

CALVIN DAVIS KILLED WHILE BEATING FREIGHT TRAIN

The mangled body of Calvin Davis, of Marshall, was found on the track of the Southern Railway near the station at Marshall last Friday night soon after the Southbound passenger train had passed—about 7:30 o'clock. The body was found by a colored woman, who said she saw the boy board the freight, which passed just before the passenger train. It is supposed that he was crossing from one side of the train to the other between the freight cars and lost his foothold and dropped through to the track below, the wheels passing over the body, cutting it in two almost equal parts, the head part of the body being found some distance from the feet and legs. The fingers on one hand were also cut off. The body was taken to his home at Rollins by the crew of section men with whom Calvin worked.

Calvin, 19 years of age, is said to have been in the habit of heating freight trains from Marshall to his home at Rollins. He had left home less than an hour before to go to Marshall for a package of cigarettes.

Calvin was the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Davis of Marshall. These foster parents had him in their home since he was only one and a half years old, his mother having died when Calvin was only six months old. His real father, Fletch Davis, is married again and living on Little Pine. His foster mother, Mrs. I. F. Davis, is heartbroken, he being their only son. They have only one daughter, Mrs. Flora Shelton, who lives with her parents. The deceased is survived by two sisters, Miss Lena Jarrett of Asheville and Miss May Davis of Virginia. He also leaves two half brothers, Henry Davis and Louis Davis on Little Pine.

Funeral service was Saturday at 3 o'clock at Rector's Chapel conducted by Rev. J. A. Martin, interment following in the Rector Chapel cemetery. The pallbearers were: Ervin Chandler, Frank Davis, Edward Candler, Swann Frisby, Charles Deaver and Aldin Payne.

Calvin was said to be a nice young man and liked by all who knew him.

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