

News from Nan

DICK'S FAMILY HISTORY

WE WERE NEVER MOSELEYS

MAY 18, 2020 | DICK

(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

Registration District <u>Handsworth</u>										
1863. Birth in the Sub-district of <u>Handsworth</u> in the County of <u>Stafford</u>										
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden name 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. J. Keating
Superintendent Registrar
13/8/74 Date

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

William J Moseley Birth Certificate 1862

I have been researching my family history since the 1980s, and one big mystery I have struggled with for most of that time was “who were my great-grandfather William Moseley’s parents?”. William was the grandfather of my mother, Lillian Moseley. No matter how hard I searched I could never find any proof of who William’s parents were.

Early this year (2020), 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.

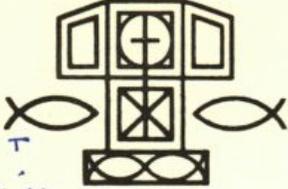
Among Dorothy’s records were two that were very interesting to me. One was a copy of a birth record for William Moseley (see above) that clearly states that Emma Wilkins was his mother, but makes no mention of his father. Another is a record of William’s adult baptism into the Catholic church (see below) that also states that his mother was Emma Wilkins.

In summary: William was apparently born out of wedlock in 1862, and I have so far not found any information about who his father was. He was apparently “adopted” into the Moseley family by his grand-

mother Mary Glover Moseley and her second husband, Henry Hawkins Moseley. (In the 1871 British Census, William is listed as the grandson of Henry and Mary).

Certificate of Baptism

THIS IS
UNTRUE
THE PRIEST
JUST PUT IN
HENRY'S
NAME SO
HE WOULD
NOT KNOW -



ST. MARY'S CHURCH
15 Clark Street
Auburn, New York 13021

his FATHER WAS
UNKNOWN

*** This is to Certify ***

That William Moseley

Child of Henry Moseley

and Emma Wilkins

born in _____

on the 4th day of December 1862

*** Was Baptized ***

on the 4th day of February 1890

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

by the Rev. James Dougherty

the Sponsors being James Dougherty

and Anna Burns as appears

from the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Dated October 17, 1973

James D. Puffery Pastor.

William J Moseley adult Baptism, 1890

Emma moved to France (perhaps to teach?) and later married Auguste Bodet in 1870 at Vernantes, Maine-et-Loire, Pays de la Loire (near Saumur, the town where she had been living). Emma apparently lived in France the rest of her life. Emma and Auguste had three daughters, Marie, Marguerite, and Au-

gustine. I don't know for sure, but it is possible I have Bodet cousins living in France to this very day. Searching for them will be one of my next mysteries to solve.



Emma Wilkins, my 2nd-great grandmother (her birth date was 6 Sept 1841)

◀ 2020 ◀ AUGUSTE BODET ◀ EMMA WILKINS ◀ FRANCE ◀ VERNANTE ◀ WILLIAM MOSELEY