

First World War Service Record of Charles Selwyn Cowley

The following is from the National Archives WO 339/9335

AGG/7 (R. Records (A)).

24 SEP 1930

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter of 13th September, I am directed to inform you that the Department has a record of a Lieutenant Charles Selwyn Cowley, Northamptonshire Regiment, who was reported killed in action in France and Flanders on 9th May, 1915.

I am to state that if it is desired to obtain a certificate in respect of the death of this officer, application should be made to the Registrar-General, General Register Office, Somerset House, London, W.C.2

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) W. C. SANSOM,

Yours faithfully,

Messrs. Skipper & Co.,
Solicitors,
Warwick House,
8, Warwick Court,
Gray's Inn,
W.C.1.

Register No.

19410/5

Minute Sheet No.

Lieut. C.S. Cowley,

Northamptonshire Regiment.

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L.Q.

"Killed in action"

Next of kin:-

J.S. Cowley Esq, (Father)
Willow Bank,
Upton on Severn.

M.S.3. Cas.,

26th May, 1915.

Attn: Mr. C. S. Cowley

*Effects at Cor's
10836.*

Send form 61 to Cor's Co. & circulate for

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*Send forms 126 + 126a to father
2/6/15.
H. F.*

*9mms
4/6*

*Auth Cor to despatch effects + acc
9/6/15
H. F.*

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Certificate of Birth.

Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Acts, 1836 to 1874.

Superintendent Registrar's District Upton-on-Severn

1893. BIRTH in the Sub-District of Upton-on-Severn in the County of Worcestershire

Column.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	When and where Born.	NAME (if any).	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.
343.	<u>sixth October</u> <u>1893</u> <u>Willow Bank</u> <u>Upton-on-Severn</u> <u>R. S. D.</u>	<u>Charles</u> <u>Selwyn</u>	<u>Boy</u>	<u>John Selwyn</u> <u>Bowley</u>	<u>Lilian Fuller</u> <u>Bowley</u> <u>formerly</u> <u>Fuller</u>	<u>Surgeon</u>	<u>J. Selwyn bowley</u> <u>Father</u> <u>Willow Bank</u> <u>Upton-on-Severn</u>	<u>1893</u>

3. George Henry Thomas Foster Superintendent Registrar for the District of Upton-on-Severn in the County of Worcestershire do hereby Certify that this is a true Copy of the Entry No. 343 in the Register Book of Births No. 20 for the above-named Sub-District, and that such Register Book is not

Witness my Hand this fourth day of October 1911.

Certificate of Birth.

Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Acts, 1836 to 1874.

Superintendent Registrar's District Upton-on-Severn

1893. BIRTH in the Sub-District of Upton-on-Severn in the County of Worcestershire

Column.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where Born.	NAME (if any).	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature Registrar
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JUNE JULY, 1912.

FORM OF PARTICULARS.

N.B.—Candidates must fill up this form carefully and send it to the SECRETARY, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, for transmission, in the case of successful Candidates, to the War Office.

Examination for Admission to the Royal Military Academy, or the Royal Military College.

1. Name of Candidate in full *Charles S. Selwyn Cowley*
2. Date and place of Birth *6th Oct. 1893. Upton-on-Swern*
(A Certificate of Birth to be attached. If one has been previously forwarded, state on what occasion and where sent.)
3. Whether of pure European descent *Yes.*
4. Permanent Address *Willow Bank. Upton-on-Swern*
5. (a) Name of Father in full *John Selwyn Cowley*
(b) Position in Life *Retired Surgeon & JP for County of Wiltshire*
(c) Whether of English, Scottish, or Irish family *English.*
6. Is the Candidate in the Special Reserve, Militia or Territorial Force? If so, state Regiment *No.*
(Recommendation to be forwarded from the Officer Commanding the unit.)
7. Is the Candidate, or has he been, a member of the Officers' Training Corps? If so, state:—
(a) Contingent *Malvern College*
(b) Rank *Private.*
(c) If left, date of leaving *July 1910.*
(d) Whether in possession of Certificate A *No.*
8. Has the Candidate been in any other branch of the Public Service? *No.*
9. Has the Candidate attended any previous examination for admission to the Royal Military Academy or Royal Military College, or for appointment to a Commission in the Army? If so, state the date or dates *No.*
10. Name and address of the person in the United Kingdom responsible for the Candidate's contribution in the event of his being admitted to the Royal Military Academy, or the Royal Military College *J. S. Cowley.
Willow Bank
Upton-on-Swern*

School, College, or other place of education of Candidate.	The columns to be filled in for the four years preceding the date of applying for examination.	
	From	To
<i>J. P. Healy, Esq. St. Cuthberts Malvern Lute.</i>	<i>May 1906</i>	<i>May 1908</i>
<i>Malvern College</i>	<i>1908 (May)</i>	<i>1910 (July)</i>
<i>H. Macdonald Esq. Dinan France. Bilpex.</i>	<i>Sept 1910</i>	<i>Dec. 1911.</i>
<i>J. D. Cowles Esq. Manor House Felixstowe</i>	<i>Jan. 1912</i>	<i>—</i>

Charles S. Cowley

Signature of Candidate

J. Selwyn Cowley

Signature of Parent or Guardian


Date *April 9th 1912.*

** Every question must be answered in words, not by strokes, dots, or other marks.

Attention is drawn to the Form on the third page.

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Ao
Prefix _____ Code _____ (Inland Official)  TELEGRAPHS.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. Sent
O. H. M. S. At _____ M.
To _____
By _____
No. of Telegram _____
I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the **WAR OFFICE.**
(Signature) *W. G. C. [illegible]*

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO { *J S Cowley Willow Bank*
Upton on Severn

Deeply	Regret	to	inform	you	that
<i>Lieut V S Cowley Northampton Regiment previously reported</i>					
<i>missing believed wounded now reported killed in action</i>					
<i>Lord Kitchener expresses his sympathy.</i>					

FROM { Secretary, War Office.

Name and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the space provided at the Back of the Form.

I, John Selwyn Bowley
 declare that Lieut. C. S. Bowley
 of the 1st Northampton^{2d} Regiment
killed as we were informed by the War Office
 who died on the ninth day of May

1915

If no Will was left
 insert "no" before
 "Will," and strike out
 the words in brackets.
 Any Will which it is
 not intended to prove
 should be forwarded
 for inspection.

left no Will [~~which it is not intended to prove~~], and that Letters of
 Administration of this Estate or Confirmation have not been, and are not
 intended to be, taken out.

The only near relations left by the said

were as follows:—

Relationship	Names in full	Addresses in full
Widow <u>no</u>		
Children <u>none</u>		Age
Other relations		
<u>Father</u>	<u>John Selwyn Bowley 68</u>	<u>Willow Bank</u> <u>Apton n Severn</u>
<u>Mother</u>	<u>Lilian Fuller Bowley 57</u>	

The said

Lieut. C. S. Bowley

was born at

Apton n Severn

John Selwyn Bowley Signature of the Applicant.

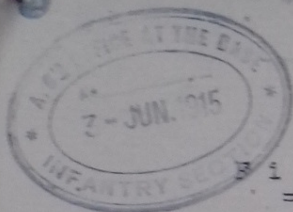
CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that the above Statement made by John Selwyn Bowley
 signed in my presence is complete and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

dated at Apton n Severn this 26th day of August 1915

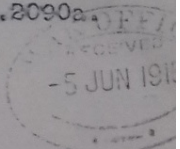
Signature of Minister
 of Magistrate }

Qualification J. P. County of Worcester
 Address The Priory, Hamley Castle



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Army Form B.2090a



Field Service

Report of Death of an OFFICER to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B.215 or Army Form A.36 or from other official documentary sources.

Unit) 1ST.BATTALION NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT.

Rank) LIEUTENANT.

Name) C. S. COWLEY.

DIED { By whom reported O.C.1ST.BN.NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT.
Date of Death 9/5/1915.
Place or hospital IN THE FIELD.
Cause of death KILLED IN ACTION.
Place of burial NOT KNOWN.

State whether he leaves a will or not } NOT KNOWN.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

O.C. Sherwood

CAPTAIN, FOR

Lieut Colonel

Officer i/c Inftry Section

Adjutant General's Office at the Base

General Headquarters, 3rd. Echelon.

Date)