

Your mother was the last Bosmelet to be born at the Château.
Where people in the family were born and died.

Diana Mathias, born London, 1908.
Died in the Orangerie on the Bosmelet Estate, 1987, age 78.

Pierre Soyer born in Paris, 1906.
Died in the south of France, 1986, age 80.

Pierre's children by his first wife, Geneviève Bérard:

Monique Soyer de Bosmelet born Paris, 1931
Died at boarding school, 1946, age 15.

Béatrice Soyer de Bosmelet born London 1933
Died in her apartment in Paris, 2001, age 77.



Pierre's children by his second wife, Diana Mathias:

Gentien Soyer de Bosmelet born London, 1937.
Died and buried in Ngaundere, Cameroun, Africa 1943, age 5.



Hélène de Bosmelet was born in the Château de Bosmelet 1940,
the last Bosmelet to be born at the Château.

Robert Soyer de Bosmelet was born, London 1946
Died March 2012 at the hospital in Rouen buried in the Bosmelet
tomb, age 66.

Pierre's African wife* unknown name had his daughter (name unknown to me).
Born in Ngaundere, Cameroun, possibly on April 12 1943.
She came to Europe in 1973 and maybe settled in Paris or London.

*Pierre did not legally married anyone after my grandmother, Diana, as she would not sign the divorce papers. Although Pierre told me that he considered himself married to four women. His fourth wife was his long time companion Jeannine.

The "African wife" in all likelihood, given to Pierre by the Lamido of Ngaundere as a thank you gift for whisky supplied by my grandfather to the Lamido. The Lamido is the ruler of a vast region, in this case all the land and people around Ngaundere. Pierre called the Lamido a sultan as he wore Muslim dress of white with a white turban. Pierre's African wife may have been from the Dulu Tribe. She may have spoken in the African dialect of Bassa or Pidgin. In any case Pierre seem to be familiar with the customs and languages of these Tribes.