

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. (I. D. No's. in Blue)

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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
Mary Ann ⁽²⁷⁴²⁾	b	8 th 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.

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 L. ⁽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 ? ⁽⁶⁶¹⁴⁾ (b abt 1836 Scotland), and they had the following family :-

Barbara Ellen ⁽⁶⁶¹⁵⁾	b	1862	
Christiana ⁽⁶⁶¹⁶⁾	b	1864	
Caroline ⁽⁶⁶¹⁷⁾	b abt	1867	
Robert ⁽⁶⁶¹⁸⁾	b abt	1873	
Maria ⁽⁶⁶¹⁹⁾	b abt	1874	
Meggie ⁽⁶⁶²⁰⁾	b abt	1877	all at Sunderland

At the time of the Census they were living at 47 Suffolk Street, Bishopwearmouth, Durham. It is possible that this Daniel is the son of James & Christiana (nee Steward) born in 1821 at Corton, Suffolk, as these are the only two instances of the name Christiana so far identified. Also in the same census there is a Mary Fairhead listed living alone at 1 Warren Street, Sunderland, aged 73, who could be the mother of Richard Frederick 1821.

Frederick ⁽²⁷⁶¹⁾ married ? ⁽²⁷⁶⁸⁾ and had the following family :-

Richard Frederick ⁽²⁷⁶⁹⁾
Susan Olive ⁽²⁷⁷⁰⁾ b 1931

Elizabeth ⁽²⁷⁶²⁾ No record.

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

William Godfrey ⁽²⁷⁷²⁾ b 1927 Ipswich District

Elizabeth Dasborough 1898 ⁽²⁷⁶⁵⁾ married ? **Sneezum** ⁽²⁷⁷³⁾ in 1925 in the Ipswich District, Suffolk.

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

Richard Frederick ⁽²⁷⁶⁷⁾ No record.

Generation VI.

Richard Frederick ⁽²⁷⁶⁹⁾ married ? ⁽²⁷⁷⁵⁾ and had the following family :-

Carole ⁽²⁷⁷⁶⁾
Richard ⁽²⁷⁷⁷⁾

Susan Olive 1931 ⁽²⁷⁷⁰⁾ married Richard **Davidson-White** ⁽²⁷⁷⁸⁾.

William Godfrey 1927 ⁽²⁷⁷²⁾ rose to the rank of Lt. Captain in the Royal Navy