

Wreck Kills Cabbie Who Drove Oswald

DALLAS, (AP) — The taxi driver who picked up Lee Harvey Oswald shortly after Os-

wald allegedly killed President John F. Kennedy died Saturday in the wreck of his cab and another automobile.

The victim was William Wayne Whaley, 60, of Lewisville, a Dallas suburb.

A second man, John Henry Wells, 83, of Dallas also died and an autopsy was ordered to determine whether he died from injuries or from a heart attack.

Testimony before the Warren Commission showed Oswald rode a bus from the assassination site to the Greyhound bus station a few blocks away.

Oswald came running to Whaley's taxi and said, "Can I take this cab?"

Then Oswald gave the cab driver an address a few blocks beyond Oswald's residence. The fare was 95 cents and Oswald told Whaley to keep the change from the dollar bill Oswald handed him.

Oswald walked to his home, changed his jacket and started walking. He was stopped by Officer J. D. Tippit and Oswald shot him to death, and was captured shortly thereafter in a theater. Jack Ruby killed Oswald two days later—Nov. 24, 1963—during a routine jail transfer. Ruby's death sentence for murder is being appealed.

Whaley began driving for City Transportation Co. in 1936 and had never been charged with a collision. He had been with the company longer than anyone else.

He received the Navy Cross in World War II for action off Iwo Jima.

Lt. Cmdr. Maurice R. Barnes Jr. of Salt Lake City, Utah, a passenger in the cab, suffered critical injuries. Investigating officers said Barnes was a Navy legal officer stationed at Washington, D.C.