

# Cowley Family History - Research Detail

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Francis Tugwell Cowley</b>			<b>Sex:</b>	M
<b>Birth Date:</b>	11 Aug 1863	<b>Place:</b>	19, Rose Hill Terrace, Brighton, Sussex <sup>1</sup>		
<b>Chr. Date:</b>		<b>Place:</b>			
<b>Death Date:</b>	17 Jan 1927	<b>Place:</b>	15, Linton Crescent, Hastings, Sussex <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Burial Date:</b>		<b>Place:</b>			
<b>Cause of Death:</b>	Influenza, bronchitis, broncho pneumonia				
<b>Events</b>					
1. 31 Mar 1901 Address: 38, Alexandra Road, Hastings, Sussex Occupation: Artistic cook <sup>3</sup>					
2. 2 Apr 1911 Address: 13, Stanhope Place, St Leonards on Sea, EastSussex Occupation: Chef and confectioner <sup>4</sup>					
3. 17 Jan 1927 Address: 15, Linton Crescent, Hastings, Sussex Occupation: Chef at restaurant					
<b>Father:</b>	Francis Cowley (Abt 1837-1903) <sup>5</sup>				
<b>Mother:</b>	Mary Ann Tugwell (Abt 1833-Abt 1864)				
<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>*Annie Cluett (Abt 1868 - )</b>				
<b>Marr. Date:</b>	Sep Q 1888	<b>Place:</b>	Gosport, Hampshire <sup>6</sup>		
<b>Children:</b>	1	Robert Francis C. Cowley (1889- )			
	2	Dorothy Cowley (Abt 1893- )			
	3	Harry Chrichton Cowley (Abt 1896-1916)			
	4	Frederick Cowley (Abt 1902- )			
<b>Other Spouse:</b>	<b>Ethel Florence Goldsmith (13 Feb 1900 - Jul 1992)</b>				
<b>Marr. Date:</b>	Jun Q 1925	<b>Place:</b>	Hastings, East Sussex <sup>7</sup>		
<b>Children:</b>	1	Florence Evelyn Cowley (1920-1982)			
	2	Kathleen Cowley (1924-2018)			
<b>General:</b>					
<p>Due to difficulties in the years following Francis' death, the two girls born to Ethel Florence Goldsmith and Francis were handed over to the care of Dr. Barnado's Homes. The children were subsequently sent to Australia. (The exact dates of these occurrences are not known.)</p> <p>The following statement is from the Barnado's web site -</p> <p>"Dr. Barnardo's Homes, as Barnardo's was then known, was one of many children's charities involved in child migration. The practice, which began in earnest in the late 1800s and started to decline rapidly after World War II, was born from the idea of offering children an opportunity of a new start in life, in a new country.</p> <p>This was a widely accepted policy at the time, and was supported by both British and overseas governments.</p> <p>The voluntary agencies who sent children were motivated by the belief that a fresh start would offer the children opportunities they would not have had if they remained in the UK."</p> <p>As the children were shipped out of Britain, many were wrongly told their parents were dead, while parents were given very little information about where their children were going.</p> <p>The former child migrants have told how on arrival they were separated from their siblings, and put into foster homes, state-run orphanages and religious institutions. Others were educated only for farm work.</p> <p>In 2010 the then British Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, apologised for the UK's role in sending more than</p>					

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## General: (cont.)

130,000 children to former colonies. He said -

"To all those former child migrants and their families... we are truly sorry. They were let down. We are sorry they were allowed to be sent away at the time when they were most vulnerable. We are sorry that instead of caring for them, this country turned its back. And we are sorry that the voices of these children were not always heard, their cries for help not always heeded. And we are sorry that it has taken so long for this important day to come and for the full and unconditional apology that is justly deserved."

Barnado's also says on its web site -

"Barnardo's welcomes the apology from the British Government. We believe that what happened was misguided, despite it being an accepted policy at the time.

However well-intentioned child migration might have been, for many the experience was painful. As such, we deeply regret any role that Dr. Barnardo's Homes played in this."

## Research:

In the FreeBMD on-line index the death is recorded as 'Francis D. Cowley', as shown in the original transcribed index.

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# Source Citations

1. Birth Certificate, Vol:2b / page: 195. Sub-district: St Peter, Brighton, Sussex. Registered: 8 Sep 1863. Mother: Mary Ann Cowley, formerly Tugwell. Father: F. Cowley, Junr - Occupation: Accountant.
2. Death certificate.
3. 1901 Census (31 March 1901).
4. 1911 census (2 April 1911).
5. From Baptism record via SFHG, Baptism record of son, Charles Leonard.
6. England and Wales, Civil Registration Index: 1837 - 1983, Alverstoke - Vol: 2b / Page: 1055.
7. England and Wales, Civil Registration Index: 1837 - 1983, Hastings - Vol: 2b / Page: 83.