

FREDERICK OLIVER JONES ONGLEY.

Born 16th November 1862: Died 1936.

Frederick Oliver Jones Ongley was born on the 16th November 1862 at Patras, the twelfth child of Lucy and Henry Sarell Ongley. Henry Sarell Ongley was the British Consul to the Morea and resided at Patras in the Peloponnese.

After his father retired in 1874, Frederick was briefly educated as a Royal Naval Cadet, no doubt in part because of the influence of his brother-in-law Francis Stafford O'Brien. But in 1879 he became a clerk to the Cyprus High Court of Justice and the Commissioners Office. Other members of Frederick's family were also living in Cyprus at this time and continued to do so for many years.

His career progressed as he became a chief secretary in 1884, and then an auditor in 1886 and became a receiver-general in 1886 also. At the same time his Turkish was such that he passed the higher standard Turkish exam and became a translator to the High Commissioner in 1889.

In 1890 Frederick became the accountant to the Imperial Bank of Persia and in the same year he also became the Chief Clerk to the Customs.

In 1892, Frederick translated the Ottoman Land Code and became an assistant to the Director of Surveys and Principle Foreign Officer.

In 1893 Frederick became the Agricultural Commissioner and then in 1898 he also became the local commandant and coroner for Kyrenia. He had also become the agricultural assistant to the local commandant at Nicosia in 1897.

In 1899 Frederick became the Agricultural Regulator General and on 19th June 1910 he became the Registrar General for the whole of Cyprus.

Frederick was attached to the Balfour Commission on the Jewish Homeland and became the Director of land registries in Palestine from the 29th January 1921.

During time Frederick married Ethel May Bennett the daughter of Walter and Luisa Radford, who had previously been married to Noel Bennett. They had one son Peter who was born in 1919.

In the Twenties, Frederick and Ethel moved to London and the family took the house at 33 Scarsdale Villas, and lived there for the rest of the Twenties and the Thirties.

In 1926 Frederick managed to re-establish contact with his elder brother Charles Jonathan Sarell Ongley was in South Africa, and corresponded with him and his niece Irene, before Charles's death in 1934.

Frederick's wife Ethel died in 1931 and five years later Frederick passed away in 1936.