Bulli Methodist Sunday School

FIRST APPARENT RECORDS STILL EXTANT


According to entry in diary and Illawarra Mercury of 5/4/56, Rev. James Watkin arrived to commence in Wollongong on April 1, 1858.

Diary entries:

1858: Aug. 30: "Got R. Somerville to supply at his father's place." p156.

1859: Jan. 3: "Went to Bulli on the 1st, the ann. of the little Sunday School there, the children acquitted themselves very well. I hope their teachers Mr. and Mrs. W. Somerville will have much pleasure and success in their labour of love." (The 1st was a Saturday. He preached at Bulli on Sunday, 2nd. W.A.B.). p160.

1860: Jan. 28: "Another ann. of this col. celebrated ... Occasion was taken to celebrate the Bulli Sunday School Fete on the day, a nice company of children. I hope their teachers Mr. and Mrs. Somerville will have fruit of their labour." p177.

1861: Jan. 5, 1861: "On Friday went to Bulli to attend the examination of the Sunday School children. A very fair exhibition was made by the children. The school is a credit to the teachers." p191.

(On March 31, 1861, at Bulli, "baptised child of Mr and Mrs Geo. Somerville jnr.").

(Term in Wollongong circuit ended on April 1 and after waiting a few days for boat to arrive when weather suitable went to Surry Hills circuit).