

Meeting my Grandfather.

Both these pictures were taken when my family spent the summer vacation of 1980 with my grandfather, Pierre Soyer de Bosmelet. The first is the profile of my mother and her father. The second is of me listening to the outrageous tales that Pierre insisted on telling us.



My Grandfather wrote two small books after the war, that were published:

The "African" one translates as Major customs of Cameroon: Principales coutumes du Cameroun, fasc. 1, La Coutume Duala, fasc. 1, The Custom Duala, by P. Soyer de Bosmelet (with a preface by Prince Dika Akwa nya Bonambela); published in Douala, no date, 69 pages, and, according to "Worldcat", the only library holding a copy is the Bibliotheque nationale de France.

The other one: Guide de la Ve [Cinquieme] Republique, Guide to Ve [the Fifth] Republic (with a preface by André Malraux) published in Paris, 1965, 183 pages, and held apparently in about three libraries in France.

I have managed, with the help of Emmanuel Guibert, to request a PDF copy from the Bibliotheque nationale de France. My grandfather was a fascinating man, his facility with languages was remarkable. I am looking to hearing what is in these two books, if I can find a way to get them translated.