

THE SUNDERLAND FAMILY.

It is with disappointment and frustration that I have to admit that I have failed to ascertain the source of this family. I have always had a strong belief that they came out of a seafaring Fairhead from Lowestoft visiting the port of Sunderland. The Fairhead family, being of East Anglian origin, would find it no easy task, when horse was the only form of transport, to plant it's seed some 200 miles north, but the Fairhead seamen from Lowestoft would have had very little difficulty in dropping into the Port of Sunderland. One strong point, which enlists strength to this possibility, is the fact that the forebears of this family were seamen.

Doubtless a number of readers will fault some of the statements made and may be able to give a truer account of the happenings. This can be only part of the full story, and any additions will be most welcome.

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Since the death of Albert (in 1976) material has been gathered by the late Mr. G.T. Fairhead, myself and fellowship members in general and added to Albert's work to give a fuller and more informative story. This record is compiled from Albert's original book and the new information collected since that time.

Where places are described as a 'District', this is the Registration District where the event was Registered. These were introduced in 1837, and the names and boundaries of many of these Districts have changed over the years since. A list of these districts can be found at <http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/genuki/reg/districts/index.html>

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Generation I.

William b abt 1770 ⁽³²⁰⁷⁾ married Mary **Stanford** ⁽³²⁰⁸⁾ and they had the following family :-

John ⁽²⁷³⁵⁾	b abt	1798
William ⁽²⁷³⁸⁾	b abt	1803

Generation II.

John 1798 ⁽²⁷³⁵⁾ was recorded as a Stayfactor, he married Mary ? ⁽²⁷³⁶⁾ and they had the following family :-

Richard Frederick ⁽²⁷³⁷⁾	b	1821
John ⁽²⁷³⁹⁾]	b	1826
Mary ⁽²⁷⁴⁰⁾] twins	b	1826

William 1803 ⁽²⁷³⁸⁾ in Sunderland, Durham, and was a Ship's Pilot. (Pensioned 186641). He married Amelia **Fairless** ⁽²⁷⁴¹⁾ (b 28th January 1807, Sunderland) on the 5th May 1828 at Sunderland. They had the following family :-

Sarah ⁽²⁷⁴³⁾	b	5 th September 1828 bap 15 th December 1828
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Mary Ann (2742)

b

8th January 1831

In the 1841 Census Amelia (recorded as Emily) was living by Independent means at Silver Street, Sunderland with daughters Sarah & Mary Ann, this could mean that William had died at this time. Amelia died in 1885, in Sunderland.

Generation III.

Richard Frederick 1821 (2737) was a Mariner, he married Mary Elizabeth **Sedgewick** (2744) (b. abt 1833) on the 13th February 1856 at Bisopwearmouth, Co. Durham, and they had the following family :-

Thomas F. (2745)	b abt	1858
Sarah Frances (2746)	b	1859
John Frederick (2747)	b	1863
William Ambrose (2748)	b	9 th September 1866
Caroline (2749)	b	1867

Richard Frederick died in 1912.

John 1826 (2739) No record.

Mary 1826 (2740) No record.

Sarah 1828 (2743) married John **Green** (2751) on the 24th November 1850 at Sunderland. Sarah is recorded in the 1850 Sunderland and Durham Directory as being a Provision Dlr. (sic) at 7 Silver St.

Mary Ann 1831 (2742) married John **Mordey** (2750) on the 7th December 1851 at Sunderland, (ages at marriage: John 22, Mary 21), and they had the following family :-

John (Mordey) (5437)	b abt	1850	
Robert (Mordey) (3475)	b	12 th October 1852	d. 12 th August 1907
Jonathan (Mordey) (5438)	b abt	1854	
John (Mordey) (5439)	b	31 st March 1855	
Sarah Jane (Mordey) (5442)	b	31 st March 1855	d. 25 th November 1902
Amelia (Mordey) (5440)	b abt	1856	
Amelia (Mordey) (5441)	b abt	1857	

John, the father, died on the 2nd November 1883, and Mary Ann died on the 17th March 1895 at Sunderland. In 1881 they were living at 3 Salem Terrace, Bishopwearmouth, Durham.

From the 1881 census there is another family that fits into this generation, who were :-

Daniel 1823 (6613) who married Barbara **Taylor** (6614) (b abt 1836 Scotland) in 1853, in Sunderland, and they had the following family :-

Barbara Ellen (6615)	b	1862	
Christiana (6616)	b	1864	
Caroline (6617)	b	1867	
Robert (6618)	b	1872	
Maria (6619)	b	1874	
Meggie (6620)	b abt	1877	all at Sunderland

At the time of the 1881 Census they were living at 47 Suffolk Street, Bishopwearmouth, Durham. Barbara (6614) died in the 1st Qtr, 1904, and Daniel in the 4th Qtr 1904, both in Sunderland.

Generation IV.

Thomas F. 1858 (2745) married Maria ? (2752) and had a daughter :-

Gladys (2753)	b	1899	
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Sarah Frances 1859 (2746) married Robert **Sherriff** (2757) in 1889, at Sunderland, and they had the following family:-

Elizabeth (Sherriff) (2758)	
William (Sherriff) (2759)	

John Frederick 1863 (2747) married Mary **Ellison** (2760) (b abt 1873) in 1897, in the Sunderland District, Durham, and they had the following family :-

Thomas Frederick (2761)	b	1898	Sunderland District
Elizabeth A. (2762)	b abt	1894	Sunderland District
Maria (2746)	b	1900	Sunderland District

John Frederick 1863 (2747) died in 1917, in the Sunderland District, Durham. Mary (2760) died in 1949, in the Sunderland District.

William Ambrose 1866 (2748) married Annie Isabella **Campbell** (2763), on the 18th July 1895 at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, Co. Durham, and they had the following family :-

Arthur William (2764)	b	1896	
Elizabeth Dasborough (2765)	b	1898	
Eleanora (2766)	b	1900	
Richard Frederick (2767)			

Caroline 1867 (2749) married ? (7773) in 1893, in Sunderland.

Barbara Ellen 1863 (6615) married ? (6622) in 1886, in Sunderland.

Christiana 1864 (6616) married ? (6623) in 1893, in Sunderland.

Caroline 1867 (6617) No record.

Robert 1872 (6618) married ? (?) (7803) in 1896, in the Sunderland District.

Maria 1874 (6619) died in 1897, in Sunderland.

Meggie 1877 (6620) No record.

Generation V.

Gladys 1899 ⁽²⁷⁵³⁾ married William **Donaldson** ⁽²⁷⁵⁴⁾ in 1922, in the Sunderland District, Durham, and they had the following family :-

Gordon (Donaldson) ⁽²⁷⁵⁵⁾
Audrey (Donaldson) ⁽²⁷⁵⁶⁾

Thomas Frederick 1898 ⁽²⁷⁶¹⁾ married Susan **Johnson** ⁽²⁷⁶⁸⁾ in 1928, in the Sunderland District, and had the following family :-

Susan Olive ⁽²⁷⁷⁰⁾	b	1931	Sunderland District
Richard Frederick ⁽²⁷⁶⁹⁾	b	9 th July 1933	Sunderland District

Thomas Frederick 1898 ⁽²⁷⁶¹⁾ died in 1949, in the Sunderland District.

Elizabeth A. 1894 ⁽²⁷⁶²⁾ No record.

Maria 1900 ⁽⁷²⁴⁶⁾ No record.

Arthur William 1896 ⁽²⁷⁶⁴⁾ was in the Royal Navy, and was awarded the M.B.E. He married Constance K. **Godfrey** ⁽²⁷⁷¹⁾ in 1923, in the Ipswich District, Suffolk, and had a son :-

William Godfrey ⁽²⁷⁷²⁾	b	1927	Ipswich District
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Arthur William died in 1970, and Constance Kate died in 1980, both in the Ipswich District, Suffolk.

Elizabeth Dasborough 1898 ⁽²⁷⁶⁵⁾ married Harold A. **Sneesum** ⁽²⁷⁷³⁾ in 1925, in the Ipswich District, Suffolk.

Eleanora 1900 ⁽²⁷⁶⁶⁾ married Walter J. **Sage** ⁽²⁷⁷⁴⁾ in 1927, in the Ipswich District, Suffolk.

Richard Frederick ⁽²⁷⁶⁷⁾ No record.

Generation VI.

Susan Olive 1931 ⁽²⁷⁷⁰⁾ married Richard Davidson **White** ⁽²⁷⁷⁸⁾ in 1951, in the Durham North District.

Richard Frederick 1933 ⁽²⁷⁶⁹⁾ married Joan **Betts** ⁽²⁷⁷⁵⁾ in 1956, in the Northumberland West District, and had the following family :-

Carole A. ⁽²⁷⁷⁶⁾	b	1958	Northumberland West District
Richard Frederick ⁽²⁷⁷⁷⁾	b	1964	Northumberland West District

Richard Frederick 1933 died in 2005, in the Sunderland District.

William Godfrey 1927 ⁽²⁷⁷²⁾ rose to the rank of Lt. Captain in the Royal Navy. He married Heather Rosemary **Willett** ⁽⁹⁰³⁶⁾ (b 17/08/1926) in 1950, in the Ipswich District, Suffolk, and they had the following family :-

Nicola R. ⁽⁹⁰⁸¹⁾	b	1952	Bedford District
Sally A. ⁽⁹⁰⁸²⁾	b	1957	Aldershot District

Heather died in 1969, in the Ipswich District.

Generation VII.

Carole A. 1958 ⁽²⁷⁷⁶⁾

Richard Frederick 1964 ⁽²⁷⁷⁷⁾ married Elaine **Dobson** ⁽⁹⁷¹⁵⁾ in 1994, In the Sunderland District, and they have the following family :-

Jonathan James ⁽¹⁰⁰⁰⁵⁾	b	1995	Sunderland District
Ryan Richard ⁽¹⁰⁰⁶⁷⁾	b	2000	Sunderland District

Nicola R. 1952 ⁽⁹⁰⁸¹⁾ married James J. P. **Muncey** ⁽⁹⁴¹³⁾ in 1971, in the Ipswich District, Suffolk.

Sally A. 1957 ⁽⁹⁰⁸²⁾