

Cowley Family History - Research Detail

Name:	Charles Cowley			Sex:	M
AKA:					
Birth Date:	Abt 1828	Place:			
Chr. Date:	6 Jul 1828	Place:	Brighton, St Nicholas ¹		
Death Date:	8 Nov 1890	Place:	Black Rock, Rottingdean ^{2,3}		
Burial Date:		Place:	St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean, Sussex		
Cause of Death:					
Father:	William Cowley (Abt 1798-1881)				
Mother:	Jemima Mills (1797-1875) ⁴				
Spouse:	Jane Temple (Abt 1828 - 14 Nov 1859) ^{5,6}				
Marr. Date:	2 Mar 1859	Place:	Victoria, Australia ⁷		
Children:	1	Jane Marion Cowley (1852-) ⁸			
	2	Charles James Cowley (Abt 1856-) ⁹			
	3	William Henry Cowley (Abt 1858-Abt 1887)			
Other Spouse:	*Sophia Hopkins (- 1876) ¹⁰				
Marr. Date:	20 Feb 1861	Place:	Parish Church, St George Hanover Square, London ^{7,11}		
Children:	1	Sophia Blanch Cowley (Abt 1862-)			
	2	Edwin Brook Cowley (Abt 1864-)			
Other Spouse:	Ruth Gurton (Abt 1847 - 11 Jul 1927) ^{12,13,14}				
Marr. Date:	1877	Place:	London ¹⁵		
Children:	1	Frank Cowley (Abt 1878-)			
	2	Percy Leon Cowley (1883-)			

General:

It is probable that Jane Marion Cowley was actually born Mary Ann Davidson, the daughter of Jane Temple and her first husband, John Davidson. After John Davidson died Jane Davidson (nee Temple) married Charles Cowley.

Jane died in 1859 and Charles returned to England in 1860 with three children - Mary Anne, Charles, and William Henry. Although Mary Ann appears in the 1861 England census she is listed as Maryann Cowley and in subsequent documents as Jane Marion Cowley.

For continuity Jane Marion has been included as a child from the marriages of Jane Temple to both John Davidson and Charles Cowley.

Note: Date of death is stated as 8 Nov 1890 on the death certificate but 3 November 1890 on the probate record. Death certificate date has been used as the definitive record.

Source Citations

- Sussex Family History Group Baptism Index.
- England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1861-1941, Date of death on probate record is 3 Nov 1890.
- Gravestone, Gravestone in St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean. Date of death: 8 Nov 1890 - age 62.
- Sussex Family History Group - Sussex Marriage Index.
- Information from Paul Le Gay Brereton.
- Death certificate.
- Marriage Certificate.
- 1871 Census (2 April 1871).
- Will, Charles Cowley d 3 Nov 1890.
- England & Wales, FreeBMD Death Index, 1837-1915, Sep Q 1876 - St George Hanover Square Vol: 1a / Page: 308.
- England & Wales, FreeBMD Marriage Index, Mar Q 1861 - St George Hanover Square Vol: 1a / Page: 289.

Source Citations

12. 1911 census (2 April 1911).
13. Gravestone, St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean - age 80.
14. England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1861-1941.
15. England & Wales, FreeBMD Marriage Index, Dec Q 1877 St George Hanover Square - Vol: 1a / Page: 635.