

THE REV. THOMAS KENDALL IN ILLAWARRA

The Rev. Thomas Kendall is important in early Illawarra history. Owing property at Ulladulla and Kiama, he performed many duties as a clergyman throughout Illawarra, and achieved a lasting distinction, in that he was the grandfather of the poet Henry Kendall, and met his death through drowning on a voyage in a small coasting vessel sailing from Ulladulla to Sydney.

It may not often be realized that a lot of most important historical information can be picked up from land title deeds. One just handled relates to property at Kiama, and the deeds (a very large parcel under Old System Title) contains a statement by Kendall's widow, which could be a genealogist's bonanza were it not that the details are properly known to experts. However, the details may be of interest to members. An abstract of the Affidavit dated 1st. May 1844 reads:

"AFFIDAVIT by said Jane Kendall stating that her maiden name was Jane Quickfall that she was married on or about the 21st. of November 1803 to the Revd Thomas Kendall that such marriage was duly had & solemnized at the Parish Church of Kensington in the Kingdom of England on or about the last mentioned day and that at the time of such a marriage the said Thomas Kendall was a Bachelor that she lived and cohabited with the said Thomas Kendall as his

wife from the time of her said marriage until the time of his death which happened on or about the month of July 1833 the said Thomas Kendall having been about that time drowned on a coasting voyage from Ulladulla to Sydney that the said Thomas Kendall died intestate that Thomas Surfleet Kendall was the eldest son & heir at law of the said Thomas Kendall deceased being the eldest son of Deponent and said Thomas Kendall deceased and the said T.S. Kendall was born on or about 14th. June 1805 and was baptized on or about the year 1805 at the Episcopal Chapel known as Bentinck Chapel Parish of Paddington in England".