

Garnet Kelly

Garnet Francis Kelly was born on 12 July 1883. The simple announcement of his birth appeared in the paper: **KELLY. – On the 12th July, at Anacotilla, Second Valley, the wife of E. C. Kelly, of a son.**

The reference to him being born at Anacotilla would indicate that he was born at the family home. The current Anacotilla Homestead was built in 1902 and it is presumed the family home would have been what is now known as the 'workmans cottage' which lies along the bank of the Anacotilla River near the South Road bridge.



Garnet 'fishing' in the Anacotilla River, 1896.

It is unknown about his early schooling but there were a number of schools he may have attended including Finnis Vale (now Second Valley) and Yankalilla. His family was strong within the Wesleyan faith with the Kelly family listed as one of the families who attended the Sunday School of over 120 children at the Finnis Vale Wesleyan Church which was established 1857.

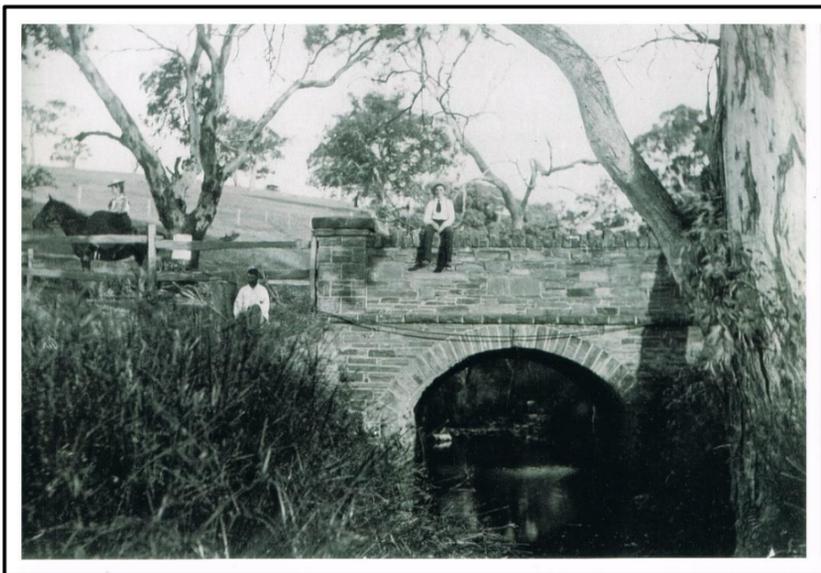
Prince Alfred College records show that Garnet Kelly attended the school in the years 1895 to 1898 (ages 12 – 15). He was listed as dux of his form in 1895 and 1896. The Adelaide Observer, September 1896 listed Garnet on the Pass List for the University of Adelaide Preliminary Examination. On November 13th 1897 the same paper also recorded: *"Local Art Examinations - At the above*

examinations held on October 12th and 14th by the authority of the Board of Governors of the Public Library, Museum, Art Gallery of South Australia, the following candidates have been returned as successful" ... 'First Grade Model drawing' – Prince Alfred College (Teacher, Mr. J. Ashton) – pass – Garnet Francis Kelly."

Adelaide University records do not show Garnet enrolling. Enquiries with other teaching institutions of that era have failed to ascertain any record of him attending, which supports our understanding and his reference to himself as a 'farmer'.

We are unable to determine at this stage, how he came to be invited by Mr Hume to venture to Melbourne and assist in setting up the Humes Pipe factory. Further evidence on his participation in the factory were the number of shares he had in the business at the time of his death.

The environment that Garnet grew up within gave opportunity for commitment and innovation which he demonstrated during his school years, his work on the farm, within the community and his final demonstration, on the battle field.



Built in 1863 the South Road bridge across the Anacotilla River
Photo taken 1896 of 13 yr old Garnet sitting on the bridge,
with believed to be his mother Fanny and father Edgar



Original Anacotilla Homestead, now the 'workmans cottage'