

THE ROSSON FAMILY

Joseph born 1821 Manchester

(Father Richard, mother Charlotte Tipping)

Sarah (Pollard) born 1828 Bicester, Oxford.

(Father Joseph, mother Sarah King)

Joseph and Sarah were married at Old Church, St Pancras, London in 1848 and their children were:

George Pollard Rosson 1844 – not sure if Joseph was father as can't find birth (Manchester)

Christopher Joseph Rosson 1848 (Aylesbury) -1896, London

Richard Rosson (my G Grandfather) 2.3.1849 (Aylesbury) – 18.8.1902 St Bart's Hospital, London)

Charlotte Rosson 1851 London -1920

Sarah Ann Rosson 1854 London -1854

Emma Jane Rosson 1862 London - ?

Sarah Isabella 1866 London -1870

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Richard married Emma Brown in 1871. They lived in St Giles in the Fields area and had the following children:

Annie Maud Mary 1871 – 1958

Emma Georgina 1873 – 1931

(Richard) George 1876 – 1899

Charlotte Agnes 1878 – 1979

Joseph Frederick 1879 – 1879

Sarah Susannah (my Grandmother) 1880 -1959

Alice 1883 (registered in 1884)

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In 1869 Richard and his brother Christopher were sent to prison for thieving. Richard for 6 months and Christopher for 7 years as he was a known criminal. Richard was released, must have met Emma and married her just before Annie was born. Richard and Emma lived a very poor life in the notorious area of Drury Lane. Richard took some work but I should imagine topped up his income in any way he knew. Emma was a laundress. They lived latterly at Brownlow Street, St Giles.

In 1884 Emma died – not long after Alice’s birth. Richard tried to look after the younger children while Annie and Emma went into service. His son, Richard George died of a fractured skull in 1899 but had been a sickly boy.

Richard then had to take his family into St Giles Workhouse. Not sure if George was with him or working but Alice attended school there. For some reason Richard approached Barnardo’s to see if they would take on Charlotte and Sarah (my grandmother) while Alice stayed in the Workhouse with Richard. Charlotte and Sarah were fostered by a farm bailiff in the New Forest, Hampshire in 1890 until they were old enough to be sent back to Barnardo’s in London to be trained to go into service. They both returned to London. An Alice Rosson was working as a servant in 1901 at St James, London.

Notes:

Richard and Christopher’s older brother George Pollard Rosson emigrated to Canada around 1866. His descendant Rick Rosson has been in contact with me.

Richard and Christopher must have lived in the same house around 1890, although Christopher married an Alice Cordes. They had a son Christopher Joseph and a daughter Alice Annie.

I have birth certificates for both Richard Rosson and Alice his daughter on which Richard does not have a middle name of George and Alice does not have the second name of Maud but they seem to be the same people in later life.

There was another Richard George Rosson around at the same time, so not clear if my G Grandfather Richard added the name George later.