

Cowley Family History - Research Detail

Name:	Emma Woolgar			Sex:	F
AKA:					
Birth Date:	Abt 1808	Place:	Henfield, Sussex ¹		
Chr. Date:		Place:			
Death Date:	Q1 1866	Place:	Brighton, Sussex ²		
Burial Date:		Place:			
Cause of Death:					

Events

- 1 1841 census³
 Age: 33
 Address: Prince Albert Street, Brighton
 Husband: Francis Cowley
 Children listed: Thomas (11), Francis (4), Albert (7 months).

- 2 1851 census⁴
 Age: 42
 Address: 9, Prince Albert Street, Brighton.
 Husband: Francis Cowley
 Children listed: Thomas (20), Francis (13), Albert (10), John (7), Stephen (3), Charles (3 months)
 Also listed: Anne Woolgar (21) - servant

- 3 1861 census⁵
 Age: 54
 Address: 9 & 10, Pool Valley, Brighton - "Ye Olde Bunn Shop"
 Husband: Francis Cowley
 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.

Father:	Samuel Woolgar (1755-1839)				
Mother:	Mary Mitchell (Abt 1759-Abt 1841)				
Spouse:	*Francis Cowley (1806 - Q4 1881)				
Marr. Date:	21 Jun 1829	Place:	St Nicholas Church, Brighton ⁶		
Children:	1	Francis Cowley (Abt 1837-1903)			
	2	Albert Cowley (Abt 1841-1876)			
	3	John Cowley (Abt 1844-)			
	4	Stephen Cowley (Abt 1848-)			
	5	Charles Cowley (Abt 1850-)			
	6	Caroline Cowley (Abt 1853-)			

General:

An Emma WOOLGAR was baptised 24 April 1808 at Henfield. The Parish Register entry shows that she was the daur of Samuel & Mary and also that she was born on 05 April, presumably of that same year. My research shows that Emma was one of the youngest children of Samuel WOOLGAR and Mary MITCHELL of Henfield.

The following notes were sent to me by Marion Woolgar in December 2008 -

"Samuel WOOLGAR's ancestry goes back to circa 1558 at Henfield.

There is a marriage at Brighton St Nicholas by Banns on 21 Jun 1829 between Francis COWLEY, bachelor and Emma WOOLGAR, spinster, both of Brighton; and it was witnessed by Thomas COWLEY and Mary WILLIS, as per the Marriage Register. I have not previously connected this marriage to the Emma WOOLGAR baptised at Henfield, but the timing would be about right for such a link to be

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possible.

On checking the 1851 Census for this couple, I see that Emma COWLEY claims to have been born circa 1809 at Henfield (TNA ref HO107/1646 folio 49b) and that appears to be well within the usual Census age tolerance of ± 5 years; in fact it is a very close match indeed to the 1808 baptism entry.

The presence in this same 1851 Census household of a Niece, Anne WOOLGAR aged 21 gives added credence to the idea. There is a baptism at Henfield on 24 Oct 1830 of an Anne WOOLGAR, daur of Henry & Elizabeth, which I have taken to be a child of the marriage of Henry WOOLGAR & Elizabeth BLABER who married 06 Jun 1829 at Henfield. This Henry was baptised at Horsham on 04 Dec 1803, the son of Samuel & Mary, but was the only one of their known children to be baptised away from Henfield, so I have always regarded the link as a bit suspicious. However, the discovery of this 1851 Census entry adds to the probability that Henry was indeed the son of Samuel WOOLGAR & Mary MITCHELL. "

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Source Citations

1. 1851 Census.
2. England and Wales, Civil Registration Index: 1837 - 1983, Brighton - Vol: 2b / Page: 170.
3. 1841 Census, HO107/1122/3.
4. 1851 Census, HO107/1646/49.
5. 1861 Census, RG9/599.
6. Vanessa Tayler via Ancestry.co.uk.