Is the last hope of my heart;
 Hope that I till now had cherished,
 Can I see it then depart?

I had clung to it so fondly,
 Never dreaming it could blight,
 But its pale beams now have left me,
 Drooping low in darkest night.

Crushed and broken, wildly throbbing,
 Is the heart within my breast,
 Sadly now with sorrow stricken,
 Joy will here no more find rest.

I am weary, O! how weary,
 Of this vain world's pomp and show:
 Though my lip with joy be smiling,
 Yet my heart is dark with woe.

The eye may wear a cheerful light,
 The cheeks with health may glow,
 And yet the heart with grief be wrung,
 Breaking with its woe.



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**FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT
A FREIGHT TRAIN ON THE V. & T. PLUNGES INTO THE RIVER**

An Engine and Nineteen Dump Cars Wrecked

Road Master George F. Hayward Killed and Five Persons Injured.

A Stone Falling On The Track the Cause

Scenes at the Depot.

The Morning Appeal, Thursday, April 22, 1880

Yesterday afternoon at half past 1 o'clock a terrible accident occurred on the V. & T. Railroad between the Vivian and the Merrimac mills which resulted in the death of Geo. F. Hayward, Road Master, and injuries to Robert Dalton, engineer; Thomas Reily; fireman, Charles Thrall, conductor, Charles Harte and William Dailey, brakemen. The down freight train was rounding a curve half a mile east of the Merrimac mill when it suddenly came upon two boulders which had been washed upon the track by the storm. The train consisted of two flat cars and nine ore dumps drawn by the engines Merrimac and Washoe, the Merrimac leading and containing Morris Lonergan, engineer, a man named Moody, the fireman and George H. Hayward, the Road Master of the V. & T. When the forward engine struck the boulder, which weighed about five tons, the trucks left the track and went to the right while the Washoe, lurching to the left, snapped the coupling and

WENT OVER THE BANK.

At this moment several ore cars piled themselves up alongside the Merrimac and against the bank, while the rocks, together with the flat cars, followed the engine down the bank and piled themselves in a heap in the river about sixty feet below.

GEORGE HAYWARD KILLED.

When the boulder was struck Road Master Hayward sprang off the engine to the right and fell in between the bank and the engine. A moment later a number of dump cars loaded with ore piled themselves upon him. He was heard to groan as the successive shocks crushed him, and as soon as possible he was taken out by the fireman and engineer of the Merrimac. When extricated from the wreck he was unable to speak, and in a few minutes he was dead.

HOW THE OTHERS FARED.

Robert Dalton, the engineer of the Washoe, remained with his engine when it left the track. It turned over and over as it went down the bank and finally Dalton was jostled out and left about ten feet from the water's edge, while a number of heavy stones, started by the accident, were piled upon his chest. He is injured internally, and his head is badly cut. His recovery is uncertain, although last evening he rallied.

Riley, the fireman, also rolled down the bank and was bruised about the face and legs.

Hart was mangled in the leg.

Willie Dailey, had his left wrist broken and his left hip and leg badly bruised. His face and hands were also severely lacerated.

Charles Thrall, the conductor, had his head severely cut, but was able to walk after the accident.

THE NEWS IN THE CITY.

When the news reached the city there was a general gathering of people at the V. & T. depot, anxious to hear from the scene of the accident. A locomotive and passenger car was sent up at once to bring down the body of Mr. Hayward and the wounded men. Meanwhile the crowd kept increasing at the depot and the return of the relief car was impatiently awaited by the friends of these know to have been on board the freight train.

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THE WOUNDED BROUGHT IN.

About 4 o'clock the car arrived. The body of Hayward was first taken out and placed in the baggage room. Dalton was laid on a stretcher and taken to his home in an omnibus. He was insensible at the time. One after another the men were taken out and carried to different conveyances to be removed to their homes. The sleet and snow were falling thickly at the time, and the canvas was piled over the wounded men to keep them from the storm. It was impossible to keep back the crowd, and the labors of those who moved the wounded were attended with the greatest difficulty. It was nearly 5 o'clock before the car was cleared, after which the crowd dispersed.

A GRIEF STRICKEN WIFE.

Coroner Foster and another gentleman, being Masons, were deputized to carry the mournful intelligence of Hayward's death to his wife. She seemed to read the dreadful news in their faces, and when the tidings were communicated, as gently as possible, she broke forth in a paroxysm of grief, in which three children joined, and the scene for a few minutes was harrowing beyond description. At 5 o'clock the body was brought to the house. The neighbors say that in the morning Mrs. Hayward begged her husband not to go as she feared something was going to happen. Mr. Hayward leaves a young wife and three children. He was a well known citizen of Carson, a kind and affectionate husband and his death will be keenly regretted by the community.

THE DAMAGE.

The Washoe engine is a total wreck and lies bottom side up in the Carson river. Ten ore dumps filled with Union ore and two flat cars lie in a heap beside it. All are badly broken up and the damage will be many thousands dollars. Had Mr. Hayward remained on the Merrimac with the engineer he would not have been killed. He doubtless, however, followed the impulse of the moment and did what nearly ninety-nine men of a hundred would have done under the circumstances. The inquest will be held to-day.

The repairs to the track occupied nearly all night, and there was no down train from Virginia City last evening.

ACCIDENT ON THE V. & T. RR

Road Master George F. Hayward Killed and Five Persons Injured – An Engine and Twelve Cars Thrown Into the Carson River

Reno Evening Gazette, April 22, 1880

At 1:30 P.M. yesterday, the down freight train from Virginia, is rounding a curve near Merrimac, about 7 miles beyond Carson, struck a boulder which had fallen upon the track. The train was drawn by two engines. The after engine jumped the track and rolled down into the river, while the first remained on the grade. George Hayward, roadmaster, sprang from the engine just before the collision. A number of dump cars were piled upon him. When extricated he could not speak, and died in a few minutes. Robert Dalton, engineer of the Washoe, the engine that rolled into the river, remained on his engine until it fell down the bank. He was badly injured and his recovery is uncertain. All the train men were more or less injured. Mr. Hayward leaves a wife and three children. Mrs. Hayward is a sister of Mrs. Hilliard of Reno. Mr. Hayward was an estimable man, and his death is deeply deplored in Carson, where he lived, and by his many friends in Reno.

The "Washoe" is a total wreck, lying bottom up in the Carson River. Ten ore dumps and two flat cars lie in a heap beside it. No trains came through Reno last night.