

Issue date uncertain, probably January 26, 1903 as there is a Haym Hersch Edelstein buried at BZ cemetery beside George and Hattie Edelstein, whose birth and date years tally to 14 years.

INSTANTLY KILLED

HARRY EDELSTEIN MEETS DEATH UNDER SWITCH ENGINE.

Fourteen Year Old Boy Meets Horrible End While Stealing Ride on Tender – Companions Claim Fireman Knocked Him Off With Coal. But This Is Denied.

Harry Edelstein, the 14 year sold son of George Edelstein, a clothing dealer at No. 15 East Ninth Street, was run over and instantly killed by a switch engine on the Chattanooga Belt track in Tannery flats yesterday afternoon.

The engine was in charge of Engineer B. S. Crow and Fireman George Carter.

There were several of the boys in the crowd and they had been playing around the tracks for two or three hours, part of the time riding the engine and cars and running various risks of being injured.

From the statement of some of the boys who were in the party, four or five of the crowd had been on the tender stealing a ride and were discovered by the enginemen. The firemen threw some water at the boys in order to scare them off the tender. All of the boys jumped off except young Edelstein and two of his companions. The fireman finding that water would not force these three boys off, threw a shovelful of coal

over the tender, and as some of the boys claimed, it struck Harry in the back. Partly from the force of the coal thrown against him and from being taken unawares, the boy fell off the tender, his head falling on the rail and his body between the track. The unfortunate lad uttered one agonized scream and his head was crushed by the wheels of the oncoming engine, killing him instantly, mashing his head almost to a pulp. The attachments under the tender and engine badly bruised and disfigured his body. The engine, which was backing at the time of the accident, passed clear over the body until it was directly under the pilot, when, from the statement of an eye witness, they heard the frightened cries of his companions and reversing the engine, passing over the body a second time, not knowing which part of the moving wheels he was under, and thinking that he had just been knocked down at the rear of the tender and that he had not yet been seriously injured.

On the other hand, the fireman claimed that he did not know the boy was on the tender, as he had seen several jump off. He also denies the statement that he threw coal at the boy, causing him to fall under the wheels.

Sharp's ambulance was hastily called and the limp form of the unfortunate boy was carried into the undertaker's shop, where it was prepared for burial.

The funeral will occur today, the hour not yet being announced, at the home of the parents at 315 Vaughn Street, Rabbi Glyck officiating.

--article provided by Shelton Goldblatt, whose mother was Genevieve Edelstein