

SOHET Jean Pierre

(1769 - 1842)

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Addendum:

Final note:

Jean Pierre SOHET's original invention, filed on 16 April 1824, was entitled:

Huilerie sans pierres meules, pilons ou cylindres

or, alternatively, according to the notice of grant published in the Memorial: *nouvelle forme d'huilerie.*¹

Two years later, on 9 August 1826, Jean Pierre SOHET's son, Pierre Joseph (born 1801) filed a *brevet de perfectionnement* (NL1817/7) based on his father's patent.

At about the same time Jacques NEYS from Hostert (Niederanven) obtained a French *brevet d'importation* for an improvement on SOHET's patent.

The following are quotes from the French NEYS file:²

- ... étant auteur de plusieurs améliorations faites aux procédés nouvellement employés dans le Royaume des Pays-Bas pour la fabrication des huiles extraites des graines oléagineuses, notamment de la navette et du colza, j'ai le désir d'importer en France ce nouveau mode de fabrication ...
- Le nouveau mode de fabrication ... se trouve établi en Belgique depuis un an environ; il a été accordé à son auteur un brevet d'invention par sa Majesté le Roi des Pays-Bas, mais le sieur Neys y a apporté quelque perfectionnement dans la construction.

NEYS' invention is described in detail in his patent but the model he submitted in support of his invention is no longer available. His invention relates to a mill of the type "moulin à noix et à matrice en fonte" or "moulin à noix et à boisseaux en fonte", rather than the traditional "moulin à pierres meules" which corresponds to and agrees with the original title of SOHET's invention: *Huilerie sans pierres meules, pilons ou cylindres*.

Finally, in 1828, two inventors by the name of COLLETTTE & MAMER applied for a *brevet de perfectionnement* on SOHET's patent.³ This patent application did not proceed to grant, and again, the technical aspect of the improvement has not been revealed.

¹ Mémorial 1825-1, page 343

² French patent 1BA002455

³ Dutch patent application NL1817/11