The death of Bridget Driscoll (44) was the first recorded case of a pedestrian being killed in 1896 with a motor car in United kingdom. She, along with her teen aged daughter and a friend were crossing a road in palace grounds in London was stuck by a demo ride car with a low-speed engine belt that can travel at 7.2 km/h belonging to Anglo-French motor carriage company. The Jury after a long inquest returned a verdict of an accidental death. The Coroner in whose jurisdiction the death occurred said he hoped such a thing would never happen. Even though a century and two decades passed by since the first death, about half a million persons got killed in UK roads and 30 million persons in the world.

In 2018, the current state of art is self driving autonomous cars. Long list of tech companies and car makers expand their testing and Uber is one of them. When Elaine Herzberg (49) purchased her kitchen items, filled her bags and was walking her bicycle on a Sunday night at 10 PM in a clear and dry weather, she would have never thought that in her city of Tempe, Arizona in US, where robots roam, the self driving vehicle will silence her to death that night. She is the first recorded case of a pedestrian killed by a self driving autonomous vehicle.

There are several similarities and differences surrounding these two pedestrian deaths happened 120 years apart, in these days of growing citizen journalism, provides rich insights into accident information that is intended to be captured in this paper.