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KENDALL, William Tyson and Ernest Arthur

Accessions 73/75, 78/36, 80/40, 83/148

HISTORICAL NOTE:

William Tyson Kendall, founder and Principal of the Melbourne Veterinary College, was born in the English Lake District in 1851, and after qualifying as a veterinary surgeon in London returned there to practise. In 1880 he arrived in Melbourne, where he was instrumental in the formation of a Veterinary Association that year. In 1887, as secretary of the Veterinary Association, he drafted the Veterinary Surgeons' Bill which was passed by the Victorian Parliament after slight modification. Kendall opened the Melbourne Veterinary College in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy in 1888. In 1908-1909, when the Veterinary School opened at the University of Melbourne, he transferred students from his College and joined the staff of the new School. He lectured in subjects including Veterinary Medicine, Obstetrics and Therapeutics and gave clinical instruction, remaining at the University until his retirement in c.1918. Kendall was married twice. With his first wife he had a family of five surviving sons and one daughter. He died on 11 August 1936.

Ernest Arthur Kendall, born August 1876, was the oldest of six children of W.T. Kendall and one of four sons who became veterinary surgeons. He lectured at both the Melbourne Veterinary College and the University Veterinary School between 1897 and 1910. He served in a veterinary capacity in the Boer War and again in World War I, during which he was promoted to Colonel. He became Chief Veterinary Officer of the Victorian Department of Agriculture, and in the 1930s he was appointed chairman of the Milk Board. He died aged 61.

NOTE ON COLLECTION:

This collection comprises records transferred at different times over a number of years. The records include correspondence, papers, reports, speeches, reminiscences, newspaper cuttings and photographs. The transfers were arranged through Norah Killop, granddaughter of Kendall. The majority of the records were transferred at one time, but some individual items were transferred separately later, such as a volume of historic newspaper cuttings from J.C. Le Souef in 1978 and two exercise books containing handwritten reminiscences by W.T. Kendall transferred in 1980 (and typed afterwards). Related items added to the original documents in this collection include a book of recipes and historical asides (containing information about the Kendall family and veterinary history) received from Margaret Slatter in 1983, and the transcript of an interview with D.H. Le Souef.

The various accessions have been amalgamated and listed as one collection, arranged into: records primarily relating to W.T. Kendall; records primarily relating to E.A. Kendall; photographs; related records of recent date. [73/75, 78/36, 80/40, 83/148]

ACCESS: Open

SIZE: 2 archive boxes, 1 flat box, 1 framed photograph (approx. 32.5 cm)

DATE RANGE: c.1880 - c.1937

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W.T. KENDALL

Correspondence

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| 1 | 1 | To W.T. Kendall, 30 March 1909, expressing gratitude for his work in veterinary education and asking if he would sit for a portrait to be hung in the newly established Veterinary School at the University of Melbourne. Handwritten (may be a copy). |
| | 2 | Letter of introduction for W.T. Kendall, to be taken on his visit to Europe, signed by Premier of Victoria, 1 November 1909. |
| | 3 | To ?W.T. Kendall from a farmer asking questions about cows, June 1918 (with notes ?by Kendall) on the back of the letter. |
| | 4 | To W.T. Kendall from Professor Naoshi Nitta, Faculty of Agriculture, Tokyo Imperial University, 30 October 1923, thanking W.T. Kendall for kindness shown to the Professor during his stay in Melbourne, and giving news of the recent Japanese earthquake. |

Addresses, Papers and Reports by W.T. Kendall (Various)

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| | 5 | 'Report of the Result of Experiments Conducted at the Melbourne Veterinary College with the View of Ascertaining the Nature and Cause of Epizootic Blindness in Horses in the Darling District, N.S.W.', undated. Report concludes that the blindness is probably caused by the native tobacco (<i>Nicotiana Suaviolens</i>). 9 pp. |
| | 6 | 'Diseases and Injuries Affecting Animals Confined in the Zoological Gardens Melbourne', undated, c.1927 (mentions that he has been honorary Veterinary Surgeon to the Royal Zoological and Acclimatization Society of Victoria for 47 years, a position to which he was appointed in c.1880). 3 pp. ms. |
| | 7 | W.T. Kendall, 'History of Veterinary Science in Australia'. 23 pp. ms., c.1909 (concludes with a discussion of the establishment of the Veterinary School at the University of Melbourne). |
| | 8 | W.T. Kendall, 'Notes on the Early History of the Veterinary Profession in Victoria', c.1913. Typescript (differs somewhat from printed version below), 22 pp. |
| | 9 | W.T. Kendall, 'Notes on the Early History of the Veterinary Profession in Victoria'. Reprinted from Report of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, Melbourne Meeting, 1913, Vol. XIV, pp. 703-714. |

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1	10	W.T. Kendall, 'Past Present and Future of the Veterinary Profession in Australia'. Refers to earlier paper 'Notes on the Early History of the Veterinary Profession in Victoria', given at the 1913 Congress of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, and now proposes to 'take a more general view of what the profession has done, is doing and what remains yet to be done'. 12 pp., undated, post World War I (c.1920).
		Visits to Europe and Tasmania: Reports and Journal Entries
	11	Tour through Europe: Report submitted to Minister of Agriculture. Typescript, 8 pp., undated (c.1909).
	12	Visit to Tasmania: 'Report on Visit to the Zoological Gardens Hobart' (in 1928), 3 pp.; Journal of Tasmania visit (including some verses), 13 January - 27 January 1928, 4 sheets; notes on visit to Launceston Zoo (notes are headed Launceston Zoo, but may refer to Hobart Zoo) on 24 January 1928, 3 pp. ms.
		W.T. Kendall's 'Reminiscences of a Dalesman'
	13	Quarto Exercise Book, covering W.T. Kendall's ancestry, and his life during the period 1851 - c.1881 (continued in second book, item 14). See items 15 and 16 for typed version. Book includes newspaper cuttings telling story by W.T. Kendall, 'My First Christmas in Australia', printed in instalments, 1881 - 1882.
	14	Quarto Exercise Book, covering the period c.1881 - c.1930s (continued from previous book). See item 17 for typed version. Loose inside front cover is a sketch plan of Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Summerhall Site, Edinburgh, November 1909.
	15	Typed copy of book 1 (or part of book 1). For original manuscript see item 13.
	16	Photocopy of book 1 typescript (item 15), with pencilled additions, etc. For original manuscript see item 13.
	17	Typed copy of book 2 (or part of book 2). For original manuscript see item 14.
		Papers concerning life and work of W.T. Kendall
	18	'W.T. Kendall M.R.C.V.S., Principal Melbourne Veterinary College'. Biographical sketch of W.T. Kendall, author unknown. Handwritten and

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		typed versions (5 pp. and 6 pp.), date unclear (?not later than 1908).
1	19	'Services Rendered to the State by W.T. Kendall, D.V.Sc., H.A.R.C.V.S., M.R.C.V.S.', author unknown. Covers work of W.T. Kendall 1880 - ?1917 (Document concludes: 'In no case should any change in the appointment be made till the end of the War, when there will be men returning from active service more competent and more deserving to fill the position than any that have remained behind.') 2 pp.
	20	'William Tyson Kendall. His Life and Work', First Kendall Oration, delivered by Dr W.A.N. Robertson at the Institute of Anatomy, Canberra, 1930, typescript, 28 pp.
		Newscuttings
3	21	Newscutting Book, c.1880 - c.1903 (and some undated cuttings). On title page a note in ms. 'Col. E.A. Le Souef, 1869-1937 (From J.C. Le Souef. Blairgowrie, Vic. 3942. 20 Oct 1978.)' The book has been indexed. Newspaper articles relate to diseases such as pleuro-pneumonia, anthrax, tuberculosis and swine fever, and various other veterinary subjects, as well as to the Melbourne Veterinary College and the activities of W.T. Kendall. On p. 19 there are reproductions of photographs of the exterior and interior of the College, and of W.T. Kendall and H. Sugden Rudduck. Also enclosed are some notes and correspondence.
2	22	Newscuttings relating to W.T. Kendall and the Kendall family, veterinary science, and miscellaneous subjects, c.1930 - c.1952.
		Miscellanea
	23	A Bill to amend the <i>Veterinary Surgeons' Act</i> 1890. Typed (carbon copy) with handwritten additions, 4 pp., c.1908.
	24	Notice of Carnival in aid of the Army Veterinary Corps Comforts Fund in the Veterinary School Grounds, Story Street and Flemington Road, Parkville, 11 November 1916. 'Illuminations, Cafe Chantants, Merry-ground, etc., etc.', admission 6d.
	25	'The New Family Tree' by W.T. Kendall, 10 February 1935. Verse. 1 p. typescript.

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E.A. KENDALL		
Testimonials		
2	26	Copies of Testimonials, 1906 (includes letters and documents relating to E.A. Kendall's qualifications and skills, dating back to 1897).
Correspondence ?from E.A. Kendall		
	27	?E.A. Kendall, Repatriation and Demobilisation Department, A.I.F., London, to Professor H.A. Woodruff, Veterinary School, University of Melbourne, 14 July 1919, concerning training for men awaiting repatriation to Australia. 4 pp.
	28	?E.A. Kendall, Veterinary Association of Victoria (Department of Agriculture, Melbourne), to Lt. Col. M. Henry, Veterinary Association of New South Wales, 9 April 1920, concerning financing and writing of book on veterinary history, Australian Army Veterinary Corps records and history, and the question of forming an Australian Association.
Correspondence to E.A. Kendall and related family letters		
This collection includes correspondence addressed to E.A. Kendall, to Colonel (probably E.A.) Kendall, and to Mr Kendall (probably one of E.A. Kendall's brothers). Many of the letters concern the Kendall Oration or Lecture.		
	29	Leonard Pearson, Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania to E.A. Kendall on R.M.S. <i>Miowera</i> , Vancouver, 25 February 1902, replying to his inquiry about the Department, 3 pp.
	30	8 October 1931, Colin MacKenzie, Australian Institute of Anatomy, Canberra, to Colonel Kendall, inquiring about Kendall Lecture, photograph of W.T. Kendall not yet received, and Kendall Medal; and copy of letter from Director-General of Health to Colin MacKenzie, 30 September, re Commonwealth Government bonds not yet received (in connection with the Kendall Lecture).
	31	19 November 1931, Colin MacKenzie to Mr Kendall (one of sons of W.T. Kendall), wishing to know family's intentions re Kendall Lecture, as has not yet heard from Colonel Kendall. A minimum of 150 pounds 'will establish this Lecture in perpetuity to be delivered every two years'.
2	32	7 December 1931, to Ern (E.A. Kendall) from his brother Elvie in Maffra, replying to request for financial help (?re Kendall Lecture).

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		Offers 100 pounds (and refers to Alice's promise ?to pay for the medal). Also contains family news. 2 sheets.
	33	14 December 1931, Colin MacKenzie to Colonel Kendall. Is glad to know Kendall Lecture is not to be allowed to lapse. The first lecture settled that W.T. Kendall was the founder of veterinary science in Australia. Would like photograph from which to make an enlargement and will also have a face mask modelled in clay for casting, the result to be placed in the Northern ?or Applied Anatomy Museum. Would prefer to have a definite date to give Treasury for the handing over of the bonds. Concludes with tentative proposals for the second Kendall Lecture.
	34	15 December 1931, to Ern (E.A. Kendall) from his brother Elvie in Maffra, sending cheque for 100 pounds, and mentioning family news including forthcoming birth of another child. 2 sheets.
	35	22 March 1933, to E.A. Kendall from ?A/Director-General of Health, re Dr H.R. Seddon's appointment as next Kendall lecturer, and thanking him for photograph of W.T. Kendall.
	36	4 August 1933, Invoice from A.H. Wittenbach & Co., Richmond to Mr Kendall in connection with Kendall medal.
	37	4 August 1933, Account/Receipt from A.H. Wittenbach & Co., Richmond to Mr Kendall (related to invoice above).
	38	21 August 1933, to Colonel Kendall from Colin MacKenzie, regretting Colonel Kendall's inability to visit Canberra for Congress and Kendall Lecture, and outlining arrangements for display of face mask of W.T. Kendall and reception to be held by Lady MacKenzie.
		Reports and Papers by E.A. Kendall, and related items including documents to which he contributed
	39	'Notes on the International Congress on Tuberculosis' by Veterinary Captain E.A. Kendall, in <i>The Australasian Veterinary Journal</i> , 1 November 1901, pp. 100-111 (report on British Congress on Tuberculosis, July 1901, attended by the writer as representative of the Victorian Government in the veterinary section of the Congress).
	40	Report of the Milk Board on the Regulation and Control of the Supply of Milk to Melbourne, August 1933. Members were appointed by Order in Council under the <i>Milk Board Act</i> 1932, on 4 April 1933, to make recommendations with respect to regulation and control of milk supply to the metropolis and the better and more economic collection, transportation, treatment and distribution of milk, including the prices

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		paid to producers and the prices paid by consumers. Board was chaired by E.A. Kendall.
2	41	Third Kendall Lecture, 'The Role of the Veterinarian in the Future' by Colonel E.A. Kendall, C.M.G., V.D., B.V.Sc., Chairman, Milk Board, Late Chief Veterinary Inspector, Department of Agriculture, Melbourne. Delivered in the Australian Institute of Anatomy, Canberra, 24 August 1936. 4 typed copies (with corrections) and 1 photocopy. 28 pp.
	42	Third Kendall Lecture: draft pages, handwritten and typed, c.1936.
	43	Folder labelled 'Notes for History of the Veterinary Profession in Australia - Contributed by E.A. Kendall'. Contains: historical notes by E.A. Kendall relating to individuals in the profession, compiled c.1937 (6 pp., typescript, 2 copies); outline and preliminary work on a history of the profession (author unidentified) with introductory remarks by W.A.N. Robertson, c.1936 (37 pp., roneoed).
		Newscuttings
	44	Newscuttings, re E.A. Kendall and Kendall family, and miscellaneous subjects, c.1932 - c.1937 (many undated).
3	45	Newscutting Book, c.1933 - c.1937. Dark blue cover with lettering 'Newspaper Cuttings' in gilt on spine. The majority of the cuttings record activities of the five member Milk Board appointed in Victoria in April 1933 and the three member Milk Board appointed in March 1934, both of which were chaired by E.A. Kendall. The book also includes cuttings on related subjects and on the Kendall family. An undated pamphlet promoting milk, issued by the Milk Board, is enclosed loose in the volume. (Another loose cutting, apparently unrelated to the other cuttings, shows a photograph of the grave of Mr T. Jefferson Connelly at Bendigo decorated by the A.N.A., with pencilled date 1912.)

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PHOTOGRAPHS		
RACKS 'K'	46	Kendall Family Group: William Tyson and Mrs Elizabeth Kendall with children Ernest Arthur, Eleanor Jane, Hector (baby), John, Elvirine and William. 8 1/2" x 10 1/2" (22 x 27 cm). Framed in dark polished wood 13" x 15" (33.5 x 38.5 cm), with various pencilled notes about members of the family on the back.
3	47	Melbourne Veterinary College: Examiners, Staff and Students, labelled on front December 1894 (though pencilled note on back reads 'Taken Novr. 1895'). Names have been added below photograph, in most cases with an indication of nature of association with the College. Pictured are students C.C. Cherry, C.J.P. Christensen, D.J.McC. Kerr, E.A. Le Souef, S.O. Wood, S.A. Le Souef, S. Fletcher, W. McLaughlin, R. Kerr, E.A. Kendall, H.S.S. Kyle, C.D. Strong, A.W. Knight Tuck, H.S. Rudduck; and others B. Abrahams (Visitor), W. Beckwith (Police Dept.), W. Hunter (Member Vet. Board), R. Kings (Member Vet. Board), W.T. Kendall (Principal), Baron von Mueller (Examiner), C. Marson (Member Vet. Board), J.H.N. Keane (Member Vet. Board), R.E. Weir, S.S. Cameron (Lecturer), H. Wragge (President Vet. Board), W. Rogerson (Member Vet. Board), A.H. Jackson (Lecturer), W. Cother (Member Vet. Board). 7 1/2" x 9 1/2" (19 x 24 cm). Mounted on brown card 11 1/2" x 11" (29 x 27.5 cm).
2	48	Melbourne Veterinary College: Students and patients (mainly dogs) grouped in front of Harness Room, c.1890s. Note advertisement for W.T. Kendall's book <i>The Diseases of Australian Horses</i> (published 1884) on wall to right. E.A. Kendall fourth from left in back row. Some of the others in the photograph are tentatively identified on page of notes. 4" x 6" (10.5 x 15 cm). Mounted on card 4" x 6 1/2" (10.5 x 16.5 cm).
	49	W.T. Kendall. Portrait by T. Humphrey Co., Melbourne. Signed handwritten message below photograph reads 'Wishing all a Merry Xmas, W T Kendall, 1922'. 7 1/4" x 5 3/8" (18.5 x 13.5 cm). Mounted on brown card 13" x 7 1/4" (32.5 x 18.5 cm).
	50	Colonel E.A. Kendall. Portrait by Dickinson-Monteath Studio, Melbourne. Mounted in brown paper folder, inscribed inside 'Col. E.A. Kendall, Chairman of the Milk Board, Victoria, 1936'. 8" x 6" (20 x 15 cm). Folder 8 1/4" x 6 1/4" (21 x 15.5 cm).

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RELATED RECORDS

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| 2 | 51 | Interview with Dudley Horace Le Souef, conducted by Norah Killop with Cecily Close, undated. Interview covers topics such as the Veterinary School, University of Melbourne (where Le Souef commenced his studies c.1917), animals studied and treated, observations on Kirk's horse bazaar, conditions at abattoirs, his work in New Zealand, etc. Typed transcript with corrections by hand. Tape returned to N. Killop. 5 pp. |
| | 52 | <i>Recipes, Remedies and Relics</i> , compiled by Margaret Slatter, published by the Auxiliary to the Australian Veterinary Association, New South Wales, 1983. Published to celebrate the occasion of the XXII World Veterinary Congress held in Perth in August 1983 and the 34th anniversary of the International Women's Auxiliary (formed to promote friendship among veterinary families around the world), this is a book of recipes interspersed with historic photographs and information about Australian veterinary history, veterinary surgeons and veterinary families. |