

This is a transcription, with some modifications, of portions of the book :

**Sanderson family : ancestors & descendants of Alexander Frederick Sanderson  
compiled by Douglas Sanderson. 1992**

## Introduction

This book was compiled primarily to provide information for the descendants of Alexander Frederick and Augusta Ellen Sanderson of Port Augusta West, to give them some insight into the origins of their births.

The information from Alexander Frederick's generation on, can be considered as factual, however much of the information concerning earlier generations has not been thoroughly researched. The information as written has been passed on down over time and been accepted as fact, therefore no apology is given for any inaccuracies.

I wish to acknowledge our appreciation for the contributions made by various relations, viz.

Jim Sanderson of Perth for researching and providing family trees for both the Sanderson and Tortoise families in Britain, and providing family trees for both the Sanderson and Tortoise families in Britain, and providing the only picture of Killingworth House.

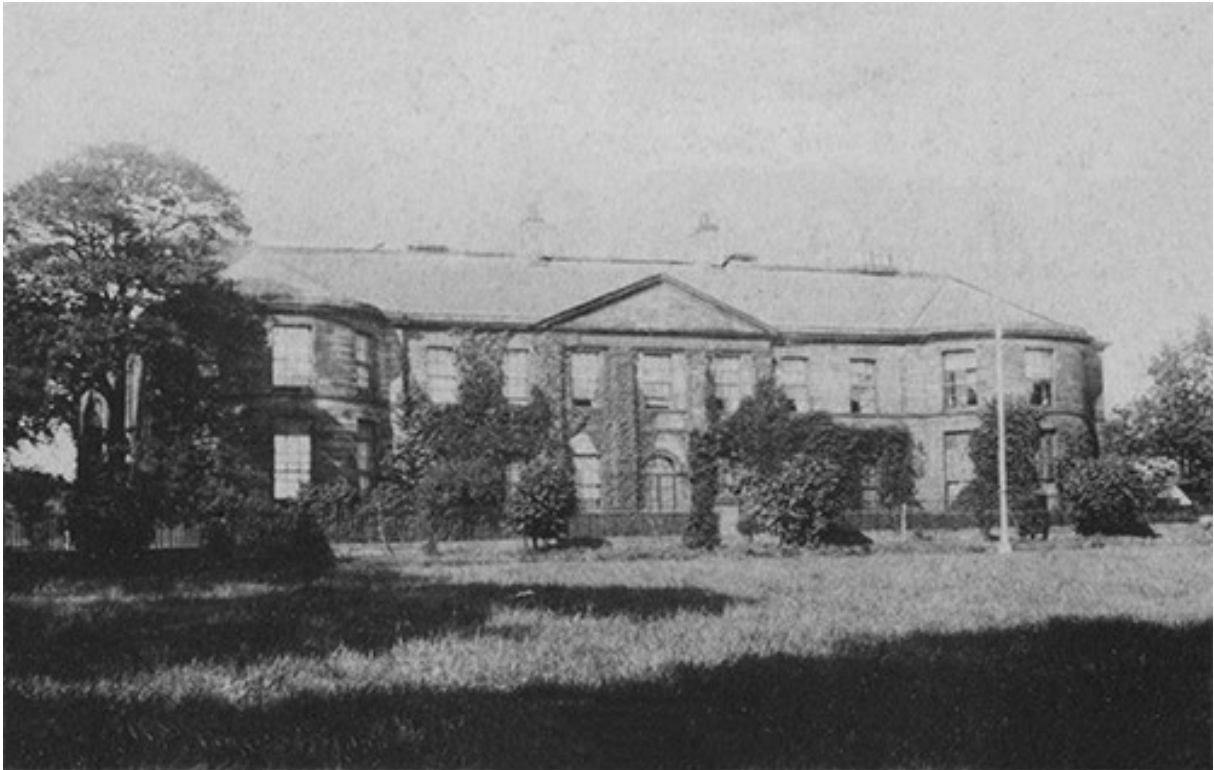
Elsie Bartsch for many photos, especially the first Christ Church at Port Augusta West.  
Peter Robin Sanderson for details of descendants of Frederick James Sanderson, and providing early photo of Frederick and Francis, (circa) 1844.

My brothers and sisters for information and photos, also their patience.

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## Chapter 1

# English Origins



### **"Killingworth House" - The Ancestral Home**

The village of Killingworth is six miles from Newcastle in a N/Easterly direction and has remained unchanged for over 300 years. A tree lined road down a hill with houses, large and small on either side.

An 1825 booklet commented, "There are many marks of the Genteel in this village on a hill", and numbers the farms, pubs, cottages, and houses in the village.

Those numbers have not altered, although some buildings have been demolished and others have been built.

There were two large houses in the village; Killingworth Hall, and Killingworth House. The Hall has been in the Killingworth family for centuries and, although the direct line is extinct, the Distaff line continues in the name of Pushon who reside in the village. The Hall is still standing.

Killingworth House has had a varied existence, from apartment house to Dame school with several single owners. Around 1785 Admiral Robert Reddam lived in an apartment of the house after his retirement from the Navy. In 1825 it was listed as unoccupied. The 1851 census had it occupied by Francis Sanderson and his family, although no firm occupancy date has been obtained. Francis and his family emigrated to Australia in 1852. In 1855, Welwyns Directory names the owner as Nathaniel Lambert, the Manager of Walker Cottage.

Killingworth House was demolished several years ago.

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# ENGLISH ANCESTRY

Descendants of

Henry SANDERSON

? - 26 December 1723

m. Unknown

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**1. Mary SANDERSON 2 July 1672 -**

**2. George M. SANDERSON 1675 -  
m. 22 July 1701 Ann CLEMENT**

1. Margaret SANDERSON 27 October 1702 -
2. Henry SANDERSON 21 March 1705 – 5 January 1776  
m Margaret UNKNOWN ? - 3 October 1762
  1. Francis SANDERSON
  2. Nathaniel SANDERSON  
m 8 June 1767 Sarah UNKNOWN 1757 -
  3. William SANDERSON
  4. George SANDERSON 1742 – 5 May 1823  
m Sarah SANDERSON 1757.
    1. Hanna SANDERSON ? - 7 September 1775
    2. Francis SANDERSON ? - 9 October 1791
    3. Sarah SANDERSON ? - 14 May 1787
    4. Henry SANDERSON 8 September 1776 – 4 August 1837
    5. Robert SANDERSON 19 January 1779 -
    6. Francis SANDERSON 28 November 1780 – 11 May 1781
    7. George SANDERSON 28 January 1782 – 28 April 1793
    8. Margaret SANDERSON 4 August 1785 -
    9. Hannah SANDERSON 14 July 1787 -
    10. Francis SANDERSON 16 September 1792 – 22 February 1864  
m 1820 Hanna BROWN 15 January 1791 – 4 November 1862
    - 11 Jane of Betsay Belan SANDERSON 13 September 1795 – 18 May 1850
  5. Margaret SANDERSON 1743 – 26 May 1821

3. Francis SANDERSON 27 July 1712 -

**3. Francisca SANDERSON 4 May 1676 -**

**4. Henry SANDERSON 22 October 1678 -**

**5. Eleanor SANDERSON 13 March 1681 -**

**6. ? SANDERSON 20 October 1687**

## Chapter 2

### **Francis SANDERSON**

Francis SANDERSON 1792/1864  
married  
Hanna BROWN 1791 / 1862

This is a brief history of the Ancestors and Descendants of the Family of Alexander Frederick Sanderson and his wife, Augusta Ellen, nee Madland.

The origins of the Sanderson families of Port Augusts West began with the arrival of the vessel "Omega" at Holdfast Bay, off Glenelg, on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1852. Among the passengers who disembarked were, Francis Sanderson with his wife Hannah, accompanied by their six children, ranging in age from 11 years to 31 years.

Francis was the proprietor of Iron Works on the Tyne at Newcastle, England. No reasons have been indicated over the years for his decision to sell his business and come to Australia. It was obviously a majority family decision for them, considering the ages of the elder children. They travelled as fare paying passengers, indicating sufficient private means to establish themselves in the colony.

The eldest child, Jane, died a few years after arrival: Henry the eldest boy apparently went to Sydney. The other children, with their parents, remaining in South Australia.

Francis, who was born on the 16th September 1792 at Shilvington Morpeth Parish in Northumberland was 60 years of age on arrival here. He did not seek employment, living in retirement with his wife Hannah. He died on the 22nd February 1864, at Adelaide.

Hannah was born on the 15th January 1791 at Alston, Cumberland, she died on the 4th Nov. 1862 at Gawler. They were married in 1820 and resided at No. 44 Leazes Terrace, Killingworth.

The residence was still standing in 1964, apparently in a run down condition. The home, named "Killingworth", was known to be quite substantial in its day, indicating perhaps a more comfortable lifestyle for them before circumstances prompted their decision to emigrate to Australia.

#### **CHILDREN**

1. Jane born 1821 in Newcastle, died 1854? in Adelaide
2. Annie born 1823 in Newcastle, died in Adelaide
3. Henry born 1825 in Newcastle, died ?
4. William born 1831 in Newcastle, died 14th Jul 1871 in Adelaide
5. Frederick James born 4th Jul 1834 in Newcastle, died 14 Jun 1903 in Adelaide.
6. Francis Clement Villiers born 6th Feb 1840 in Killingworth, died 1st Jul 1918 in Port Augusta.

The eldest child, Jane who died within a few years of arriving was apparently a capable musician and painter, and could speak several languages. She never married and failed to settle into a life style different to her upbringing.

Annie after arriving in the colony married Captain McCoy who allegedly led a fairly colourful life: he lived in New Zealand for a period and was Master on several coastal trading ships during his career. They had 2 sons, Arthur a surveyor and Francis a lawyer.

Henry worked in the family business in Newcastle before emigrating, and moved to Sydney soon after arrival in Adelaide. He married and had five children, three sons, Henry, John Frederick and two daughters, Florence and Beatrice. No research has been attempted to obtain information about his family.

William also worked in the family business before emigrating. He never married and is alleged to have been employed at the Gawler branch of the Bank of Adelaide for some years, he was only 40 years of age when he died.



*Frederick James & Francis Clement Villiers. Copy of painting, circa 1844*

Frederick James also worked in the family business before emigrating. He was appointed to a clerical position with the Treasury Dept. on his arrival and ultimately became Collector of Customs for the colony, a position he held for several years. "Sanderson Bay" on Kangaroo Island was named in his honour.

He married Sarah Younghusband on the 2nd July 1856. Sarah was born on the 26th May 1838 and died on the 20th April 1885. They are buried in the North Road Cemetery at Enfield. With them in the family plot, are:

William Younghusband Sanderson	b. 3-6-1860	d. 8-10-1883
Mabel Olive Sanderson	b. 8-6-1874	d. 20-11-1886
Francis Villiers Sanderson	b. 11-6-1862	d. 27.12.1938
Fannie Augusta Sanderson		d. 29.6.1946
Helen Liliias Sanderson		d. 29.3.1925

On a side face of the monument are the initials L.M.S. 1866.

The youngest child, Francis Clement Villiers Sanderson is referenced in the following pages, he is, together with his wife, Emma Tortoise the principle ancestor of our family.

In 1864 he moved into Port Augusta West and was employed by Messrs. Gooch & Hatward, as a shipping and forwarding clerk. In the early seventies he took charge of the first store opened at Port Augusta West for Gooch & Hayward, a position he held until 1887.

He was obviously a fairly versatile person, working in what would now be known as the Local Govt. area in various areas, viz: Se Dept. Health, Surveying, Valuations, and Rates collecting etc. Obviously these categories would have been performed in his capacity of Town Clerk, a position he held for 21 years prior to retiring. Advertisements which appeared in the Port Augusta Dispatch for the years 1888/89, indicate that he also worked in a private capacity. VIZ. F. SANDERSON – Labour Office and General Agent for Port Augusta West, Rents & Debt Collections.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number PAS: 703004/182

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Newcastle upon Tyne

1840. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Saint Andrew in the County of Newcastle upon Tyne

No.	When and where born	Name of father	Name and rank of mother	Name, rank, and initials of father	Name, rank, and initials of mother	Signature, description and address of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name of office and location
1840	Fifth of 296. August 1844 Leazes Terrace	Francis Clement Villiers Sanderson	Hannah Iron Sanderson formerly Merchant Brown	Francis Sanderson	Hannah Iron Sanderson	Francis Sanderson Seven-leazes of Terrace August Registrar	1840	Duncan McAllum	August Registrar


CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1882

Section 14 provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the birth or death in a bill of exchange without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

CAUTION—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate, or (3) knowingly issues a false certificate, is liable to prosecution.

BCA 048935



Birth certificate of Francis Clement Villiers Sanderson

1369 Married in the District of Fremantle

No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Trade or Calling	Residence at time of Marriage	Name and Surname of Father of both Parties	Place in which celebrated
2	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Francis Clement Villiers Sanderson	28	Bachelor	Admiral's Clerk	Port Augusta, West	Francis Sanderson	Private Room at the Government Hotel
		Emma Stanton Tortoise	23	Spinster		Port Augusta, West	John Stanton	Port Augusta, West

This Marriage was celebrated between us Francis Clement Villiers Sanderson and Emma Stanton Tortoise

In the presence of us John Stanton, George Stanton, John Stanton, John Stanton, John Stanton, John Stanton, John Stanton, John Stanton


The above-named Francis Clement Villiers Sanderson and Emma Stanton Tortoise were duly Married by me, at the time and place above-named, and in the presence of the witnesses whose signatures are above written.

Witness my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1869

John Stanton, Minister of the Gospel

It is hereby certified that the above is a true copy of an entry in a register kept in this Office, given under my hand and seal of office the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1882.

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Marriage certificate of Francis Clement Villiers Sanderson and Emma Stanton Tortoise



Francis was married on the 15th Feb. 1869 to Emma Tortoise. The wedding was held in a room of the original "Weaster Hotel" located at Port Augusta West, his occupation given at the time, "Hotelkeeper". Emma's father, John is alleged to have built the Hotel, he was the first licensee. Francis and Emma built their home on the S/West corner of the Mildred and Alexander Streets where they remained and raised their family. Francis died on the 1st July 1981. He is buried in the old Port Augusta cemetery.

Emma Sutton Tortoise was the eldest of four daughters who arrived with their parents on the 19th January 1857, aboard the Marion out of Plymouth, embarking off Semaphore. She arrived in Port Augusta with their family on the 27th Feb. 1858. The town was officially surveyed in 1854, so they were among the first residents to set up home in the town. It would have been interesting to have witnessed their reactions to the climate, arriving in the area during the hottest period of the year.

Little is known of her early experiences living in the Port. She would have received her education, such as it was in those days, probably from home through her mother, schools were no then available on a permanent basis. She was an active member on committees pushing for the availability of schooling and religious facilities etc to improve the life styles of the pioneer families, especially the mothers and their children.

Emma and Francis raised a family of nine children during their marriage, one child died in infancy. Emma died on the 4th August 1911 and is buried alongside Francis in the old Port Augusta cemetery.

## **CHILDREN**

1. Ella Maude Beatrice SANDERSON born 27th Sep 1870 in Port Augusta West died 1962 in Adelaide; Married to Murray MUNRO
2. May Eveline SANDERSON born 21st Jun 1872 in Port Augusta West died 26th Oct 1874 in Port Augusta West
3. Arthur Francis Villiers SANDERSON born 10 Jun 1874 in Port Augusta West died 1915 in Port Lincoln; Married Emily MUNDEE
4. Herbert Charles Sutton SANDERSON born 15th Jun 1876 in Port Augusta West died 25th Jun 1936 in Port Augusta West
5. George Clement Ogilve SANDERSON born 20th Apr 1878 in Port Augusta West died 1968 in Johannesburg S/Africa; Married Evelyn(Bobby) McKIERN
6. Stanton James Edward SANDERSON born 12th May 1880 in Port Augusta West died 10th Mar 1978 in Adelaide; Married to Annette Russel WOOD
7. Alexander Frederick SANDERSON born 26th Apr 1882 in Port Augusta West died 20th Sep 1945 in Port Augusta; Married Augusta Ellen MADLAND
8. Lindsay Mallett SANDERSON born 22 Sep 1884 in Port Augusta West died 28th May 1952 in Whyalla; Married Elsie Susan BEAMES
9. Verner Stuart Leslie SANDERSON born 5th May 1887 in Port Augusta West died 28th Jan 1970 in Port Augusta; Married 11th Apr 1925 Gertrude SPURLING
10. Olive Aseneth SANDERSON born 11th Jul 1890 in Port Augusta West died 29th Sep 1946 in Port Augusta; Married 1926 Warren BACK

## Chapter 3

### **John TORTOISE**

John Sutton TORTOISE  
married  
Emma Stanton MALLET

### Migrated to Australia in January 1857

John was born in 1821 at Aylsham in England. A bricklayer and builder by trade he married in 1843 Emma Stanton Mallet who was born in 1821 at Holbeach in England.

He apparently was a reasonably successful business man, running his own firm in the building industry over there. John and Emma are alleged to have first met when they started singing in the same church choir, he was also an active member of the local Brass Band in his area.

The question arises, what are their reasons for the decision to emigrate. They were alleged to have been quite well set up in England, owning their own home, and quite successful at his trade. However the situation changed in 1865 when John decided to try his luck on the goldfields in BALLARAT in Australia.

John and Emma arrived off Semaphore aboard the "Marion" out of Plymouth on the 19th January 1857. With them were their four children. Viz:

EMMA	aged	10 years
SUSANNAH		8 years
BEATRICE		6 years
AGNES		3 years

Doubts exist regarding the length of time they spent in Adelaide before going to Port Augusta. It is alleged that he was invited to play with or conduct one of the Brass Bands used during the celebrations organised for the opening of the Adelaide to Salisbury rail connection.

During the celebrations he apparently met a John Ragless, pastoralist from the Willochra area, who offered him work at his trade, building on properties, which was accepted.

The family are alleged to have arrived at Port Augusta, probably aboard the mail steamer, on the 27th February 1858. It would be interesting to have known their thoughts on arrival in the area in the summer season.

The township had only been surveyed in 1854, so they were real pioneers to the district. It is not known whether they resided on the East or the West side of the town, however it is known that he spent considerable time away in the bush on building work during his early years in the district. In 1867 he was alleged to have participated in building the first hotel in Port Augusta West.

He was granted the first licence of the "WESTERN HOTEL" in 1867, this was renewed in 1868. After 2 years he transferred the licence to his son-in-law, Charles Johnstone.

John was obviously still active at his trade during the late 1870's, advertisements still appearing in the Port Augusta Dispatch for those years, viz:



*JOHN TORTOISE: Mason & Bricklayer (20 years in Port Augusta) begs to thanks his customers for the kind support he has received, and is prepared to do all kinds of work as here-to-fore: J.T sets boilers so as to ensure proper draft, builds and cements undrground tanks in town and bush at the shortest possible notice.*

John died on the 25th March 1889 at his son-in-law's residence, Taylor's Hotel of "paralysis of the brain". He was attended by Dr. Markham. There appears to be no record of his grave site.

EMMA: Very little information has been handed down regarding Emma's life in Port Augusta. She apparently married against her parents wishes back in England. After their arrival in the country she made no effort to contact them, she supposedly did not wish to convey her unhappiness to them. With John spending considerable time away in the early years she would have led a fairly lonely life. It would not have been easy, with 4 children to feed and clothe, education would have been her responsibility as permanent schooling was not available until the mid 1860's.

The Lands Dept. have documents to say that John Tortoise bought land in the Davenport area, on 14/9/1876. A mortgage was taken out on it on 10/3/1877. If the intention was to erect a home for his family, it was too late. Emma died on the 5th November 1878. She is buried at Stirling North cemetery. A very substantial memorial was erected by one of her daughters.

**CHILDREN**

1. Emma Stanton TORTOISE born 10 Oct 1845 in HolBeach, died 4 Aug 1911 in Port Augusta; Married 18 Feb 1869 to Francis Clement Villiers SANDERSON
2. Susannah Mary TORTOISE born 1847 in Holbeach died 22 Sep 1903 in Iron Knob; Married 14 Nov 1867 to John Charles JOHNSTONE
3. Beatrice TORTOISE born 1849 in Holbeach, Married 11 Jul 1870 to William CONWAY
4. Agnes TORTOISE born 1852 in Holbeach, died ? Married 1873 to Rob McDONALD?

1889.		District of France						41	
When Died	Name of Deceased	Sex	Age	Rank or Profession	Usual Residence	Cause of Death	Place where Death occurred	Signature, Occupation, and Qualification of Informant	Signature of District Registrar
1889 25 <sup>th</sup> March	John Sutton Tortoise	M	by Marion Tortoise	Port Augusta	Paralysis of Brain	Port Augusta	Port Augusta	Leon Varr Warden Port Augusta	(Signature)

Entered at the District Registry Office, this *Twenty seven<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* 1889

(Signature)  
District Registrar.

Death certificate of John Sutton Tortoise

09996 John Sutton Tortoise deceased  
South Australia  
In the Supreme Court  
Testamentary Causes Jurisdiction

Be it known that on the first day of November 1889 letters of administration of all and singular the personal estate and effects of John Sutton Tortoise late of Port Augusta in the Province of South Australia deceased who died on the 25th day of March 1889 at Port Augusta aforesaid a widower intestate and possessed of both real and personal property were granted by the Supreme Court of the said Province to Emma Sanderson the wife of Francis Clement Villiers Sanderson of Port Augusta West in the said Province Town Clerk one of the natural and lawful children and next of kin of the said deceased she having been first sworn faithfully to collect get in and administer the real and personal estate of the said deceased and to pay his just debts and distribute the residue of his estate and effects according to law and to make and exhibit to the aforesaid court a just and true account of the real estate goods chattels credits and effects of the said deceased within six calendar months after the granting to her of letters of administration of the personal estate and effects of the said deceased and to make and exhibit a just and true account of her administration whenever ordered by the said court or a judge thereof so to do - Given at Adelaide under the seal of the Supreme Court of the Province of South Australia this 25th day of November 1889.  
Andrew Stow Registrar of Probates

Will of John Sutton Tortoise. See facing page for transcript

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# Genealogy of Emma Stanton Tortoise

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Norwich Central Library

