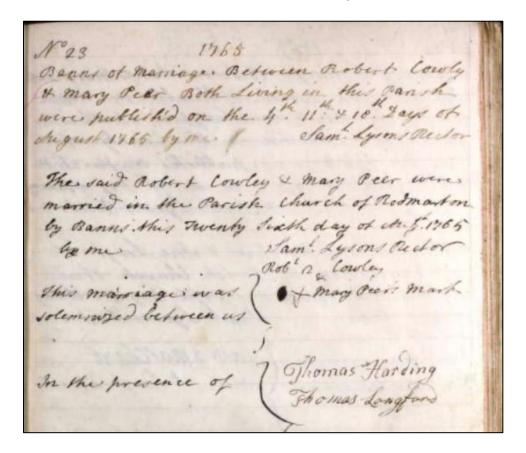
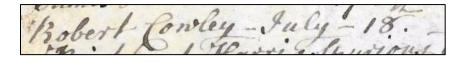
FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF ROBERT COWLEY AND MARY PEER

Robert Cowley was christened 24 November 1729 in Crudwell, Wiltshire, a parish about six miles from Coates, Gloucestershire, the son of John Cowley and Mary White. Robert married 1) Anne Stephens 20 December 1754 in Coates. Anne died and was buried 20 November 1761 in Coates. He married Mary Peer 26 August 1765, in Rodmarton, Gloucestershire, England. Mary was christened 12 October 1737 in Long Newnton, Wiltshire (about 4 miles from Rodmarton), the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Pere.



Marriage record for Robert Cowley and Mary Pear in Rodmarton

Robert died and was buried 18 July 1792 in Coates, Gloucestershire, about three miles from Rodmarton.



Death record for Robert Cowley in Coates

Mary died and was buried 8 February 1823 in Coates, aged 84 years.

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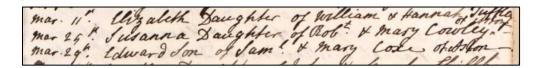
Death record for Mary Cowley in Coates

Robert and Anne had the following children:

- 1. Hannah, christened 2 October 1755 in Coates.
- 2. Sarah, christened 23 July 1758 in Coates.

Robert and Mary had the following children:

- 1. **John**, christened 26 January 1766 in Coates.
- 2. **Ann**, christened 6 December 1767 in Cherington, Gloucestershire "of Aston". Cherington is about five miles from Coates.
- *3. **Susannah**, christened 25 March 1770 in Cherington "*of Aston*"; married Thomas Merrick 25 December 1788 in Coates, Gloucestershire; buried 28 July 1826 in Tenbury, Worcestershire.



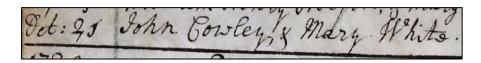
Baptism record for Susanna Cowley in Cherington

- 4. **Robert**, christened 16 February 1772 in Coates.
- 5. **Kezia**, christened 13 March 1774 in Coates; married John Smith 18 February 1798 in Coates.
- 6. **Thomas**, christened 2 June 1776 in Coates; soldier in the 3rd Foot Guards, wounded in the foot at the Battle of Talavera in the Napoleonic Wars in 1809, discharged after nine years, four months of service; occupation laborer.
- 7. **William**, christened 7 February 1779 in Coates; married Elizabeth; listed in the 1861 & 1871 censuses in Circncester, Gloucestershire.
- 8. Maria, christened 6 May 1784 in Coates; listed in the 1841 census in Coates.
- 9. John, christened 14 January 1787 in Coates.

SOURCE: John Meyrick's diary; Cherington parish register; Coates parish register on www.ancestry.co.uk; Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Register of Who Served in Canada, 1743 - 1882 on www.ancestry.co.uk.

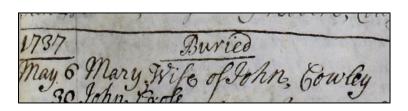
FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN COWLEY AND MARY WHITE

John Cowley was christened 26 December 1708 in Crudwell, the son of Robert Cowley and Elizabeth George. He married Mary White 25 October 1725 in Crudwell.



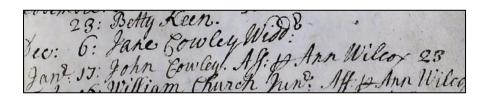
Marriage record for John Cowley and Mary White in Crudwell

Mary died and was buried 6 May 1737 in Crudwell, just four days after the birth of her last child, Hannah.



Burial record for Mary Cowley in Crudwell

John died and was buried five years later, 17 January 1742 in Crudwell.



Burial record for John Cowley in Crudwell: "Jan 17: John Cowley, aff: p Ann Wilcox"

John and Mary had the following children:

- 1. **Ann**, christened 28 July 1726 in Crudwell.
- *2. **Robert**, christened 24 November 1729 in Crudwell; married 1) Anne Stephens 20 December 1754 in Coates, Gloucestershire, 2) Mary Peere 26 August 1765 in Rodmarton, Gloucestershire.

Christening record for Robert Cowley in Crudwell: "Nov: 24, Robert, son of John & Mary Cowley"

- 3. Mary, christened 23 July 1732 in Crudwell.
- 4. John, christened 29 September 1734 in Crudwell.
- 5. Hannah, christened 2 May 1737 in Crudwell.

SOURCES: Crudwell parish register; Rodmarton parish register; www.ancestry.co.uk.

There were two John Cowleys christened in Crudwell parish who were of an age to be married in 1725. They were:

- John, christened 13 October 1700 in Crudwell, "ye reputed" son of John Cowley (brother of Robert Cowley) and Jane Blunsen. John Cowley and Jane Blunsen married later in Crudwell 18 May 1702, but had no other children christened in Crudwell. If this is our John Cowley, he would have been 25 years old at the time of his marriage to Mary White.
- **John**, christened 26 December 1708 in Crudwell, the son of **Robert Cowley and Elizabeth George**. If this is our John Cowley, he would have been 17 years old at the time of his marriage to Mary White. Robert and Elizabeth married 19 January 1700 in Crudwell, and had the following children:
 - o Mary, buried 13 May 1701 in Crudwell.
 - o Anne, christened 12 September 1702 in Crudwell.
 - o William, christened 2 February 1703 in Crudwell.
 - o **Beata**, christened 9 November 1706 in Crudwell.
 - *John, christened 26 December 1708 in Crudwell.
 - o George, christened 18 May 1712 in Crudwell.
 - o **Edward**, christened 8 October 1714 in Crudwell.
 - o Anna, christened 8 March 1715 in Crudwell; buried 24 January 1736 in Crudwell.
 - o **Robert**, christened 4 March 1717 in Crudwell.
 - o **Thomas**, christened 16 September 1723 in Crudwell.

Either John Cowley could be ours, so research was done on Mary White, his wife, to see if that would give clues to his age at marriage. Two Mary Whites were christened in Crudwell - Mary christened 1694 whose parents were Richard and Mary White, and Mary christened 1693 whose parents were John and Ruth White. Both would have been older than John (1700) - six or seven years older. Research into Crudwell wills show that neither one was our Mary White, who died in 1737. Richard White's widow Mary of Crudwell left a will dated 1745, and mentioned her married daughter Mary Evans. John White of

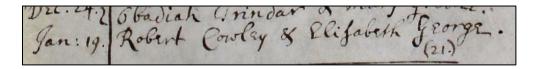
Crudwell left a will dated 1740 and mentioned his married daughter Mary Cross. So both possible Marys in Crudwell are eliminated.

A search of neighboring parishes shows only one good possibility - Mary White, christened 12 December 1708 in Kemble, daughter of Ruth White. Kemble is a parish about four miles northeast of Crudwell. It is a market town. This would make Mary White the same age as John, the son of Robert White. Both would have been seventeen years old at the time of their marriage.

John, the son of Robert Cowley, christened in 1708 is the most likely candidate for our John Cowley. He and Mary were both young and of a similar age. Also, John's firstborn son was named Robert (probably for his father). It seems most likely that John Cowley was the son of Robert Cowley and Elizabeth George.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF ROBERT COWLEY AND ELIZABETH GEORGE

Robert Cowley was christened 15 June 1673 in Somerford Keynes, Wiltshire, the son of William and Jane Cowley. Somerford Keynes is a parish about five miles from Crudwell. Robert married Elizabeth George 19 January 1701 in Crudwell. Elizabeth was likely the daughter of John George of Crudwell.



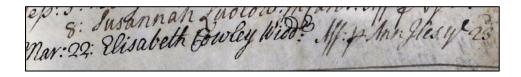
Marriage record for Robert Cowley and Elizabeth George in Crudwell

Robert Cowley senior died and was buried 27 April 1740 in Crudwell.



Burial record for Robert Cowley and his son Thomas in Crudwell

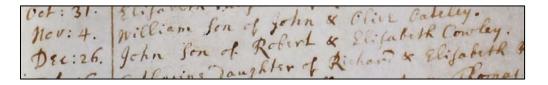
Elizabeth died as a widow and was buried 22 March 1746 in Crudwell.



Burial record for Elizabeth Cowley, widow in Crudwell

Robert and Elizabeth had the following children:

- 1. Mary, buried 13 May 1701 in Crudwell.
- 2. Anne, christened 12 September 1702 in Crudwell.
- 3. William, christened 2 February 1703 in Crudwell.
- 4. Beata, christened 9 November 1706 in Crudwell.
- * 5. **John**, christened 26 December 1708 in Crudwell.



Baptism record for John Cowley in Crudwell: "Dec: 26 John son of Robert 7 Elisabeth Cowley"

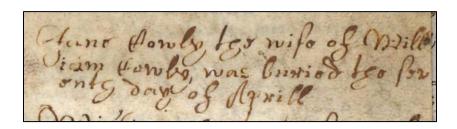
- 6. George, christened 18 May 1712 in Crudwell.
- 7. Edward, christened 8 October 1714 in Crudwell.
- 8. Anna, christened 8 March 1715 in Crudwell; buried 24 January 1736 in Crudwell.
- 9. Robert, christened 4 March 1717 in Crudwell.
- 10. **Thomas**, christened 16 September 1723 in Crudwell; buried 27 April 1740 in Crudwell, the same day his father was buried.

SOURCES: Crudwell parish register.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM AND JANE COWLEY

William Cowley was christened 28 January 1645 in Ashton Keynes, the son of William and Martha Cowley. Ashton Keynes is a parish about two miles from Somerford Keynes. William married Jane. William worked as a labourer.

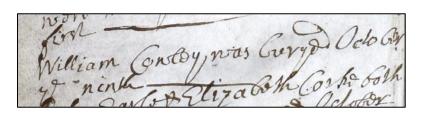
Jane died and was buried 17 April 1678 in Somerford Keynes.



Burial record for Jane Cowley in Somerford Keynes:
"Jane Cowly the wife of William Cowly was buried the seventh daye of Aprill"

William was married again to Anne.

Anne died and was buried 13 March 1724 in Somerford Keynes. William died and was buried 9 October 1731 in Somerford Keynes.



Burial record for William Cowley in Somerford Keynes:
"William Cowley was buryed October ye ninth"

William and Jane had the following children:

- 1. Jane, christened 1 March 1667 in Somerford Keynes.
- 2. William, christened 11 December 1670 in Somerford Keynes.
- *3. Robert, christened 15 June 1673 in Somerford Keynes.
- 4. **John**, christened 27 August 1676 in Somerford Keynes; married Jane Blunsen 18 May 1702 in Crudwell.

William and Anne had the following children:

- 5. **Mary**, christened 27 January 1680/1 in Somerford Keynes; buried 6 February 1682/3 in Somerford Keynes.
- 6. **Isaac**, christened 21 November 1682 in Somerford Keynes; buried 26 November 1682 in Somerford Keynes.
- 7. Martha, christened 21 March 1685 in Somerford Keynes.
- 8. Richard, christened 20 January 1688 in Somerford Keynes.
- 9. Ane, christened 13 April 1691 in Somerford Keynes.
- 10. Beata, christened 20 March 1698 in Somerford Keynes; buried 15 August 1703 in Somerford Keynes.
- 11. Mary, christened 14 December 1700 in Somerford Keynes.
- 12. Elizabeth, buried 10 October 1702 in Somerford Keynes.

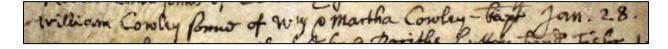
SOURCES: Somerford Keynes parish register; www.ancestry.co.uk; Ashton Keynes parish register, www.findmypast.co.uk..

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM AND MARTHA COWLEY

William Cowley was christened 14 June 1619 in Ashton Keynes, the son of Richard and Elizabeth Cowly. William married Martha.

William and Martha had the following children:

- 1. Isaac, christened 6 July 1644 in Ashton Keynes.
- *2. **William**, christened 28 January 1645 in Ashton Keynes; married 1) Jane; married 2) Anne; buried 17 April 1678 in Somerford Keynes.



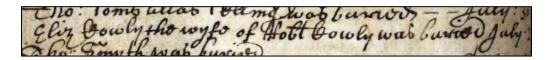
Baptism record for William Cowley in Ashton Keynes: "William Cowley sonne of Wm & Martha Cowley - bapt Jan. 28"

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF ROBERT AND ELIZABETH COWLY

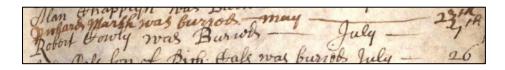
Robert was born in about 1590 of Ashton Keynes. He married Elizabeth.

Elizabeth died and was buried 25 July 1652 in Ashton Keynes.



Burial record for Elizabeth Cowly in Ashton Keynes: "Eliz Cowly the wyfe of Robt Cowly was buried July"

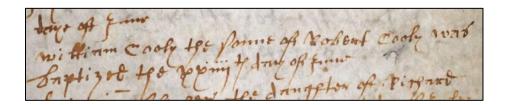
Robert died and was buried 7 July 1661 in Ashton Keynes.



Burial record for Robert Cowly in Ashton Keynes: "Robert Cowly was buried - July - 7th"

Robert and Elizabeth had the following children:

- 1. Jane, christened 15 March 1618 in Ashton Keynes; buried 22 March 1618.
- *2. William, christened 14 June 1619 in Ashton Keynes; married Martha.



Baptism record of William Cowley in Ashton Keynes:

"William Cooly the sonne of Robert Cooly was baptized the xxiiij day of June"

SOURCES: Ashton Keynes parish register, www.findmypast.co.uk.