

# The Dramatic True Story Of Virginia Forgotten Train Wreck

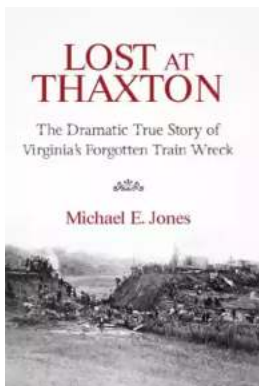


Tragedies have a way of gripping our hearts and leaving a lasting impact on the communities affected. Virginia holds its own hidden tale of a forgotten train wreck, a dramatic incident that rocked the lives of countless individuals.

## **The Setting**

The year was 1929, and Virginia's small town of Somerset was bustling with life. The picturesque beauty of the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains brought

residents and tourists alike, harmoniously blending nature's splendor with the town's charm.



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### The Untold Story

On a fateful day in September, a passenger train was making its way through the heart of Somerset, carrying restless souls eagerly anticipating their destination. Little did they know that this journey would end in unparalleled disaster.

### The Unforeseen Tragedy

As the train approached a treacherous curve near the outskirts of town, its speed became a lethal factor. It derailed, sending cars tumbling down the embankment. Chaos ensued as the community rushed to the scene, desperately trying to extricate survivors and offer any form of assistance.

### The Human Toll

The aftermath of the train wreck left a dreadful sight that still haunts the memories of those who witnessed it. Lives were lost, families were shattered, and the community was thrust into mourning. The once vibrant town of Somerset now overflowed with grief, uncertainty, and questions waiting to be answered.

## **The Investigation**

News of the tragic incident spread like wildfire, drawing attention from all corners. An immediate investigation was launched to uncover the cause of the derailment. Eyewitness accounts, expert opinions, and meticulous analysis started to shed light on the circumstances surrounding the train wreck.

## **The Revelations**

Delving deeper into the wreckage, investigators discovered that a combination of factors led to the disaster. Human error, reduced visibility due to adverse weather conditions, and negligence on the part of the railroad company all played a significant role. The revelation of these details only intensified the sorrow and anger within the community.

## **The Road to Recovery**

Over time, the wounds slowly began to heal, and Somerset embarked on a journey of recovery. The resilience and unity of the townspeople became their guiding light, enabling them to rebuild not only the physical damages but also the shattered community spirit.

## **The Forgotten Legacy**

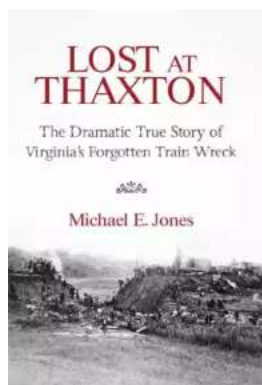
Unfortunately, as decades passed, the tragic events of that September day gradually slipped away from public consciousness. The Virginia Forgotten Train Wreck became a distant memory, overshadowed by other noteworthy incidents. However, its impact on the lives it touched will never be forgotten.

## A Tribute to the Fallen

In honor of those who lost their lives, a memorial was erected at the site of the train wreck. The names of the victims forever etched in stone serve as a reminder of their sacrifice and the collective strength of a community that stood tall in the face of adversity.

The dramatic true story of the Virginia Forgotten Train Wreck reminds us of the fragility of life and the importance of unity during times of tragedy. Though the incident may have faded from public memory, the resilience and courage exhibited by the people of Somerset continue to inspire generations.

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A record storm triggers a deadly train wreck. As 18 perish in the burning debris, survivors fight for life in this true story of the 1889 disaster.

A storm like no one had ever seen caused tiny Wolf Creek in Thaxton, Virginia, to rage in the darkness of night. An earthen fill that carried the railroad over the creek could not withstand the power of the rising water, and Norfolk & Western passenger train Number Two plummeted into a hole in the earth.

There in the valley beneath the shadow of the towering Peaks of Otter, passengers and crew scrambled from the wreckage and water in a life-or-death struggle. The best and worst of humanity were on display in the small hours of the night, as some worked heroically to rescue those trapped in the debris while others stood by concerned only for themselves. A terrible fire ensued, and those who remained trapped were consumed by the flames. The bloodied and battered survivors suffered through four more hours of isolation and torture in the rain alongside the burning wreckage before help would finally arrive.

Written and extensively researched by the great-great grandson of the railroad section master at Thaxton, *Lost at Thaxton* tells the forgotten true story of one of the worst railroad accidents in the history of Virginia and the people who lived and died that night.

"I have stood on the battlefield, and heard shot and shell rattling around me, and seen my comrades falling like leaves in autumn, but I have never seen anything that curdled my blood with horror or moved me to deeper depths of compassion than the scenes of that dreadful night" — Major Henry N. Martin, Wreck Survivor



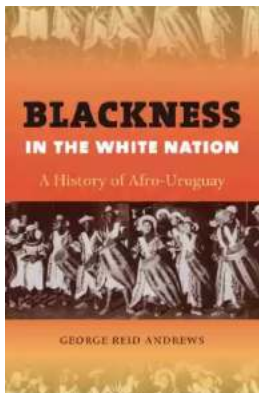
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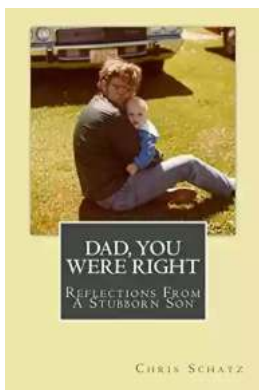
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