

Joseph MUSSON 1796- 1869

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Joseph's grandfather was almost certainly Joseph MUSSON of Long Clawson, where he married Mary CAMPION in 1761. I say 'almost', because if this is correct, their first three children were born before marriage. It is also possible they married in a non-conformist church, but later decided they needed a Church of England marriage for legal or other reasons. We can identify six children of this couple from the parish records, the eldest being another Joseph, born and baptised in 1757, still in Long Clawson.

Fig. 1.
Map showing Long Clawson (Leicestershire) (1) and Grantham (Lincolnshire) (3), in central England.



This Joseph MUSSON senior married Mary HOLMES in 1792, and they had eight children in Long Clawson. The second child and first son of this Joseph and Mary HOLMES was yet another Joseph, born in 1796. This is the Joseph of this narrative, but he moved to Grantham, probably in his teens, and worked as a boatman and carrier, and must have been well educated. He married Ann ROGERS in 1822 in Grantham. They attended the Primitive Methodist Chapel in Commercial Road, Grantham, where Joseph is recorded as the Treasurer. Ann died in 1848, of Typhus Fever, and this is most likely the trigger for the family to consider emigration.

Joseph and Ann had seven children by 1839, all born in Grantham, and the third child, Richard, was born in 1829. Richard married Fanny PRIEST in 1849, starting the close connection to the PRIEST family. Richard and Fanny MUSSON left for Adelaide in 1851, with the PRIEST family. Richard must have sent back good reports, because the rest of the MUSSON's followed within a few years. Richard's published obituary tells us he worked around the Port, except for a short period when he travelled to the gold diggings at Bendigo to try for a fortune. We suspect that did not eventuate, for he returned to Adelaide to work for J HART and Co, later becoming the Adelaide Milling Company. These were one of the State's biggest and best flour millers of the time. The mill buildings still appear to be standing on the bank of Port Creek, west of the town centre.

Richard and Fanny MUSSON had eight children, mostly born in North Adelaide, but around 1864, they had moved to the Port Adelaide area where their last two children were born. Their sixth child was Fanny MUSSON, born in 1862.

She married John Albert RANN in 1889, at Port Adelaide. I have written about the RANN family previously, and their narratives lead from the RANN family to RUNDLE then to SQUIRE. John and Fanny RANN are Jan SQUIRE's great grandparents. Joseph MUSSON is Jan's great great grandfather.

Related Surnames Through Marriage

Ann ROGERS

Ann ROGERS married Joseph MUSSON in 1822 in Grantham, Lincolnshire. Her parents were William ROGERS and Zipporah BAILEY, and they married in 1792. I have not been able to locate earlier records for their births, or earlier generations.

Mary HOLMES

Mary HOLMES married Joseph MUSSON in 1792 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire. Her parents were Richard HOLMES and Mary MOORE, and they were married in 1768. I cannot find records of their birth.

Mary CAMPION

Mary CAMPION married Joseph MUSSON in 1761 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire. Her parents were Thomas CAMPION and Mary SMITH, who married in 1731.

Facebook Summary

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Joseph MUSSON is my (Jan SQUIRE's) great x 3 grandfather. The family connections are as follows:

Constance Maude RUNDLE was Jan's mother. She was born in 1920, and married Kenneth John SQUIRE in 1944.

Maude Holbrook RANN was Jan's grandmother. She was born in 1890, and married Edwin Morris RUNDLE in 1914.

Fanny MUSSON was Jan's great grandmother. She was born in 1862, and married John Albert RANN in 1889.

Richard MUSSON was Jan's great great grandfather. He was born in 1829, and married Fanny PRIEST in 1849.

Joseph MUSSON was Jan's great x 3 grandfather. He was born in 1796, and married Ann ROGERS in 1822.

Joseph MUSSON (senior) was Jan's great x 4 grandfather. He was born in 1763, and married Mary HOLMES in 1792.

Joseph MUSSON (even more senior) was Jan's great x 5 grandfather. He was born around 1730, and married Mary CAMPION in 1761.

Joseph MUSSON

♂ 1796 - 1869 (73 years)

Generation: 1

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1. Joseph MUSSON was born in 1796 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 7 Feb 1796 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England (son of [Joseph MUSSON](#) and [Mary HOLMES](#)); died on 24 Aug 1869 in North Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

Joseph married Ann ROGERS on 15 May 1822 (Banns) in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England. Ann (daughter of [William ROGERS](#) and [Zipporah BAILEY](#)) was born in 1799 in Halam, Nottinghamshire, England; was christened on 8 Sep 1799 in Halam, Nottinghamshire, England; died on 15 May 1848 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England. [[Group Sheet](#)]

Children:

- i. Mary MUSSON was born in 1823 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England; was christened on 11 Feb 1823 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England; died on 24 Mar 1886 in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- ii. Sarah MUSSON was born in 1826 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England; was christened on 2 Feb 1826 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England; died on 7 Jul 1871 in Macclesfield, South Australia, Australia.
- iii. Richard MUSSON was born in 1829 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England; was christened on 9 Feb 1829 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England; died on 13 Feb 1892 in Port Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- iv. Ann MUSSON was born in 1831 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England; was christened on 12 Nov 1831 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England.
- v. Frances MUSSON was born in 1834 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England; was christened on 31 Mar 1834 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England; died on 7 Jun 1895 in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- vi. Joseph MUSSON was born in 1836 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England; was christened on 11 Dec 1836 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England; died on 22 May 1923 in Albert Park, South Australia, Australia .
- vii. William MUSSON was born in 1839 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England; was christened on 23 Mar 1839 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England; died on 1 May 1916 in Queenstown, South Australia, Australia.

Generation: 2

2. Joseph MUSSON was born in 1763 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 3 Apr 1763 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England (son of [Joseph MUSSON](#) and [Mary CAMPION](#)); died on 23 Feb 1852 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was buried on 24 Feb 1852 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.

Joseph married [Mary HOLMES](#) on 12 Nov 1792 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England. Mary (daughter of [Richard HOLMES](#) and [Mary MOORE](#)) was born in 1770 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 29 Jul 1770 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; died on 14 Jul 1849 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England. [[Group Sheet](#)]

3. Mary HOLMES was born in 1770 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 29 Jul 1770 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England (daughter of [Richard HOLMES](#) and [Mary MOORE](#)); died on 14 Jul 1849 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.

Children:

- i. Mary MUSSON was born in 1793 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 7 Sep 1793 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- ii. 1. [Joseph MUSSON](#) was born in 1796 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 7 Feb 1796 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; died on 24 Aug 1869 in North Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- iii. Elizabeth MUSSON was born in 1798 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 11 Mar 1798 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- iv. John MUSSON was born in 1800 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 29 Jun 1800 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- v. Ann MUSSON was born in 1803 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 28 Jan 1803 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- vi. Sarah MUSSON was born in 1805 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 20 May 1805 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.

Generation: 3

4. Joseph MUSSON

Joseph married [Mary CAMPION](#) on 16 Sep 1761 in Newark-On-Trent, Nottinghamshire, England. Mary (daughter of [Thomas CAMPION](#) and [Mary SMITH](#)) was born in 1731 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 5 Mar 1731 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England. [[Group Sheet](#)]

5. Mary CAMPION was born in 1731 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 5 Mar 1731 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England (daughter of [Thomas CAMPION](#) and [Mary SMITH](#)).

Children:

- i. John MUSSON was born in 1757 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 13 Dec 1757 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- ii. Benjamin MUSSON was born in 1759 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 9 Jul 1759 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- iii. Mary MUSSON was born in 1761 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 29 May 1761 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- iv. 2. **Joseph MUSSON** was born in 1763 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 3 Apr 1763 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; died on 23 Feb 1852 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was buried on 24 Feb 1852 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- v. Thomas MUSSON was born in 1764 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 25 Jun 1764 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- vi. Ann MUSSON was born in 1766 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 12 Oct 1766 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.

6. Richard HOLMES

Richard married **Mary MOORE** on 4 Aug 1768 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England. [[Group Sheet](#)]

7. Mary MOORE

Children:

- i. 3. **Mary HOLMES** was born in 1770 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 29 Jul 1770 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; died on 14 Jul 1849 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- ii. William HOLMES was born in 1772 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 27 Sep 1772 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- iii. Sarah HOLMES was born in 1775 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 7 Feb 1775 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- iv. Henry HOLMES was born in 1777 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 14 Oct 1777 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- v. Ann HOLMES was born in 1781 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 4 Jun 1781 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.
- vi. Richard HOLMES was born in 1783 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 1 Jan 1784 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.

Generation: 4

10. Thomas CAMPION

Thomas married **Mary SMITH** on 9 May 1731 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England. [[Group Sheet](#)]

11. **Mary SMITH**

Children:

- i. 5. **Mary CAMPION** was born in 1731 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England; was christened on 5 Mar 1731 in Long Clawson, Leicestershire, England.