



SUTHERLAND FAMILY

Family History

Scottish brothers Donald, Francis and Sinclair Sutherland arrived in Western Australia on the *Orsova* in August 1913 and made their way to the York area. Their parents, Sinclair Sutherland and Margaret Scott Sutherland, and all other siblings except for their eldest sister, Isabella, arrived later on the *Osterley* in January, 1915.

It is not known exactly when their parents arrived in York, but an S. Sutherland is listed in the Post Office Directory in 1920, and they lived in Carter Road from 1921 until their deaths. Sinclair, who worked as a farm labourer, died in 1934 from injuries received in a traffic accident outside the York Town Hall. (Clarence Heal was acquitted on charges of manslaughter). Margaret died in 1951.

Most of the Sinclair children established themselves in the Wheatbelt area. Donald worked as a farm hand at Quairading and married Jean Haythornthwaite at Beverley in 1921. He attempted to enlist in the A.I.F. in 1916 but was rejected.

John worked as a farm hand around York before marrying Alice Warren in 1924 and setting up house at Hamersley Siding. They later moved into York, where he found work as a labourer, before moving to Bassendean.

Annie married Charles Hunt at York in 1916. Margaret married William Joseph Boothby Squires in Perth in 1920, and the couple made their home at Mt Kokeby before moving to Katanning.

William farmed at Hamersley Siding, then in the Minnivale area, before marrying Amy Beatrice Kidby at Northam in 1953. The couple later retired to Albany. Louis worked at Hamersley Siding as a farm hand. He married Alice Chinnery at York in 1936 before moving to the Danging area. They later returned to York before moving to Mosman Park, where Louis listed his occupation as soldier.

James Alexander worked as a barman at the Palace Hotel and lived on Avon Terrace. He died in 1953.

Alfred was a farm hand at "Rivoli," a property of the Hamersley family. He married Dorothy Coffey at Northam in 1948 and later moved to Bilbarin, a small town in the Shire of Corrigin. They later moved to Gairdner River, where Alfred died in 1968.

SUTHERLAND

Sinclair

Service No: 1412



Sinclair Sutherland
Courtesy of Ryan Sutherland

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Sinclair Sutherland

Service number: 1412

Date of enlistment: 7/11/1914

Age at Enlistment: 21 years 10 months

Civil Occupation: Teamster

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal, Victory Medal, 1914/15 Star.

Height: 5 feet 8 inches

Weight: 130 pounds

Chest measurement: 36 inches

Complexion: Fair

Eye Colour: Blue

Hair Colour: Brown

Father: Sinclair Sutherland

Mother: Margaret Scott

Siblings: Isabella, Donald, John, Francis, Annie, Margaret Mary, William, Louis, James Alexander, Alfred McIntosh.

Life Story

Sinclair Sutherland was born in Bogbain, near Aberdeen, around 1893. He arrived in Western Australia with his brothers, Donald and Francis, in 1913.

Sinclair enlisted on the 7th November 1914 at Blackboy Hill and joined the 11th Battalion. He found himself on the front line the Gallipoli Peninsula with the 11th Battalion on the 7th May 1915. On the 12th June, Sinclair was admitted to the 2nd Field Ambulance Hospital after receiving a gunshot wound to the head, but he was able to re-join his unit on the 22nd June.

In mid-August, Sinclair was admitted to hospital suffering from enteritis (fever) and dysentery. He was transferred to hospital on Lemnos, then Malta, before being invalided back to England at the end of October 1915.

Sinclair remained in England until the 9th August 1916, when he proceeded overseas to France. Sinclair re-joined his battalion on the 22nd August but, by the 10th November, he was back in hospital with diarrhoea. After a week at the 1st Anzac Medical Station, Sinclair was deemed fit enough to return to his unit.

On the 6th May 1917, Sinclair was reported Missing in Action. A Court of Enquiry, held in December, ruled that he had been Killed in Action on that day.

Sinclair Sutherland is Commemorated on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in France.



SUTHERLAND

Francis

Service No: 5438

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Francis Sutherland

Service number: 5438

Date of enlistment: 30/6/1916

Age at Enlistment: 21 years

Civil Occupation: Farm Labourer

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal, Victory Medal

Height: 5 feet 5 inches

Weight: 182 pounds

Chest measurement: 38 inches

Complexion: Fair

Eye Colour: Blue

Hair Colour: Brown

Father: Sinclair Sutherland

Mother: Margaret Scott

Siblings: Isabella, Donald, John, Sinclair, Annie, Margaret Mary, William, Louis, James Alexander, Alfred McIntosh.

Life Story

Francis Sutherland was born in Bogbain near Aberdeen around 1894. He arrived in Western Australia with his brothers, Donald and Sinclair, in 1913.

Francis enlisted on the 30^h June 1916 and joined the 14th Reinforcements of the 28^h Battalion. He left Fremantle on the *Miltiades* on the 9th August 1916 and joined the 7th Training Battalion at Rolleston Camp in England on the 26th September.

Francis proceeded overseas to France on the 16th November 1916, sailing on the SS *Victoria* from Folkestone.

On the 4th December 1916, Francis was Taken on Strength with the 28th Battalion in the Field. Just nine months' later, on the 20th September 1917, he was Killed in Action in Belgium.

The 20th September marked the beginning of the Battle of Menin Road, an operation which attempted to take sections of a curving ridge, east of Ypres, which was crossed by the Menin Road. Francis very likely met his death during the offensive.

Francis Sinclair is Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium and the Honour Roll at the York Town Hall.

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