

30 April 2004

Mr. Robert Exon
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Dear Robert,

Robert Exon – ESCo Tram Driver Ballarat

Firstly my apologies for the slow reply, I have been rather busy recently.

With regard to your Grandfather, a search of the Electric Supply Co. of Victoria (ESCo) employees register shows that:

Robert Exon – Casual Motorman, from 1 Dec. 1905, badge No. 10, but later crossed out – probably when terminated after the summer period of running. Also shown later on as a casual motorman No. 6; married, commenced 18/6/1906, previous occupation – labourer.

Engaged as a permanent motorman 3/1/1907, address: 6 Chisholm St, Ballarat.

Later in the register shown on seniority list as No. 7, address then 23 Baird St. Ballarat. Left “on own accord” 24/11/1915, resigned; character – good.

From this I would assume he started with ESCo as a casual motorman, maybe only for the summer period, then taken on again as a casual in 6/1906 and then made permanent in 1/1907.

Hopefully this is of some assistance to you. Again thanks for the photo of the ESCo employees. With regard to your request of another photograph of the ESCo crews with a baby sitting out in the front, I think I recall seeing it somewhere, but we don’t have a copy in our collection as yet.

Yours Sincerely

Warren Doubleday
Manager Museum Services