

'Some Mothers Boy' identified as Frank Haynes after 96 years

The 19-year-old died after being hit by a train in Kentucky in 1921 but was buried before his identity was confirmed.

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Image: The grave in Georgetown, Kentucky where Frank Haynes was buried. Pic: WKYT.COM The remains of an unnamed teenager, buried under the name 'Some Mother's Boy' 96 years ago, have finally been identified.

Frank Haynes was killed when he was struck in the head by a train in Georgetown, Kentucky on 1 April, 1921.

Officials tried to identify him but buried him before his identity was confirmed.

He was laid to rest in the city's cemetery with a tombstone that read 'Some Mother's Boy' three days later.

Haynes, who was about 19 and from Bronston, about 100 miles to the south, was finally identified by the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs).



Image: The remains of Frank Haynes were transported in an infant's coffin. Pic: WKYT.com

Todd Matthews, of NamUs, said he used a 1921 news article in the Georgetown Times identifying the boy as Haynes and information from living family to finally confirm it was, indeed, Frank.

The body had been exhumed in March and the remains sent to the FBI for DNA testing but the bureau did not help as it was a low priority for them.

However, Haynes' family came forward following the exhumation.

They had identified the teenager from a photo a few months after the accident in 1921, and, while they knew he was buried in Georgetown, they did not know it was an unmarked grave.



Image:Frank Haynes' remains were exhumed. Pic: WKYT.com

Mr Matthews told WKYT: "They have documents that was kept in the family bible saying his mother wrote this.. 'Frank went to Georgetown in 1921 was struck by a train and buried there.'"