

Francis SANDERSON 1792/1864
married
Hanna BROWN 1791 / 1862

Extracted from the book by Douglas Sanderson:
Sanderson family : ancestors & descendants of Alexander Frederick Sanderson
With additions from Aunty Ella's writings.

Francis was the proprietor of Iron and Steel works at Newcastle on Tyne, now owned by Armstrong. In those days it was Sanderson & Son. He decided to come out to Australia, so he sold the works, and his home in 1852.

Francis, with his wife Hannah, accompanied by their six children, ranging in age from 11 years to 31 years, arrived on the vessel "Omega" at Holdfast Bay, off Glenelg, on the 25th August 1852 .

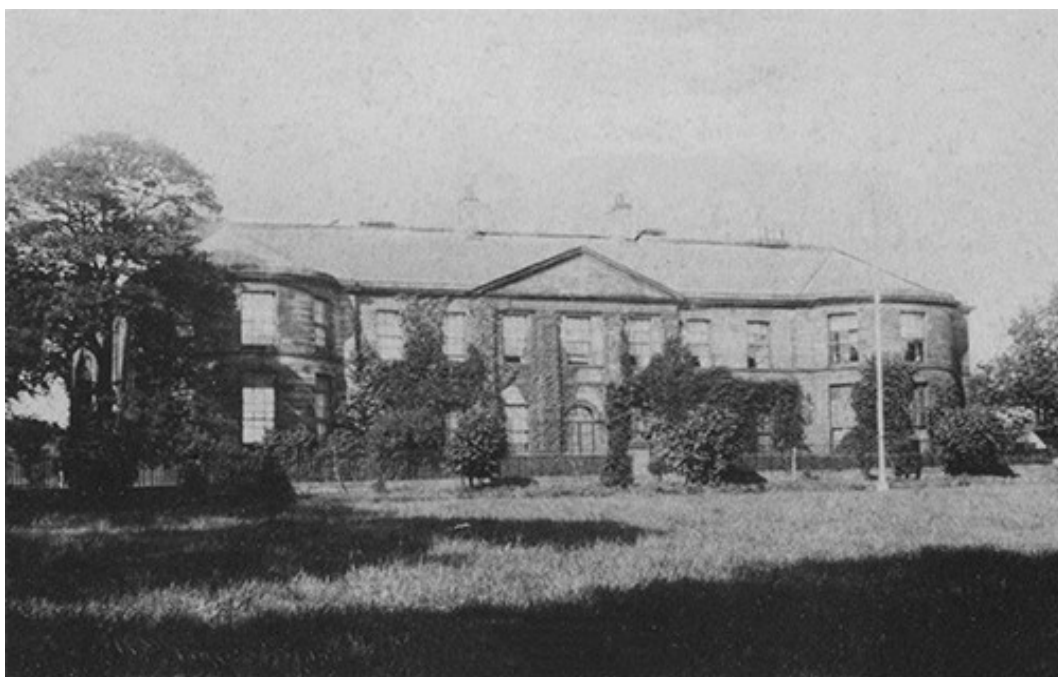
No reasons have been indicated over the years for his decision to sell his business and come to Australia. It was obviously a majority family decision for them, considering the ages of the elder children. They travelled as fare paying passengers, indicating sufficient private means to establish themselves 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 it's day, indicating perhaps a more comfortable lifestyle for them before circumstances prompted their decision to emigrate to Australia.



"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 in 1969.