KELLY, Edward Thomas 14 September 1905

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Labourer	Midland Workshops	Struck by Wagon

Edward Kelly was 19 years when he died instantly by being run over by wagons being loose shunted in the Midland Loco Depot near the Coppersmith's shop where he was a labourer. Edward was a talented footballer and was vice-captain of the the East Fremantle Juniors. Edward lived in East Fremantle with his parents and is interred at Fremantle Cemetery (ROMAN CATHOLIC/MON CC/0520).

RAILWAY FATALITY AT MIDLAND JUNCTION.
PERTH, Sept. 14.
A fatal accident occurred this morning at Midland Junction, the victim being a young man named Edward Kelly. Kelly was working among a number of moving trucks, and he stepped out of the way of one truck, and was struck by a train coming from another direction. Several trucks passed over his body, and he received terrible injuries, death being apparently instantaneous.

The deceased was a resident of Fremantle, and well-known in football circles, being vice-captain of the East Fremantle Juniors.

Source: *Trove/Coolgardie Miner (WA) Friday 15 September 1905 Page 3.*

Midland Fatality.
A sad fatality took place at Midland Junction on Thursday, whereby a popular young Fremantle footballer, Edward Kelly, came to his death. Kelly, who lived at Fremantle, worked in the coppersmith's shop at the loco. sheds. On Thursday morning he had occasion to go to the machine shop, some little distance away. On returning he was seen to stop right in the centre of a line of rails as though something had attracted his attention. Over the rails some trucks were being "kicked," and one of these, a water tank, struck the deceased, knocking him down, the wheels passing over his body. When those who had witnessed the occurrence had extricated him from beneath the truck it was found that life was extinct. Dr J. M. Y. Stewart was summoned, but could only order the removal of the body to the morgue. He gave it as his opinion that death had been instantaneous.

An inquest was opened later on before Mr. W. T. Driver. J. P., and a jury of three.

After the body had been viewed by the jury and identified by William Westlake, foreman coppersmith of the loco shops, the inquest was adjourned till Tuesday next, at 2 p.m.

Source: *Trove/The Swan Express (Midland Junction) Saturday 16 September 1905 Page 2.*

Inquest
MIDLAND JUNCTION.
The adjourned inquest on the death of the late Edward Thomas Kelly, who was run over by a truck at the Midland Junction Loco. Shops on the 14th inst., was concluded.at Midland Junction on Tuesday, before the acting coroner, Mr W. J. Driver, J. P., and a jury of three.

Several witnesses were examined, and after hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict that the deceased met his death by being crushed by a travelling railway water tank truck, and that no blame was attachable to anyone.

A rider was added that in the opinion of the jury the crossings in the workshops yard should be guarded by a flagman while shunting operations are being carried on over them.

Source: *Trove/The Swan Express (Midland Junction) Saturday 23 September 1905 Page 3.*

Author's Note: *Edward lived in East Fremantle with his parents and is interred at Fremantle Cemetery (ROMAN CATHOLIC/MON CC/0520).*