

Statement of E.Pickleseimer in regard to accident happening to
Nick Romesburg on May 11th 1914.

Mr.Romesburg and Mr.Weaver and I were dropping cars on Steele Creek line. Mr.Romesburg was at the brake wheel on the front car which was empty. Front car was dropped to tram road crossing at Stamper Branch,something like three hundred feet from first standing position. I started to drop car,loaded car,which was loaded with doors for Stamper Branch job. It had a little up grade to start on,and Mr. Weaver and I started car by using pieces of 2x4's for bars,and Mr.Weaver climbed on car to put the brake on.The track was down grade and car being loaded,and he saw that he could not hold car. He called to Mr.Romesburg telling him to watch out,he could not hold car. Mr.Romesburg being at wheel on his car started to draw brakes as tight as he could. The loaded car,when it struck Mr. Romesburg's car,was going at a speed between 8 and 10 miles per hour. I tested brakes on front car which held O.K.,and I got on other car and tried brakes,and they were all right,as far as I could learn,and I then let brakes off,so we could get the cars started over the grade which I previously mentioned. The empty car had been loaded with groceries for Mr.P.Davidson and was unloaded May 10th,1914,Sunday. In placing car of groceries they put the car of doors in such a shape that they could not unload without dropping them down to where a team and wagon could get to them.

(Signed) E.Pickleseimer.

Witness:

D.A.Christopher.