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DICK'S FAMILY HISTORY

DICK'S GENEALOGY PROJECT UPDATES: 2020

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Johnson-Moseley family updates

My French Connection: my French relatives

In my most recent post, "We were never Moseleys", I mentioned that I had discovered that my great-great-grandmother Emma Wilkins left England, where she was born, and moved to France, where she married a Frenchman, Auguste Bodet, in 1870. That led me to my next area of research: to see if I could find out what happened to Emma and her French children. I also wondered if I have any distant cousins in France today.

Emma Wilkins was the mother of William Moseley, my great-grandfather.

Here is a summary of what I have learned so far about Emma Wilkins Bodet.

Emma and Auguste were married July 4, 1870, in Vernantes, France, just North of Saumur, where Emma was living and working as a teacher. Auguste was working as a valet in the same region. Saumur is a town in the Maine-et-Loire area in Western France.

Emma and Auguste had three daughters, Marie Irma, Marguerite Jeanne, and Augustine Marguerite Marie.



Saumur, France

We were never Moseleys: who was my Moseley great-grandmother?

Early this year I was contacted by Noreen, a second cousin, about the Moseley family history. Noreen had recently found Moseley family records that her grandmother Dorothy had accumulated years earlier.

The records prove that the mother of my great-grandfather William Moseley was Emma Wilkins and that William was born out of wedlock. He was apparently “adopted” into the Moseley family by his grandmother Mary Glover Moseley and her second husband, Henry Hawkins Moseley.

(Printed by authority of the Registrar General.)

CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF BIRTH CG 7468

Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953

1863. Birth in the Sub-district of Handsworth, in the County of Stafford										
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father	Name, surname and new (for purpose of mother)	Occupation of father	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of Registrar	Name entered after registration
461	Fourth December 1862 Summer Row.	William	Boy		Emma Wilkins		E. Wilkins, Mother. Summer Row, Handsworth.	Fourth January 1863	William Downes	

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody

*See note overleaf.

CAUTION:—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.

G. S. Keating
Superintendent Registrar
13/8/174 Date

By Henry Moseley & Mary Ann Wilkins,
Sister of Emma who was un-wed and William's mother.

William J Moseley Birth Certificate 1862

Where the Burns came from in Ireland: where are the Irish roots?

In December I was contacted by a distant cousin Sarah who happened to have found a record of the birth of my great-grandmother Catherine Burns in Ireland. She was born in 1865 in Castledermot, County Kil-

dare, Ireland.

Name: Catherine Byrne

Gender: Female

Birth Date: 29 Jul 1865

Birth Place: Castledermot, Kildare,
Ireland

Father: Michael Byrne

Mother: Anne Moran

FHL Film Number: 101112

Catherine Byrne birth record



Castledermot, Kildare, Ireland

◀ 2021 ◀ AUGUSTE BODET ◀ BURNS ◀ BYRNE ◀ CASTLEDERMOT ◀ CATHERINE BYRNE ◀ COUNTY KILDARE
◀ EMMA WILKINS ◀ FRANCE ◀ IRELAND ◀ MOSELEY ◀ SAUMUR ◀ WILKINS ◀ WILLIAM MOSELEY