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Coronors Verdict

body of

George Best

at

Ash Fork. S. P. & P. R.

April 12th 1893

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J. W. Watts  
Clerk

J. Phillip  
Justice of the Peace  
Ex Officio Coroner

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To the Clerk of District Court  
Prescott

Yavapai County  
A. S. H. 7

I Heron. please your verdict of Coroners Jury  
held at Ash Fork Arizona. April 17<sup>th</sup> 98. on the  
Body of G. W. Best killed in yard of the  
O. F. & P. Ry Co. at about 11 am. of same date  
E. Wiley Archibald being duly sworn. Testifies  
as follows. am. Conductor of the train, on  
which the accident occurred, was not present.  
was one hundred yards away. sent. crew to  
couple onto a car. Mr Best was making a  
front end coupling. must have missed and  
fell forward. between draw bar. and pilot did not  
see it. Engine was being handled very careful  
there was no defects in any of the equipment  
of train. deceased was a very sober. industrious  
and competent R.R man. was brakeman on my  
train. consider it an unavoidable accident

P. Patrick Doyle. being duly sworn  
Testifies. am Engineer. was running engine  
at time of accident started to make a coupling  
onto a flat car. was moving very slow. did  
not see the deceased when he fell considered  
him a careful. and sober man. have been an  
Engineer for. 25 years.

Hinds being duly sworn. testifies as follows.

was present on engine at time of accident did not see. The deceased fall was running very slow, at time deceased was sober at time of accident never saw him drink was working in capacity of fireman

J.R. Carpenter being duly sworn. testifies as follows.

Am. Brokeman. was working with deceased at time of accident. was went to make a front coupling deceased was on the right side of engine alongside of Pilot. engine was moving very slow, deceased reached over and raised pilot coupling, missed his footing I should judge. by a stumble which caused him to fall, against the draw bar of the flat car, pilot bar catching him. considered him a careful man. was sober. never saw him drink but one drink in my life consider it was an unavoidable accident liable to occur to any of us at any time

# Coroners, Verdict

Now, the Coroners Jury, holding inquest  
over the body of George Best now lying  
here, find that the cause of his  
death was accidental and unavoidable  
under the circumstances

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| Ch. Simpson     | Foreman |
| Chas. Donaldson |         |
| H. H. Hefnerman |         |
| H. Casey        |         |
| J. Astley       |         |
| Fester Jackson  |         |
| W. H. Gaddtrap  |         |
| Coroners Jury   |         |

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Coroners Verdict

body of  
George Best  
at  
Ash Fork. Sept 19th 1893

April 12<sup>th</sup> 1893

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Clerk