## **FAWLEY, Francis (Frank) William Buckley**

Frank Fawley was born in 1854, the son of William Buckley & Rosina Harriet Town (nee Fowler) Fawley, at St George Hanover Square, Middlesex, England.

In 1871 he was residing with his parents at Hornsey, Middlesex, and working as a printer’s apprentice.

On 25th December 1875 he married Mary Grimsley at St. Andrew’s, Holborn, Middlesex. He was then working as a printer, and his father was an editor. Mary, widow, with no occupation, was the daughter of Thomas Rose, waiter. There does not appear to be any child from the marriage.

He sailed to Australia in mid-1887, on board the ship *Panmure*, with his wife Mary and Emily Fawley (perhaps his sister Alice Emily Ann Fawley, born 1857).

Unfortunately his wife died latitude 16.34 South 34.7 West (near Brazil) on 19th June 1887.

He and Emily arrived in Sydney, N.S.W., on 10th August 1887.

On 20th April 1889 he married Mary Reed in Sydney, N.S.W.

Mary was born in 1855 at Winteringham, Lincolnshire, England. **1**

The only child of the marriage, Rosina Mary Buckley (Rosie), was born in 22nd March 1890 but died on 15th November 1890, aged 7 months & 24 days, of convulsions, at Wigram-street, Harris Park. The child had been baptised at St. John’s Church of England, Parramatta. She is buried at Mays Hill Cemetery, Parramatta, along with, in due course, her father and his father-in-law, Solomon Reed.**2**

In 1897 Frank was operating FAWLEY’S Central Cash Stores, Church-street, Parramatta, selling ‘Groceries, Provisions, Produce, Crockery, Glassware, Ironmongery, Paints, Oils, etc., etc., delivered Weekly to all parts of the district.’**3**

In May 1899 he open the Blue Store, Cheltenham, as a Branch Cash Produce Store. In January 1900 Mr. Fawley’s produce and grocery store was broken into and robbed.**4**

In March 1900 he was advertising imported tinned fish for sale at his stores in Parramatta and Cheltenham, with cart deliveries to a wide area.**5**

In June 1900 Frank Fawley was having a general store built at Epping, a wooden structure with iron roof, the dimensions being 26ft. x 30ft.**6**

By April 1901 he was in financial difficulties, and his assigned estate, trading as F. Fawley, Grocer etc., Parramatta, was tendered off. There was a dividend at the rate of Eleven Shillings (11/-) in the £1 in the Estate.**7**

However he managed to retain his Parramatta business, although this time in the name of his wife Mary. In November 1902 Fawley, draper, of Church-street, Parramatta, advertised for a boy, used to horses. In September 1905 Fawley advertised for a boy for groceries, indoors. In April 1908 Fawley advertised bags of flour for sale.**8**

In September 1908 the business was in financial difficulties and claims against the assigned estate of Mrs. Mary Fawley, Grocer, Church-street, Parramatta, were called in by the appointed accountant. This may have been the end of Fawley’s Parramatta store.**9**

In 1916 Frank Fawley was living at 14 Malakoff-street, Marrickville.**10**

Frank Fawley died in February 1928.

His obituary reads as follows:

‘The late Mr. Frederick [sic] William Buckley Fawley, who died at his residence, Napier-street, Parramatta South, on Saturday, in his 74th year, will be remembered by old residents as a prominent business man of Parramatta upwards of 20 years ago. He was for 14 years a grocer In Church-street South, where he purchased the late Mr. Budd's business, a few doors below what is now the Railway Hotel. The late Mr. Fawley was a printer, and arrived in this State in 1887, the year of Queen Victoria's jubilee. He was a Londoner, and was accompanied on the trip out (in a sailing ship) by his wife. On the long journey his wife died, and was buried at sea. Mr. Fawley came to Parramatta soon after his arrival in Sydney, and entered into partnership with two others (Messrs. Dunshea and Schwartz Koff) as proprietors of the Parramatta "Morning Post," a publication that only survived a year or two. The printing office was situated in George-street on the site now known as the National Institute Rooms. Mr. Fawley afterwards joined the staff of the "Cumberland Mercury," owned and conducted by the late Mr. Cyrus Edgar Fuller, and which was eventually absorbed by the "Cumberland Argus" proprietary, as foreman of the composing department. Mr. Fawley continued In the Argus service until 1894, during which time trouble arose over the question of pay. The Typographical Union of Sydney stepped in, and as satisfactory terms could not be arranged between employer and employees, the union had declared a strike. About a dozen men, including Mr. Fawley (who was the father of the chapel) came out. Mr. Fawley then decided to sever his connection with printing trade, and, as previously mentioned, he was for 14 years engaged in a grocery business. After disposing of the business to Mr. W. Wood, he entered the Government Printing Office, after a year or two spent in the employ of private firms in Sydney. Most of this time he resided at Marrickville. He was for 11 years at the Government Printing Office, and retired about eight years ago. Three years ago he and his wife took a trip to England. He was married to his second wife, Miss Mary Reed, at St. Clement's Church, Sydney, 38 years ago. An infant daughter died during the couple's residence at Harris Park. Deceased's funeral took place on Monday morning, moving from his late residence to the Western-road cemetery, where the Rev. J. P. Owen officiated.’**11**

In March 1931 his land - lot 973, D.P. 2475, Seventh-avenue, Hoxton Park, 3 acres – under instruction from The Public Trustee on behalf of the Nepean Shire, was sold for default of overdue rates, £1 13s. 3d.**12**

On 27th June 1937, at her residence, corner of Steel and Napier streets. Parramatta. Mary, widow of late F. W. B. Fawley, died aged 82 years.

Her obituary reads as follows:

‘Mrs. Mary Fawley (82), relict of the late Mr. F. W. Fawley, of Parramatta, died at her residence, Steel-street, Parramatta, on Sunday. Deceased, who was born at Winteringham, England, had resided in New South Wales for 50 years, and was married in Sydney. A brother of deceased is Mr. A. Reed (Parramatta) and a sister is Mrs. Grimsby. Mr. and Mrs. Fawley conducted a grocery business in Church-street, South Parramatta, prior to retirement more than 20 years ago. The interment took place at the Western-road Cemetery (after service at the house) on Monday afternoon, Rev. Alan Setchell officiating. Charles Innes and Son, Parramatta, were the conductors.’**13**

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