

Today in Columbus History: On July 13, 1858, an ad appeared in the *Weekly Times and Sentinel* for Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce. It featured an illustration of the bottle – which looks much like the ones we get today, sans paper wrapper. Lea and Perrin were chemists in Worcester, England, and in 1837 they tweaked a recipe for Worcester sauce that been around for years – actually going back to the 1400s when it was served with meaty Worcester lampreys (eels!). It's a fish-based sauce made from dissolved anchovies mixed with vinegar, soy sauce, and spices. Noted for its "peculiar piquancy," Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire sauce started being imported to the U.S. in 1840 by John Duncan & Sons in New York City (whose name appears at the bottom of the 1858 ad). This ad began appearing in Columbus newspapers in December 1857. Ten years earlier in 1847, local merchants Henry T. Greenwood and Josiah Morris had been selling Worcestershire Sauce (no brand name) from their Broad St. store.

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Our snippets of Columbus history are usually based on a few days-worth of searching through the most popular sources for Muscogee County history. Meant to inspire readers to explore more about Columbus history, they are not exhaustive dissertations on the topic and may contain mistakes. If you have corrections or additional information, feel free to share them with the group.

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LEA & PERRIN'S
CELEBRATED
WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE.

PRONOUNCED BY
CONNOISSEURS,
TO BE THE
ONLY GOOD SAUCE,
AND APPLICABLE TO
EVERY VARIETY
OF DISH.

EXTRACT
of a Letter from a
Medical Gentleman,
AT MADRAS
TO HIS BROTHER,
at
WORCESTER; May, 1851.
"Tell Lea & Perrin that
their Sauce is highly ce-
lebrated in India, and is in
my opinion, the most pal-
atable as well as the most
wholesome Sauce that is
made."

THE only medal awarded by the jury of the New York ex-
hibition for foreign sauces, was obtained by Lea & Per-
rin, for their Worcestershire Sauce, the world wide fame of
which having led to numerous imitations, purchasers are
earnestly requested to see that the names of "LEA & PER-
RIN'S" are impressed upon the bottle and stopper, and
printed upon the labels.
Sole wholesale agents for the United States,
JOHN DUNCAN & SONS,
405 Broadway New York.
A stock always in store. Also orders received for direct
shipment from England. dec8-wly.

How do you pronounce Worcestershire?

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, skip **pronouncing** the first "r" altogether, and the "ce" while you're at it, and barely **say** the second "r". Start the word off by saying "Wooster" and then finish off with the British "shire." Woostershire.

People have problems pronouncing Worcestershire. Take a listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WxwYqgonFQ>

JOSIAH MORRIS

BIOGRAPHY and GENEALOGY

(1818 – 1891)

Montgomery County



Morris was in Columbus from 1833 til 1852. He moved to New Orleans for a few years and then to Montgomery, AL, where he became a prominent member of the community. His mercantile partner Henry T. Greenwood, moved to Augusta, GA in 1869, but then disappears. Morris is buried in Oaklawn Cem. in Montgomery, as is Greenwood's wife and son. No trace of him though...