

Cowley Family History - Research Detail

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| Name: | Francis Cowley | | | Sex: | M |
| AKA: | Francis Coley ¹ | | | | |
| Birth Date: | 1806 | Place: | Rottingdean, Sussex ^{2,3} | | |
| Chr. Date: | 13 Jul 1806 | Place: | St Margaret's Parish Church, Rottingdean, Sussex ^{4,5} | | |
| Death Date: | 26 Oct 1881 | Place: | Brighton, Sussex ^{6,7} | | |
| Burial Date: | | Place: | | | |
| Cause of Death: | | | | | |

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- 1 1841 census⁸
Address: Prince Albert Street, Brighton, Sussex.
Age: 35
Wife: Emma Cowley
Occupation: Baker
Children listed: Thomas (11), Francis (4), Albert (7 months)

- 2 13 Mar 1844
Address: Prince Albert Street, Brighton, Sussex.⁹

- 3 1851 census¹⁰
Address: 9, Prince Albert Street, Brighton, Sussex.
Age: 44
Wife: Emma Cowley
Occupation: Baker employing 2 men
Children listed:

- 4 1861 census¹¹
Address: 9 & 10 Pool Valley, Brighton, Sussex (Ye Olde Bunn Shoppe).
Age: 54
Wife: Emma Cowley
Occupation: Baker employing 5 females and 21 men.
Children listed: John (17), Stephen (13).
Thomas Cowley (29) now listed as nephew.
Sarah A Cowley (25) listed as niece.
There are also 11 other people listed at this address as servants - presumably bakery employees.

- 5 1871 Census¹²
Address: 9 & 10 Pool Valley, Brighton, Sussex (Ye Olde Bunn Shoppe).
Age: 64
Occupation: Baker employing 4 females and 21 men.
Children listed: Charles (20), Caroline (18). (Caroline is not listed on 1861 census.)
There are also 15 other people listed at this address - presumably bakery employees.

- 6 1881 Census¹³
Address: 9, Pool Valey, Brighton, Sussex.
Age: 74
Occupation: Baker
Children listed: Caroline (28)
Grandson: Albert (25)
There are also 16 other people listed at this address - presumably bakery employees.

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| Father: | Thomas Coaley (Abt 1772-) | | | | |
| Mother: | Susannah Scrase (Abt 1761-) | | | | |
| Spouse: | *Emma Woolgar (Abt 1808 - Mar Q 1866) | | | | |
| Marr. Date: | 21 Jun 1829 | Place: | St Nicholas Church, Brighton ¹⁴ | | |
| Children: | 1 | Thomas Cowley (Abt 1830-1890) | | | |

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Children: (Francis Cowley and *Emma Woolgar (Abt 1808 - Mar Q 1866))

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| 2 | William Cowley (Abt 1833-Abt 1837) |
| 3 | Jane Cowley (Abt 1835-Abt 1837) |
| 4 | Francis Cowley (Abt 1837-1903) ¹⁵ |
| 5 | Emma Cowley (Abt 1839-1839) |
| 6 | Albert Cowley (Abt 1841-1876) |
| 7 | Henry Cowley (1842-1842) |
| 8 | John Cowley (Abt 1844-) |
| 9 | Stephen Cowley (Abt 1848-) |
| 10 | Charles Cowley (Abt 1850-) |
| 11 | Caroline Cowley (1852-1934) |

General:

1. In the 1841 and 1851 censuses Francis Cowley is listed as living at 9, Prince Albert Street, Brighton with the occupation of 'baker'. In 1851 he was employing 2 men. By the time of the 1861 census, at the age of 54, he is living at 9 & 10, Pool Valley, Brighton and is employing a total of 26 people - 5 women and 21 men, an obviously sizeable and thriving business. The 1871 census tells a similar story. Francis died sometime in 1881 and the business was taken over by his daughter, Caroline (b abt 1853).

2. Two more individuals are listed in the 1861 census at Pool Valley -

Thomas Cowley (b abt 1830) - nephew

Sarah A. Cowley (b abt 1836) - niece

I believe that these two are children of Francis' brother, Henry Cowley.

3. I do not know when the business at 9 / 10, Pool Valley became known as "Ye olde Bunn Shoppe".

4. Information from Paul Jordan at Brighton History Centre -

The first entry in the Brighton street directories for the name Cowley dates from 1845. He (Francis) is listed as a 'baker' trading at 9 Prince Albert Street, Brighton. In the same directory a Sarah Streeter was listed as a 'bread & biscuit maker' at 9 Pool Lane (later Pool Valley). by 1882 it seemed that F. Cowley had moved his business to 22 St. James Street and a Miss Caroline Cowley had taken over 9 Pool Valley. However it would seem that Francis was living with his daughter, Caroline and his son Charles at 9 Pool Valley according to the 1871 census.

5. The exact date of death comes from the probate record. Probate was granted to Francis's sons, Thomas, Francis, and Stephen. Francis's personal estate is shown as £4350 2s 9d - at 2010 value this is around £210,000.

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Source Citations

1. International Genealogical Index v5.0, Batch no: C057862 / Dates: 1784-1881 / Source call: 1067356 / Printout call no: 6904142. Film no: 1067356 - Parish Registers 1558-1881 Church of England - Parish Church of Rottingdean (Sussex). Surname shown as Coley on baptism entries for children.
2. From Baptism record via SFHG.
3. 1841 Census, Age 35.
4. International Genealogical Index v5.0.
5. Sussex Family History Group.
6. England and Wales, Civil Registration Index: 1837 - 1983, Brighton - Vol: 2b / Page: 159.
7. England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1861-1941.
8. 1841 Census, HO107/1122/3.
9. From Baptism record via SFHG, son John.
10. 1851 Census, HO107/1646/49.
11. 1861 Census, RG9/599.
12. 1871 Census, RG10/???.
13. 1881 Census, RG11/1091/16.
14. Information from Vanessa Tayler.
15. From Baptism record via SFHG, Baptism record of son, Charles Leonard.