

by Carribel Eck Carter

For many years it was my great pleasure to receive bantering, lively and gay, but very informative, letters from a gentleman in Pennsylvania who called himself Franklin Moseley, much to the dismay of all of those interested in the Moseley lines. Nevertheless, he was a descendant of William Moseley, a wool merchant who came to America from Holland in 1649 and brought with him his two sons, William and Arthur, his wife, Susanna Burnett Blakemore Moseley, and her daughter by her first marriage, "Corky" Blakemore.

Mr. Moseley's files on Moseleys all over America were so extensive that the Latter Day Saints of Salt Lake City microfilmed them, and he could reach into his cards and tell me, at a minute's notice, all about the ancestors of any Moseley who happened to be mentioned in an Arkansas paper. When he died in the spring of 1961 I felt that I had lost an old friend, though I had never seen him.

It was he who put me in touch with Mr. G. Andrew Moriarty of Ogunquit, Maine, who happens to be an authority on English heraldry. Mr. Moriarty is also descended from Wm. Moseley and has taken the time to write articles on his ancestry for the New England Genealogist and Historical Register. But Mr. Moriarty is modest about his own ancestry back to William. It was Mr. Moseley who told me that Capt. Joseph Moseley of Princess Anne Co., Va., took command of a ship out of Elizabeth City, N.C., and frequently called at Salem, Mass. Later he was in command of the famous Grand Turk and he carried Benjamin Franklin to France during the Revolution. A print of the Grand Turk can be found on some of the bottles of Old Spice shaving products. Capt. Joseph Moseley married a lady in Salem, Mass., and has some descendants still living in New England, of which Mr. Moriarty is one.

But these people are the descendants of William, the elder son of the immigrant wool merchant, and I have not studied those lines, as I have those descending from Arthur, the younger son, who was my mother's ancestor. Going back into England where the elder William Moseley was supposed to have been, at one time, an officer in the Army of Charles I, this line reads:

20. John Mosely (the name means "mossy meadow") who lived in the 15th century in Whittington, Staffordshire, England, and married Agnes Longmere.
19. Nicholas Moseley m. Eliz. Harecourt
18. Humphrey Moseley m. Margaret Hughman, dau. of Sir Clement Hughman of Ousden, Suffolk. He died in 1592.
17. William Moseley, b. 1562 in London, d. 1642 at Carburton, Notts., m. Dorothy Helms of Burford, Oxfordshire, and was a prosperous cloth merchant, as was his son.
16. William Moseley, b 1595 at Staffordshire, England; d. 1655 in Va.; m. as her 2nd husband, Susanna Burnet Blackmore ( or Blake-more), dau. of Ralph Burnett, a London draper. She died in Va. in 1655

- 15. Arthur Moseley, b. ca. 1639 in Rotterdam, Holland, d. 1702 in Lower Norfolk Co., Va.; m. (2nd) Joan Hancock.
- 14. Arthur Moseley, b. ca. 1660 in Lower Norfolk Co., Va.; d. 1730 in Henrico Co., Va.; m. (1st) Sarah Hancock, dau. of Robert Hancock and wife, Loan Ligon.
- 13. Arthur Moseley, b. ca. 1690, d. 1734; m. Martha Cocke, dau. of John Cocke and his wife, Obedience Branch.
- 12. William Moseley, b. 1730 in Henrico Co., Va.; d. 1763; m. 1755 in Cumberland Co., Va., Mary Watkins, dau. of John Watkins and his wife, Phoebe Hancock.
- 11. William Moseley, b. May 18, 1759; d. May 1816 in Powhatan, Va.; m. 1788 in Amelia Co., Va., Rebecca Clarke Townes, b. May 18, 1765; d. Aug. 21, 1846, dau. of John Townes and his wife Martha Allen of New Kent Co., Va.
- 10. Wm. Armistead Moseley, b. June 17, 1801 in Powhatan Co., Va.; d. Dec. 18, 1883 in Kemper Co., Miss.; m. July 23, 1830 Eliza Fowler Mitchell, b. July 20, 1811 in Scotland; d. Dec. 16, 1889 in Kemper Co., Miss., dau. of Dr. William Mitchell and his wife, Elis. Fowler of Scotland.

9. Isabella Montague Moseley, b. Nov. 26, 1839 in Kemper Co., Miss.; d. Feb. 26, 1914 at Idabel, Okla.; m. June 7, 1860 Napoleon Patterson Perrin, b. 1837 in Abbeville Dist., S.C.; d. 1908 at Horatio, Ark. Both are buried in Clear Creek Cemetery near Horatio (Sevier Co.), Ark.

8. Mary Katherine Perrin, b. Mar. 14, 1882 at Horatio, Ark.; d. Feb. 28, 1963 at Fayetteville, Ark.; m. May 17, 1904 in Sevier Co., Ark. John Leuthauld Eck, son of Dr. Joseph Eck and his wife, Mary Creamer. John Eck was born Apr. 16, 1878 in Norwoodville, Ark., and died Mar. 19, 1952 at Seminole, Okla. Buried at Mena, Ark.

7. (Cousin) Carriabel Eck, b. Feb. 22, 1905 at Horatio, Ark.; m. Mar. 30, 1934 at Mena, Ark. to David Ralph Carter, b. Sept. 28, 1904 in Ind., son of Austin Remy Carter and his wife, Ethel Hulén.

6. Delona Marie Carter, b. Feb. 11, 1937 at Mena, Ark.; m. Aug. 20, 1958 at Fayetteville, Ark., William McRee Anderson 3rd, son of Wm. M. Anderson Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth Stafford, of Hot Springs, Ark.

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6. David Rupert Carter, b. Oct. 18, 1938 at Mena, Ark.

(Editor's note: Mrs. Carter informs us that the Moseley Register has been taken over by a niece of Franklin Mousley and that it will be some time before she is ready to answer letters. -- VJL)

*R.O. Perrin married Charles Perry*  
*Robert Oliver Perrin*  
*Delona Marie Carter m. Wm. McRee Anderson 3rd*  
*John Hulén*