

MRS. E. A. STILLWELL IS KILLED BY TRAIN

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Fatal Accident Occurs on Rock
Island Mile East of the
Malcom Station.

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HER BODY WAS
TERRIBLY MANGLED

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Mrs. E. A. Stillwell, of Malcom, a sister of I. E. Goodrich, of this city, was instantly killed some time on Tuesday night by being struck by a Rock Island train. The body, terribly mangled, was found by W. G. Bair and W. W. Billick who had gone out with a party of section men on a handcar to look for her.

Mrs. Stillwell was missed about 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening and searching parties were formed which looked for her until after midnight. The Rock Island officials were notified and instructed their engineers to look for a woman on the track between Brooklyn and Grinnell, but it seems likely that the tragedy had been consummated before the warning was issued. The night was foggy and the woman might easily have been run down without the train crew's being aware of the fact.

The search was resumed early in the morning and the body was found at a point a mile east of the Malcom station. It had absolutely been cut to pieces. It was identified by the clothing and the hair, being otherwise unrecognizable.

Mrs. Stillwell had been under a doctor's care prior to the accident, but the coroner's inquest did not reveal what the trouble had been.

Coroner O. F. Parish was summoned early Wednesday morning, went to Malcom and impanelled a jury consisting

of Austin P. Melgo, George W. Hays, and R. L. Sherman. All the evidence obtainable was taken and a verdict returned that Mrs. Stillwell came to her death by being struck by an engine on the Rock Island railroad. A further investigation is likely when the train which struck Mrs. Stillwell is learned. Superintendent C. W. Reed, of this division of the Rock Island, came from Brooklyn to attend the inquest.

The funeral was held from the home in Malcom at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich went from here to attend it.

Mrs. Stillwell is survived by two children, a son and a daughter.