

A BRIEF HISTORY OF FRANCIS SANDERSON

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FRANCIS SANDERSON was born in 1792. His occupation was Iron Merchant. He married HANNAH BROWN who was born in 1791. According to the 1851 census of KILLINGWORTH, Francis Sanderson was residing at KILLINGWORTH HOUSE, with his wife and six of his seven children.

The eldest child was JANE MARIA, who was single. She was born in 1821. She never married and was a musician and a painter. She spoke several languages. She died soon after coming to Australia.

The second child was ANNIE. She was born in 1823. After coming out to Australia she married Captain McCoy. He came out to Australia at the age of 14 and lead a colorful life. He went to New Zealand soon after arriving in Australia.(He came on his own) and lived with the Maoris for some time. He captained several ships, one of which sank. He also initiated the building of River Boats on the River Murray. He was the first Manager of the Adelaide Steamship Company. This couple had two sons. FRANCIS, a Lawyer, and ARTHUR, a surveyer. Captain McCoy was born in Portsmouth in 1821.

The third child was a son HENRY who was born in 1825. He worked as an Iron Merchant, before coming to Australia with his parents in 1852. He went to Sydney, and was married. He had three sons. Henry, John and Frederick, and two daughters, Florence and Beatrice.

The fourth child was WILLIAM, born in 1831. Before coming to Australia with his parents in 1852 his occupation was Iron Merchant Clerk. After coming to Australia he became the Manager of the Bank of Adelaide in Gawler. S.A.

The fifth child was a son, FREDERICK JAMES born in 1835. He also worked as an Iron Merchant Clerk before coming to Australia with his parents in 1852. On 2/7/1856 he married Sarah Younghusband. Frederick became the Collector of Customs in S.A. And was so for a number of years.

The youngest child was FRANCIS CLEMENT VILLIERS, who was born on the 5th August 1840. At the time of the Census he was a student. On arrival in Australia with is parents (who resided in Medindie S.A.) he continued his schooling at St. Peters College in Adelaide. At the age of 17 he went to Mt. Wedge Station to learn farming. He worked for a while at Yudnapinna Station, then went to Port Augusta West in 1860, where he worked at secretarial jobs, some of which were Town Clerk, Port Augusta West (1887) Surveyer, Rate Collector, Valuator and various Clerical positions. He was also Secretary to the Local Board of Health. He married EMMA TORTOISE, who was born in 1845 and died in 1911. They married at Port Augusta West on 15th February 1869. Francis Clement Villiers died at Port Augusta West 1/7/1918.

There was one other son named THOMAS who was born 6/12/1831. He was not mentioned in this Census and I presume he died before his time.

FRANCIS SANDERSON came out to Australia in the "OMEGA" arriving at Holdfast Bay on 25/9/1852. With him were his wife and six of his children. He paid his own and his families fares out and was not an assisted migrant, as most people were in those days.

The children were JANE 31 years old

ANNIE 29 years old.

HENRY 26 years old.

WILLIAM 20 years old.

FREDERICK 16 years old.

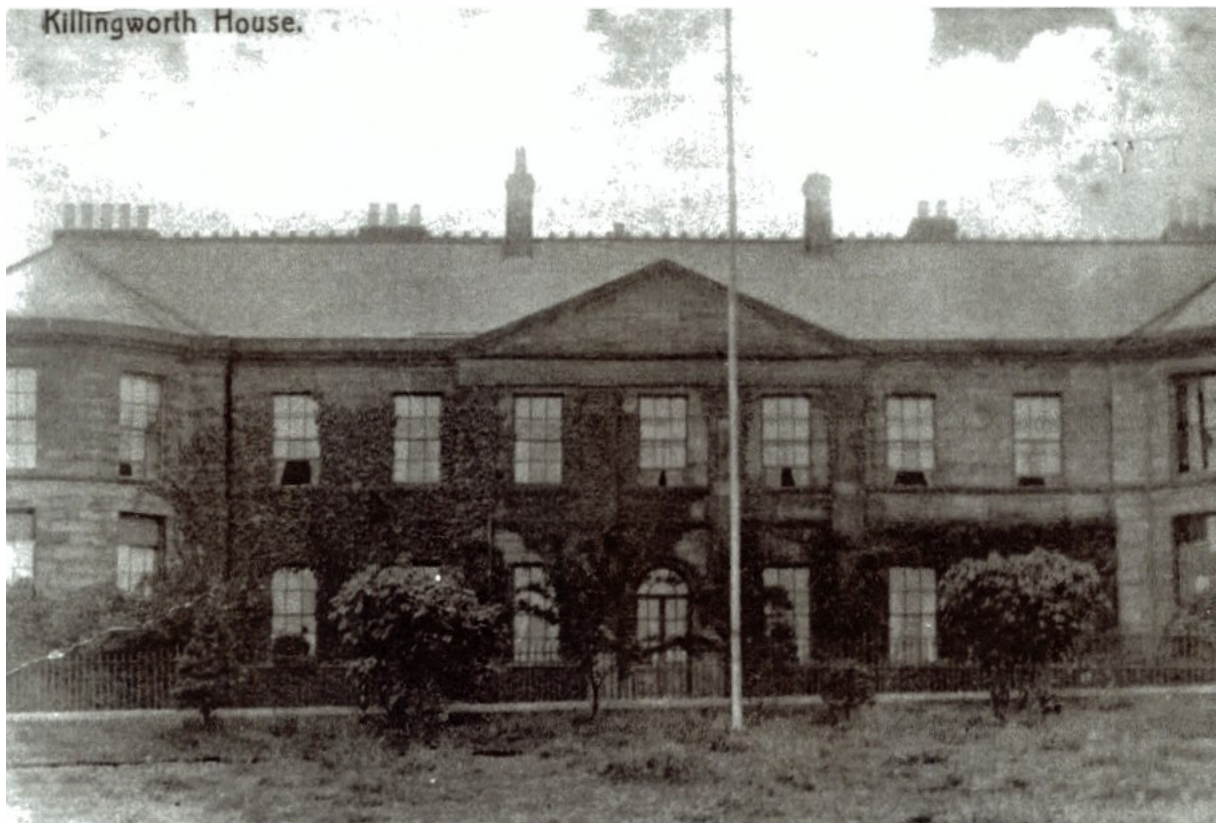
FRANCIS CLEMENT VILLIERS 11 years old. -eventually Vern's father



Francis Sanderson



Hanna Brown



Killingworth House, Northumberland



Aunty Ella outside the Standpipe Hotel in Port Augusta West, where the family lived for some years after leaving Glen Vern. Next to her is my Mother, Shirley.



The StandPipe Hotel circa 2003  
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