

John Womack

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John Womack Dies As Result Of Auto Accident Injuries

**Hinton Man Injured Fatally as Car
Pinned Him on Railroad Track
Early Saturday Morning**

John Womack aged 33, of this city, died shortly before midnight Saturday in a Charleston hospital as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred between three and four o'clock Saturday morning. The car in which Womack was riding at the time he was injured was driven by Mrs. Glenna Mahoney of Huntington and was wrecked on the Midland trail near Monarch east of Charleston, turning over upon the tracks of the New York Central railroad. The driver of the car according to her story, met Womack in Charleston and was giving him a "lift" to Thurmond, as she was on her way to Beckley. Mrs. Mahoney said she and Womack left Charleston about ten o'clock Friday night but lost their way. According to the story told by the woman driver one of the rear tires went flat causing her to drive more carefully and to avoid a bad place in the road she swerved the car toward the railway embankment. Womack she said had been dozing and the lurch of the car awakened him and seeing the headlights of the approaching engine became frightened and grabbed the steering wheel causing the car to go over the bank onto the tracks. She said she thinks Womack attempted to jump. Womack was pinned between the running board of the automobile and the ends of the ties being injured internally.

By almost super-human effort Mrs. Mahoney lifted the car and pulled Womack from beneath it. At this moment the engine of a passing train grazed the car, carrying away the windshield, steering wheel and top. A taxicab hurried the injured man to Charleston hospital where he gave the name of H. C. Morris to cover up his identity as he had recently escaped from the Wayne county jail where he was serving a sentence for illegal possession of liquor.

Late Saturday Womack was told that he could not live and it was then that he admitted his identity and asked that his employer at Ashland, a barber, be notified and asked to come to Charleston and bring his insurance policies so that he could arrange to pay his hotel bill, burial expenses and settle the Thurmond business.

The body was brought to Hinton where it will be held awaiting the arrival of a brother, C. H. Womack, of San Francisco, who is now on his way home. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. The dead man is survived by two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Peaco of Hinton, and Mrs. H. L. Chandler of Ronceverte; four brothers, C. H. Womack, of San Francisco, California; T. P. Womack of Cincinnati, O.; S. P. Womack of Scarbro and W. A. Womack of this city.