



## **WOLL Félix**

(1881 - 1962) 1

## **Luxembourg-Hollerich**

## **Biography**

Félix (August) WOLL was born in Hollerich in 1881.

His father Jean WOLL, born in Mühlenbach/Eich was first a *Schreiner* in Mühlenbach and later moved to Hollerich where his occupation was *modeleur*. Félix's mother Angèle WORMERINGER <sup>2</sup> was also born in Mühlenbach.

The couple WOLL-WORMERINGER had 7 children and moved several times, probably settling eventually in France.

Weimerskirch (1876), Beggen (1877), Mühlenbach (1879), Hollerich (1881), Mühlenbach (1883), Gouraincourt/Longwy (1885), <sup>3</sup> Gorcy/Cosnes (1889), Wolkrange (1893), Rodange (1900).

In 1900 Jean WOLL was Aufseher and later modeleur en chef in the "Fonderie de Rodange".4

Like his father, Félix WOLL became a *modeleur*. From the 1900 Census we learn that Félix had been living and training in Metz since 1893. He rejoined his family in Rodange in 1901.

In 1901 he married Adèle FAMMERÉE in her home-town, Longueville/Brabant, but the couple WOLL-FAMMERÉE settled in Rodange and had three children.

Félix WOLL started off probably as an independent modeleur-ébéniste and gradually added industrial activities to his business in Rodange: constructeur-mécanicien (1916), Modellfabrik, Drechslerarbeiten (1924), jeux de salon (1951).

In terms of patents, WOLL developed 4 technical concepts over the years:

- potato planter (planteuse de pommes de terre): 1910-1913
- Protective device for shoemaker's knives (Schutzvorrichtung für Schuhmachermesser): 1922-1923
- parlour bowling (jeu de quilles de salon): 1936-1937, 1956
- antifreeze device for water cooling systems (Frostschutz-Vorrichtung an Wasserkühlanlagen): 1943, 1956

WOLL filed his last patent application in 1956 at the age of 75.

He died as entrepreneur-industriel in Esch-sur-Alzette in 1962.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FamilySearch database (GK7B-D7N)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> also called: Wormering, Vormeringer ...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In 1894 Jean Woll was fined for "loterie clandestine" in Gouraincourt (L'Est Républicain, 8 September 1894).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> www.industrie.lu