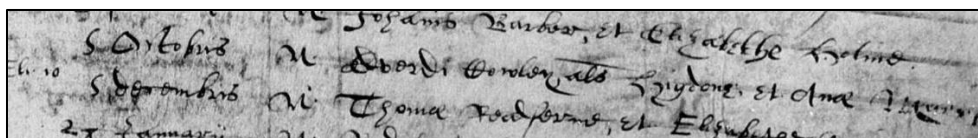


FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF EDWARD AND ANNE COWLEY

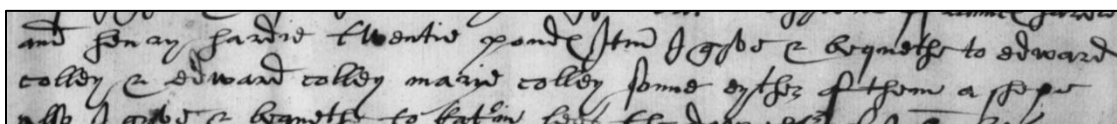
Edward Cowley was born in about 1540 of Edensor. He married Anne 5 October 1569 in Edensor. His marriage record recorded him as Edward Cowley als Higdone. His first two children were also christened under that name, including the alias. Edward and his family later used only the name Cowley. A name including alias was used in this time period in the case of adoption, illegitimacy or for rights of inheritance. There were Higdons recorded in the early parish register. Henry Higdon had passed away in 1551.

Anne's name in the marriage record began with "Mar.." and two unreadable letters. Extracted records show her as Anae M. The most common name in Edensor starting with "Mar" in this time period was the Marple family. The Mercer family was also called "Marser" in some early records.



*Marriage record for Edward Cowley and Anne in Edensor:
"5 Octobris M Edverdi Cowley als Hygdone et Anae Mar.."*

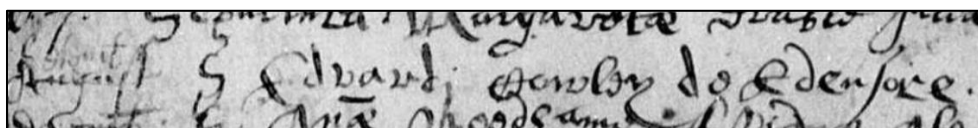
Edward was mentioned in the will of Henry Lees in 1578: "Item I gyve & bequeth to Edward Colley & Edward Colley Marie Colley sonne eyther of them a shepe." Anthony Cowley was a witness to the will. Henry Lees had married Catherine Cowley in 1540, and may have been Edward's uncle.



*Will of Henry Lees in 1578 mentioning two Edward Cowleys:
"Item I gyve & bequeth to Edward Colley & Edward Colley Marie Colley sonne eyther of them a shepe."*

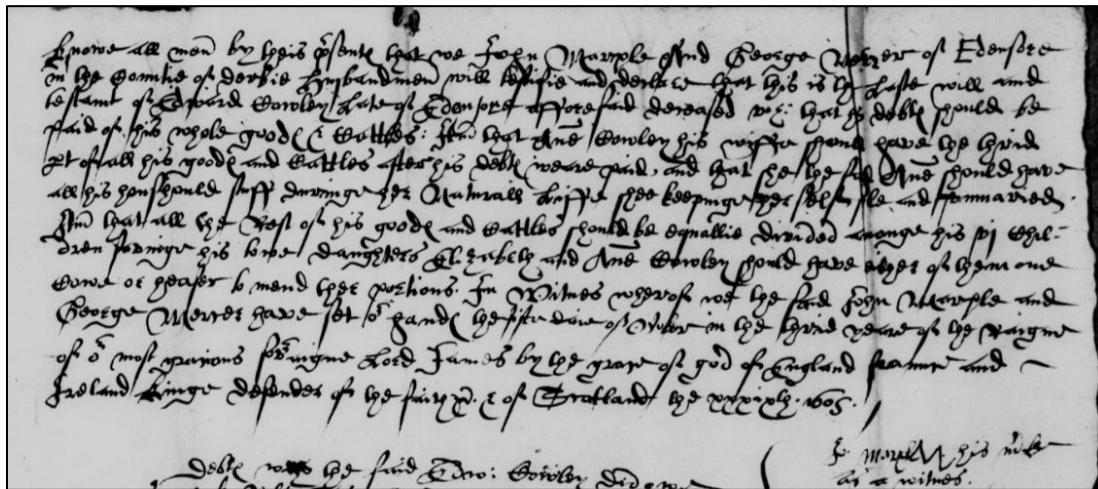
Edward was a witness to the will of Richard Bolton in 1603.

Edward died in August 1605.



*Burial record for Edward Cowley in Edensor:
"August S. - Edvardi Cowley de Edensore"*

Edward left a verbal will:



Will of Edward Cowley of Edensore, proven 22 Feb 1605/6

Knowe all men by theis presents that we **John Marple** and **George Mercer** of Edensore in the Countie of Derby husbandmen will testifie and declare that this is the laste will and testament of **Edward Cowley late of Edensore** aforesaid deceased viz: that his debts should be paid of his whole goodes & cattles. Item that **Anne Cowley his wiffe** should have the third part of all his goodes and cattles after his debtes were paid, and that she the said Anne should have all his houshold stuff during her natural life shee keepine her self single and unmarried. Item that all the rest of goodes and cattles should be equallie divided amonge **his vj children** saving **his twoe daughters Elizabeth and Anne Cowley** should have either of them one cowe or heafer to mend ther portions. In witness wherof we the said John Marple and George Mercer have set oer handes the fifteen daie of October in the third yeare of the raigne of our most gracious Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of God of England Franncce and Ireland Kinge Defender of the faith & of Scotland the xxxixth 1605.

Jo. Marple his marke as a witness

George Mercer his marke as a witness

Debtes which the said Edw: Cowley did owe

Imp to Robt Stafford xvli

Item to Thomas Seele of Bakewell - vli xs

Item John Reeham of Mamashe - vli

Item to Anthonie vli

Item to the Right Honorable the Countess of Shrowburie for rent xiiijli

Item Henrie Norman - xxvjs vjs viijd

Item to John Smith - xxxxijs

Item to Edw: Deane - xxiiijjs

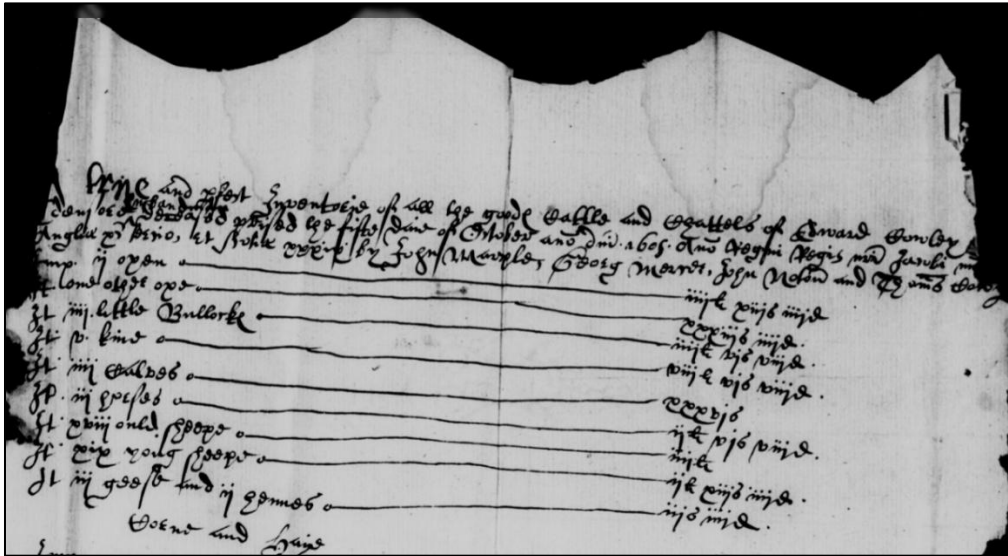
Item to Anthonie Buxton - xiiijjs

Item to Nicholas Webster of Chesterfeild - viijjs

Item to Jo: Dangerfeild - iiijjs

Item Rich: Hartley – vjs
 Item to Richard Marshall – iijs
 Sum of his debtes xlix li xiijs

An inventory was created for Edward's estate:



Inventory for Edward Cowley, 5 October 1605

A true and perfect inventorie of all the goodes cattle and chattels of Edward Cowley of Edensor husbandman deceased prised the fiftie daie of October anno dmi 1605 Regni Regis Jacobi [torn] Anglae ___ et Scotiae xxxix by John Marple Georg Mercer, John Noton and Thomas Cowper

*Imprimus ij oxen – iiijli xiijs iiijd
 Item one other ox – xxxiijs iiijd
 Item iiij little bullockes – iiijli vjs viijd
 Item v kine – viijli vjs viijd
 Item iiij calves – xxxvjs
 Item iij horses – ijli vjs viijd
 Item xviiij ould sheepe – iiijli
 Item xix yong sheepe – ijli xiijs iiijd
 Item geese and ij hennes – iijs iiijd*

*Corne and haye
 Imprimus wheat v sheaves – xs
 Item rye xx sheaves – xls
 Item barley xxx sheaves – iiijli
 Item oates x froe sheaves – xli
 Item iiij weane loades of pease – xxiijs*

Item x loades of hey – ijli vjs viiij

Husbandrie stuff

Item ij weanes one peare of wheels one plough ij harrowes [illegible] – ijli viiij

In stuff and bedding

Brasse

Imprimus ij kettles = iij

Item ij pottes – viij

Item one chaffingdish and one candlesticke – xxd

Item viij pewter dishes and one salt – xs

Beddinge

Imprimus ij featherbeddes and ij bolsters – iiijd xxs

Item iiij coverletes – xxs

Item a peare of sheetes – xvjs

Iron stuff

Item one benche one peare of golbewles one brandiron iron forge pothooks & one sithe – iiij

Wodden stuffe

Imprimus iij cubbordres – xxs

Item ij arkes and one cofer - viij

Item one long board with a forme – xvjd

Item xiiij breades – iiij

Item one dishboard & one spinning wheele – xxd

Item ij lomes ij kittes and one churne & ij parksadles with all the rest of other wodden implements in the house – vs viijd

Item iij cheeses – ijs

Item his apparel and money in his purse – viijli

Sum total Lxiiijli xiiij

Edward and Anne had the following children:

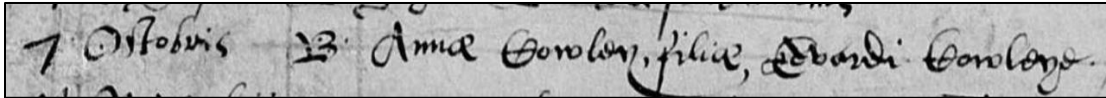
1. **Catherine**, christened 22 April 1570 as "Cowley als Higdon"; buried 1 May 1570 in Edensor.

2. **Elizabeth**, christened 22 May 1571 as "Cowley als Higdon" in Edensor.

3. **Johannis**, christened 30 October 1573 in Edensor.

4. **Richard**, christened 4 Apr 1577 in Edensor.

*5. **Anne**, chr 7 October 1579 in Edensor; married Johh Mercer 23 August 1606 in Edensor.

A rectangular image showing a snippet of a handwritten Latin document. The text is written in a cursive script and reads: "7 Octobris B. Anna Cowley, filia, Edwardi Cowleye." The document appears to be a church register or baptismal record.

Baptism record for Anne Cowley in Edensor: "7 Octobris B Annae Cowley, filiae, Edwardi Cowleye"

6. **Edwardi**, christened 31 Jul 1582 in Edensor.

7. **Aliciae**, christened 6 Jan 1585 in Edensor.

SOURCES: Edenor parish register; will of Edward Cowley of Edensor, 1605/6;