

Robert P. Shelton **(- 18 Feb 1908)**

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Body Crushed By Car

Robert P. Shelton Run Over and Instantly Killed

Robert P. Shelton, foreman of the Potomac Stone Quarry Company, was instantly killed about 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon while near Cherrydale, Va., being struck by an electric car of the Great Falls and Old Dominion railway.

Shelton, who was accompanied by Michael Sherry, a fellow-employee, was proceeding to his home, 1529 33d street, having left one of the company's quarries on the upper Potomac river a few minutes after 5 o'clock. He started in the direction of the electric railway tracks and had nearly reached the station at Cherrydale when a car bound for this city appeared. The two men started to run, in order to catch the car. On reaching the tracks Shelton attempted to cross in front of the car, while his companion remained on the other track.

According to the testimony at the inquest later in the day, the deceased tripped, and before the motorman could stop the car it struck Shelton and passed over his body, death being instantaneous. The body was mangled, the skull being fractured, one foot crushed and nearly every bone broken.

Soon after the accident, Dr. S.T. Ashton of Ballston, Va., coroner of Alexandria county, was notified. He summoned a jury, which, after hearing the evidence, rendered a verdict exonerating Motorman Cockerille and Conductor Donaldson from blame. It is stated the testimony showed that the accident was unavoidable. The members of the coroner's jury were Theodore Toff, John G. Todd, N.M. Parker, F.L. Floy, J.S. Hager and Thomas H. Harrison.

The body was brought to this city, prepared for burial and was then taken to the late home of the deceased. The latter had been employed by the Charles G. Smith & Son Company, which operates the quarries, for nearly twenty years. His wife and six children survive him. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.