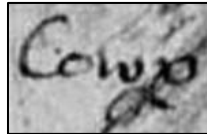


FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF RICHARD AND ELIZABETH COWPER

Richard Cowper or Cooper was christened 12 May 1628 in the parish of Duffield, Derbyshire, the son of Richard Cowper and Anna Bilby. The name is usually recorded as Cowper in the 1600s, changing to Cooper in the late 1600s and early 1700s. It is sometimes recorded as *Cowp* or *Cowpe*, using an old abbreviation with the letter *P* having the descending part of the *p* with a horizontal cross which stood for "*per*" or "*par*".



The name Cowper with the abbreviation for "per"

Richard married Elizabeth in about 1646, and they settled in the town of Shottle. Richard was a yeoman farmer.



Shottle church

Richard was mentioned in Duffield Manor Court records in 1650 in Shottle and Posterne. The record included Richard Cooper, Robert Shipley and William Bramley. They "*do owe suit to ye Court of Mannors aforesd and have not appeared at this Court Ideo every one of them is amerced*". Amerced means fined for not appearing at the court.

William Webster of Dorchay. — William Smith, Richard Hallam, William Bramley, Shottle & Postome.
 Sampson Wild, Isaac Willott, Ralph Wotton, John Milnes, John Smith, William Smith,
 James Rowland, William Johnson, William Key, Robert Fletcher, Richard Cooper, John
 Garratt, John Waterfall, Ralph Waterfall, Thomas Cokeram, John Holmes, Edward
 Storer, Thomas Wilkinson, John Duxton, John Fletcher, George Duxton, Will^m Winton
 Ralph Dudley, William Tomlinson, Thomas Calton, William Lotter, Nicholas Wilson,
 William Winton, Robert Jackson, William Poyser, William Jackson, Samuel Somers,
 William Flixon, John Eyle y^r younger, John Toplij, William Smedley, Robert Kidger,
 Anthony Spendlove, William Thacker, Anthony Higgitt, William Gamble, Thomas Lanton,
 John Oliver, John Burgin, Robert Shipley, John Toplij y^r elder, Edward Smedley, Gregory
 Sadler, Thomas Smith, Thomas Richardson, William Statham, Will^m Winton, George Key,
 Thomas Hardgrave, Thomas Wood, George Key, Henry Hunt & Robert Greene of Shottle
 & Postome do owe suit to y^e Court of y^e Mannors afores^d and have not appeared at this
 Court, I doe every one of them is amerced - - - - - 2.

Duffield Manor Court Records, 1650

Two years later, in 1652, Richard Cooper and Robert Shipley were again fined for not appearing at the manor court.

Shottle & Postome. Webster of Dorchay. — William Smith, Richard Hallam, Ralph Wotton, John Milnes, —
 Richard Lickering, John Smith, William Smith, Richard White, James Rowland, William Johnson
 William Key, Robert Fletcher, Richard Cooper, John Garratt, John Waterfall, Ralph Waterfall.
 Thomas Watson, Thomas Cokeram, William Heane, Edward Storer, Thomas Wilkinson, John
 Duxton, John Fletcher, George Duxton, William Winte, Ralph Dudley, William Tomlinson,
 Thomas Calton, William Lotter, Nicholas Wilson, William Wilson, Robert Jackson, William
 Poyser, William Jackson, Samuel Somers, John Eyley the younger, John Toplij, John Alton, Will^m
 Smedley, Robert Kidger, Thomas Winnfield, Anthony Spendlove, William Thacker, Anthony Higgitt,
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 Thomas Smith, Thomas Richardson, William Statham, William Winton, George Key, Thomas Hardgrave,
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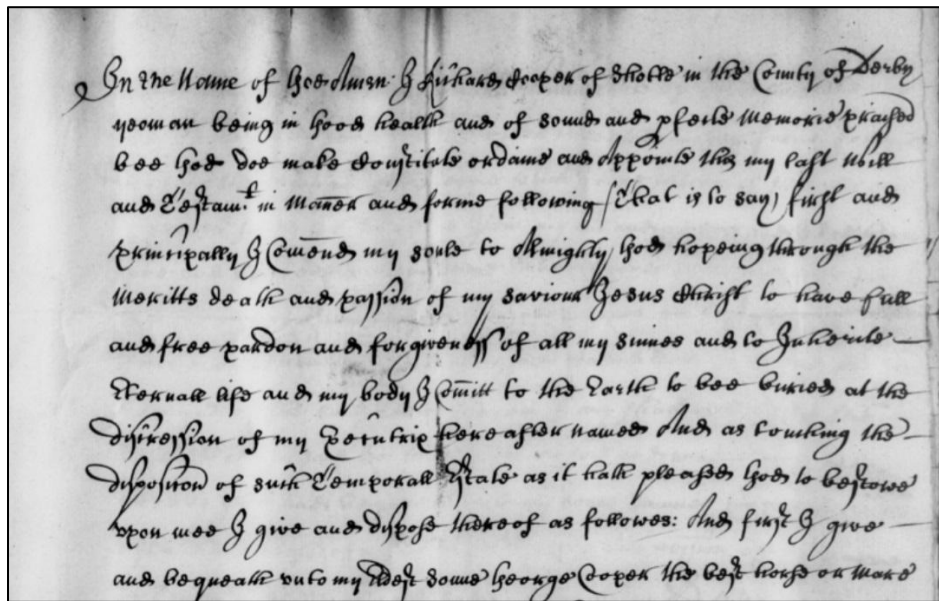
Duffield Manor Court Records, 1652

Richard died and was buried 8 March 1686 in Duffield.

Bur: Richard Cooper of Shottle. Aff:
 Bur: Thomas the son of William

Burial record for Richard Cowper in Duffield:
 "8. Bur: Richard Cowper of Shottle. Affd:"

Richard left a will written in 1682 and proven 15 April 1687.

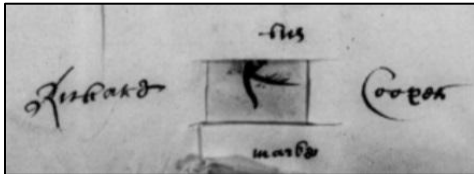


Will of Richard Cooper of Shottle, 1682

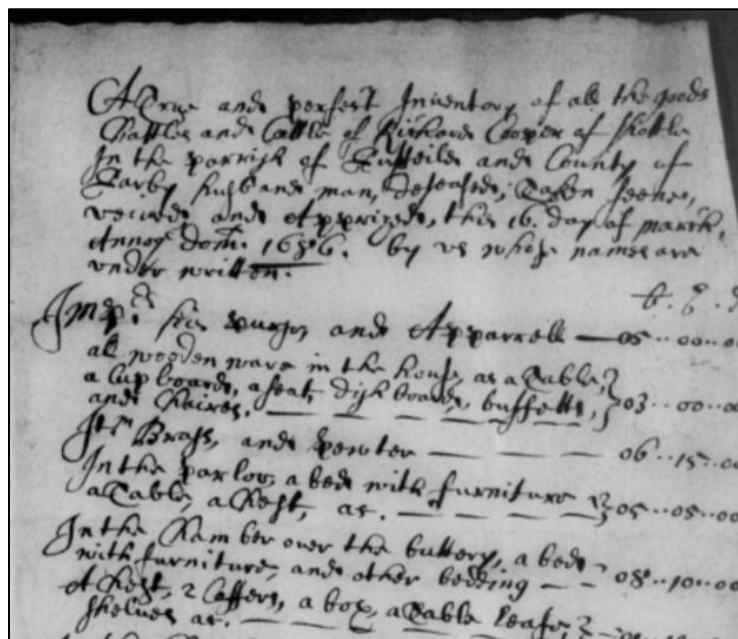
*In the name of God Amen I **Richard Cooper of Shottle** in the County of Derby yeoman being in good health and of sound and perfecte memorie praised bee God doe make constitute ordaine and appointe this my last will and testament in manner and forme following/That is to say, first and principally I commend my soule to Almighty God hoping through the meritts death and passion of my saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiven of all my sinnes and inherite eternall life and my bodie I commit to the Earth to bee buried at the dispositon of such temporall estate as it hath pleased God to bestowe upon mee I give and dispose thereof as followes: And first I give and bequeath unto **my eldest sonne George Cooper** the best horse or mare I shall bee possessed of at the tyme of my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto **my sonne Humprey Cooper** the summe of ffifty poundes to bee paid him by my executrix here after named within one yeare nexte after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto **my daughter Elizabeth Cooper** the summe of threescore poundes to bee paid her by my executrix here after named within one year nexte after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto **my daughter Anne Shipley wife of John Shipley** one shilling. Item I give and bequeath unto **my loveing wife Elizabeth Cooper** my two farmes or liveings which I am possessed of within Shottle and hould by lease under the right honorable William Earle of Devonshire the one called the holly seales and the other called the neither farme for and during the remainder of the terme which I have therein if shee the said Elizabeth shall soe longe be. Item My will and mind is and I doe hereby give and bequeath unto **my sonne Thomas Cooper** from and after the decease of my said loveing wife Elizabeth Cooper the possession of my farme or tenement in Shottle aforesaid called holly seale and the remainder of the said terme therein if any shall bee after the decease of my said lo: wife. Item my will and mind is and I doe hereby give and bequeath unto **my sonne Samuell Cooper** from and after the decease of my lo: wife Eliz Cooper the passion of my farme or tenement in Shottle aforesd called neither farme. And the remainder of the said terme therein if any shall bee after the*

decease of my sd lo: wife. Item all the rest of my goodes chattels cattles and personal estate whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my said loveing wife Eliz: Cooper. And I doe hereby nominate and appointe the sd Eliz: Cooper my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills and testaments by mee heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the seaventh day of January in the three and thirtieth yeare of the raigne of his majestie that now is Anno Dom 1682.

Sealed signed published and declared by the within named Richard Cooper in the presence of John Slack George Somers Hen: Gladwin



The mark of Richard Cooper on his will



Inventory of Richard Cooper, 1686

A true and perfect inventory of all the goodes chattles and cattle of Richard Cooper of Shottle in the parrish of Duffield and County of Darby husbandman, deseased; taken seene veiwed and apprized, this 16 day of March Anno Dom 1686 by us whose names are under written.

Imprimus his purse and apparel – 05..00..00

All wooden ware in the house as a table, a lap board, a seat, dish boards, buffets, and chaires – 03..00..00

Item brass, and pewter – 06..15..00

In the parlor, a bed with furniture a table, a chest as – 05..05..00
In the chamber over the buttery, a bed with furniture, and other bedding – 08..10.00
A chest, 2 coffers, a box, a table leafe, shelves as – 01..10..00
In the chamber over the house 2 bedds, with furniture – 06..02..06
A chest and a coffer- 00..10..00
A bed, and too little coffers, in the box chambers 01..10..00
Cheese, bacn, and of victualing – 05..15..00
Too mares, too foales and one horse – 16..15..00
Nine kine and 3 heifers – 3..00..00
Too barren heifers more – 05..00..00
Foure oxen and five steeres – 41..00..00
Five stockes – 10..00..00
Five weaning calves – 06..00..00
Foure rearinge calves – 02..13..04
Sheepe, one hundred and too – 30..00..00
Piggs too – 01..08..06
The value of the holly seale farme with the corne upon the ground – 28..10..00
Hay, and corne in and about the barnes the possession chevin, and haslewood groundes with hay and corne in the barne, and sowed upon the groundes – 22..00..00
Hay and corne in the barnes there – 16..00..00
The husbandry ware and manure – 12..00..00tt
Ffire irons, pottware and all milking and brewing vessells – 01..01..06
For all other lumber, or for any thing unseene or forgotten – 01..10..00
Sum total 323..05..04

Tho. Goodwin

Will. Statham

Will Conlis

Richard Jackson

Richard and Elizabeth had the following children:

1. **Richard**, christened 1 August 1647 "of Shottle".
2. **Elizabeth**, buried 9 December 1652.
3. **George**, born about 1653; mentioned in father's will of 1682; married Deborah Zellars 26 May 1678 in Duffield.
- *4. **Anne**, married John Shipley 1 February 1672 in Duffield; mentioned in father's will of 1682.
5. **Humprey**, mentioned in father's will of 1682.
6. **Elizabeth**, born in 1660; mentioned in father's will of 1682; married Daniel Taylour 10 March 1695 in

Duffield.

5. **Thomas**, mentioned in father's will of 1682.

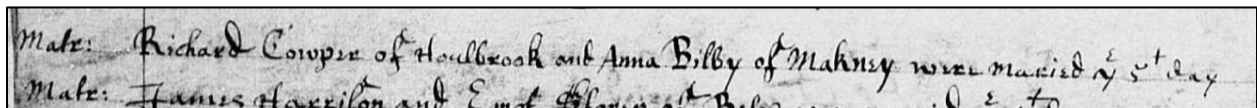
6. **Samuel**, married Elizabeth Stables 14 May 1689 in Duffield; mentioned in father's will of 1682.

7. **Henry**, buried 18 May 1669 in Duffield.

SOURCES: Duffield parish register, FHS# 56258; will of Richard Cooper of Shottle, 1682; on www.findmypast.co.uk; Duffield Manor Court records, 1650.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF RICHARD COWPER AND ANNA BILBY

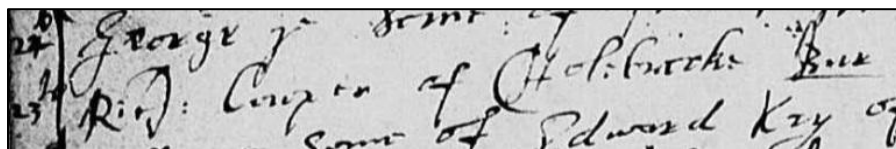
Richard Cowley "of Houlbrook" was born in about 1600, the son of Humphrey and Elizabeth Cowper of Shottle. He married Anna Bilby 5 November 1627 in Duffield.



Marriage record for Richard Cowper and Anna Bilby in Duffield:

"Matr: Richard Cowpre of Houlbrook and Anna Bilby of Makney were married ye 5th day"

Richard died and was buried 23 July 1670 in Duffield.



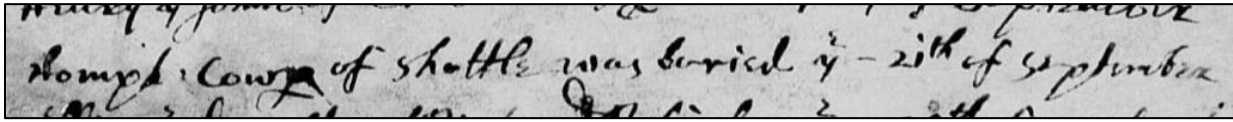
Burial record for Richard Cowper in Duffield:

"23d Ricd: Cowper of Holebrooke bur"

Richard and Anna had the following children:

*1. **Richard**, christened 12 May 1628 in Duffield; married Elizabeth; buried 8 March 1686 in Duffield.

Humphrey died and was buried 21 September 1649 in Duffield.



*Burial record for Humphrey Cowper in Duffield:
"Homph Cowper of Shottle was buried ye 21th of September"*

Humphrey and his wife had the following children:

1. **George**

2. **John**, married Ann Hayne 2 August 1632 in Duffield.

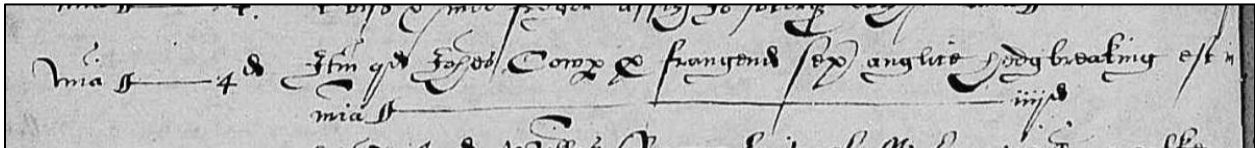
*3. **Richard**, born in about 1600 of Duffield; married Anna Bilby 5 November 1627 in Duffield; buried 23 July 1670 in Duffield.

Sources: Duffield parish register; Duffield Manor Court Records on www.familysearch.org.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN COWPER

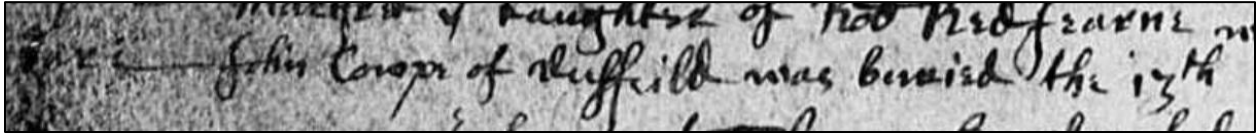
John Cowper was born in about 1540 of Duffield.

In 1604 John appeared in the Duffield Manor Court Records when he was fined four shillings for hedgebreaking. This was the cutting and taking of branches from a hedge, likely for fuel.



Duffield Manor Court Record, 1604

John died and was buried 13 May 1629 in Duffield.



*Burial record for John Cowper in Duffield:
"Bur - John Cowpr of Duffield was buried the 13th"*

John and his wife had the following children:

*1. **Humphrey**, born in about 1570 of Duffield; married Elizabeth; buried 21 September 1649 in Duffield.

Sources: Duffield parish register.

Earlier Cowper/Coopers in Duffield:

- **Robert Cooper** was an appraiser for the inventory of John Docsie of Duffield in 1562.
- **Robert Cowper** was an appraiser for the inventory of John Robynson of Duffield in 1580.
- **Robert Cowper** was an appraiser for the inventory of Nicholas Hall of Duffield in 1582.
- **William Cowper** of Holbrook was buried 8 December 1589 in Duffield.
- **William Cowper** was listed as a juror in Duffield Manor Court Records in 1598.
- **Robert Cowper** of Hyslewood and **Richard Cowper** of Makeney were listed as customary tenants in Duffield Manor Court Records in 1598.
- **William Cowper** and **Robert Cowper** were listed as customary tenants in Holbrook in Duffield Manor Court Records in 1604.
- **Elizabeth Cowper** of Duffield was buried 17 January 1605 in Duffield.
- **William Cowper** of Holbroke was buried 7 December 1605 in Duffield.
- **Elizabetha Cowper** of Duffield, widow, was buried 1 December 1607 in Duffield.
- **Joane** the wife of **Robert Cowper** was buried 27 April 1620 in Duffield.
- **Robert Cowper** was buried 21 September 1626 in Duffield.