

**BOYD
FAMILY
HISTORY**



1763 - 1997

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Traceable genealogy information pertaining to the Boyd family line, as it affects our known branch of the family down through the years, seems to be relatively limited. Over the years, there have been and still are a number of publications purported to trace Boyd family lines back to their early European roots, and sales advertising materials for these have probably at some time come into the hands of most families bearing the Boyd name. We have succumbed to the appeal of such sources of information to the extent that a couple were purchased and reviewed. Thus far, however, we have been unable to relate most of the genealogy information they contain to our particular family history, as we know it.

We think that one family member, Charles Morgan Boyd, D. D., (1875-1962) probably undertook the greatest effort of any to collect and verify information concerning our particular family and its ancestry. He was not successful in gathering very comprehensive data and was unable to go any farther back in history than the record of some forebears in Ireland in the 1700's. Most of the following early information was extracted from a copy of records he acquired and passed on to the family of his brother, William Robert Boyd, sometime in the 1950's. Later entries were made by Sarah Doris Boyd and Robert Burton Boyd with much appreciated help of other family members, particularly Agnes Simonton and other cousins. There are still many missing items, dates of birth and death, marriages, more complete names, etc. but we have had no practical means of obtaining these, as desirable as it would have been to have them.

According to Uncle Charlie's information, "there were two brothers, William Boyd¹ and Robert Boyd, living in County Antrim, Ireland. They were members of the Covenanter Church of Scotland." The Boyd family name and individuals such as Sir Robert Boyd, Lord of Kilmarnock, had been prominent in Scotland for several centuries and it seems likely that these two brothers were among the descendants of one of the branches of the Boyd family who are known to have migrated from Scotland to North Ireland around 1696 because of political problems. It is also known that many left Ireland later and came to America to escape persecution of Protestants by the Roman Catholics. This seems to have been particularly true around the years 1763 to 1773 when a large number came to South Carolina after the Bounty Act was passed by the General Assembly of the Colony on July 25, 1761. This Act provided benefits for Protestant refugees which were sufficiently attractive to bring many immigrants into that area.

"Robert Boyd married Mary Peoples--they had a son, Alexander, and lived and died in Ireland. William Boyd married Mary Dorman--they had four children: Mary, Martha, Jennie, and Alexander. That family came to America prior to the Revolutionary War and settled in Newberry District South Carolina. Later Alexander Boyd (1763-1815), son of Robert and Mary Peoples Boyd, came to America alone about 1790 and lived with his Uncle, William Boyd, for some time. He later married his cousin Martha (1772-1832), daughter of William, and settled in Chester County, S. C."

Alexander and Martha Boyd had nine children (sons Robert, William, John, Charles, James, and Alexander and daughters Nancy, Mary, and Jennie). Alexander and Martha lived in Chester County, S. C. from the times they came there from Ireland until their deaths. Alexander was born in 1763, died on

¹ William Boyd, born in Antrim County, Ireland, (father of Martha Boyd, born 1772) was a soldier in the Revolutionary War--proof found in Stub Entries to Idents for Revolutionary War Claims on Page 171, No. 1180.

November 15, 1815, and was buried in Hopewell A.R.P. Cemetery, Chester, SC. Martha was born in 1772, died April 13, 1832, and was also buried in Hopewell Cemetery. A letter written by Dr. Charles M. Boyd, Charlotte, NC, dated Oct. 29, 1937, stated that "both of their tombstones are erect and plainly legible."

Robert Boyd married Elizabeth Blain and lived in Chester County, SC He was a farmer, Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and the father of Reverend Warren Boyd, the first Superintendent of Barium Springs Orphanage, Barium Springs, NC. Probably other children also.

William Boyd (?-1876) married Mary McDaniel (the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth McDaniel) in August 1825. They migrated from Chester, SC to Marshall County, MS in 1845. He was a farmer and an Elder in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and was the father of our ancestor William Baldrige Boyd. William died in May 1876. We do not know the date of Mary's death, but both he and Mary were buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Cayce, Mississippi.

John Boyd married a Martha Boyd. Nothing more is known about them except that they moved to Arkansas and he was a farmer.

Charles Boyd married a Miss Reedy. They too moved to Arkansas where he was a farmer. We have no further information concerning them.

James Boyd married a Miss Nelson, moved to Arkansas, and was a farmer and merchant. He became a major in the Civil War.

Alexander was never married. He lived with James in Arkansas.

Nancy married John Hamilton and lived in Chester County, SC. Both were buried in Hopewell Cemetery.

Mary married Hugh Dorrough and moved to Tennessee.

Jennie married Jess Goins and moved to Arkansas.

William Boyd and Mary McDaniel, as indicated earlier, were married in 1825 and moved to Marshall County, Miss. in the fall of 1845. (It may be of interest to some that through this marriage there was a connection to the John W. McDaniel family which lived in Covington, Tenn. years later and where Mr. McDaniel operated a professional photography business around the 1910's and 1920's. The McDaniels were staunch members of the Covington Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in its early years). William and Mary McDaniel Boyd had six sons and four daughters: Edward, Martha, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Pressly, James, Anne, Charles, and William Baldrige. It is thought that all of these were born in Chester County, SC. before the family moved to Miss.

In a letter written to her son Charles M. Boyd on February 10, 1932, Mrs. William Baldrige (Frances Ann Carrington) Boyd gave the following information about the Boyd family:

"William Boyd and wife, Mary McDaniel Boyd, with their six sons and four daughters, came from Hopewell ARP congregation, Chester, SC. to Marshall County, MS in the fall of 1845.

Edward, the eldest never married, sickened and died in an army hospital in Georgia during the Civil War.

Martha was first married to Empsile White. After his death she married Marmaduke Braddy. Had no children.

Elizabeth was twice married, first to Hugh McQuiston., afterward to Cornelius Baird. (Jimmies father) Her McQuiston children were Pressly, William, Archie, and John. Pressly died in youth. Probably not more than fourteen.

William married Katie Parkinson. They have one son., John Calvin, who married Agnes Witherington, no children.

Archie married Lizzie Strong. They have three daughters. Iva has never married, lives at home with parents. Rebecca, Archie's second daughter, married George Gates. They have two children, Elizabeth and Fentress, nearly grown. Ann Eliza married Todd Wilson of Salem, no children.

Dr. John C. married Bessie Lemmon. They have three sons and two daughters living. A son and daughter died when two or three years of age.

Holmes, their eldest son married in Memphis, I never knew her name, a very nice girl, however. They have two sons.

Irene married Neil Brown of Rosemark, no children.

John Jr. not married, but doing well.

James, the youngest son, is working in Memphis.

Iva Grier is a junior in H. S.

Going back to the Boyds. Pressly and James neither were ever married. They both died down in Issaquena County Miss. where they managed farms for Col. Kit Hampton, brother of ex governor Wade Hampton of S. C. Pressly sickened and died there, as I remember it, in the summer of 1867. James brought Pressly's body home and he was buried in the cemetery at old Mt. Carmel church.

James continued to superintend a farm down there for Col. Hampton., I have forgotten how long, but his death was caused by a fall he sustained while sitting on a wharf boat at the landing on a hot summer afternoon. He was buried there.

William B. (your father) was born May 2, 1834, died May 18th, 1913.

Ann married William Millen. Had two daughters, Belle, the eldest married Knox Sloan. She died while her three sons and three daughters were all small.

Bettie, Ann's younger daughter married Jim Milliron, to her sorrow. They are both living, have four worthless sons and two daughters, several of whom are married.

Mary married Robert Payne. They had no children, moved to Texas in the fall of 1876. Both died and were buried at Lovelady, Texas.

John, while a small boy, I do not remember to have ever heard his age, went with his grown brother Edward to Memphis, on a wagon. At that time, there was no R. R. near, all produce and cotton was hauled to Memphis by wagon,, taking not less than three days for the trip. They camped on the bluff, now known as front row. It was very high and perpendicular there. They placed their bed clothes on the ground and slept there. There was always a crowd camped there. John Boyd was lying at the bottom of the bluff dead, when the others got up in the morning. His body was so mangled, the supposition was, that he had gotten up in his sleep and fallen off the bluff.

Charles, youngest of your Father's brothers, got sick while in the army during the Civil War. He was given a furlough to come home. He lived several weeks, and died at home.

About the time your grandfather Boyd came to Miss, two of his brothers went to Ark. I think their names were Charles and Jackson. Some of their grandchildren live about Monticello now."

It was mentioned earlier that Eliza Boyd, after the death of her first husband, married Cornelius Baird and they moved to Tipton County, Tenn. They had one son, James Warden Baird, who in 1903 became the first Pastor of the Covington A. R. P. Church. She died in the Salem Community in Tipton County, Tenn.

William Baldrige Boyd was born in Chester County, S. C. May 21 1834. He was a farmer in Marshall County, Miss., but later moved to Tipton County, Tenn. and died there on April 18, 1913. He was married on Sept. 14, 1865 to Frances Ann Carrington, daughter of Elizabeth Ann Petty (1826-1894) and Nathaniel Robert Carrington (1822-1915). Our information from handwritten notes by Sarah Pace Boyd states that "Elizabeth Morgan, daughter of Benjamin and niece of Gen. Daniel of Revolutionary War fame, married one Mr. Petty. Their daughter Eliza Petty married Nathaniel R. Carrington", born in Lincoln County, Tenn. on June 18, 1822. He died August 17, 1915. Frances Ann Carrington (Grandma Boyd) had a sister Bessie who married Tom Williams and lived in Victoria, Miss. She also had a brother Robert (Bob) who was married more than once and had several children. Grandma Boyd was born in Marshall County, Miss., January 30, 1846 and was married to William Baldrige Boyd on Sept. 14, 1865. They lived on a farm in Marshall County, Miss. until moving to the Atoka community of Tipton County, Tenn. He died on May 18, 1913. During her later years, Grandma Boyd made her home with her daughter Pearl Boyd Strong and family in the Brighton community where she died on August 13, 1940. Both William Baldrige and Frances Ann "Fanny" Boyd were buried in Salem Cemetery, Tipton County, Tenn. They had five sons and two daughters: Walter, Mary Elizabeth, John Lawrence, Charles Morgan, Ida Pearl, William Robert, and Hugh Ernest.



William Baldrige & Frances Ann Carrington Boyd (Holding Agnes Strong) -April 1913

Walter Boyd, the oldest of the children, was born in Cayce, Miss. He married Ella Pearce at the home of her mother in Cayce, Miss. on Dec. 27, 1894, and later was a farmer in the Idaville community of Tipton County, Tenn. He was murdered on August 5, 1897 by a shotgun blast when he came upon a farmhand who had robbed his house. The farmhand was convicted and sentenced to death. His was the last public hanging on the gallows in Tipton County, Tenn. Walter was buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Cayce Miss. He and Ella Pearce Boyd had two daughters, Cora and Rene.

Cora Boyd was born November 11, 1895. She worked as a secretary for a Mr. Lloyd Binford in Memphis for some years and on September 3, 1926 was married to Hubert Ashbrook Dickinson. He was an executive with the Kroger Company, lived in Memphis

and later in Charleston, W. Va. He died Sept. 8, 1964 and was buried in Memphis. Cora then lived in a retirement complex in Memphis for several years before moving to Louisville, Ky. where her younger son Bill lived. She died in a Louisville nursing home in the 1970's. Hubert and Cora had two sons: Hubert Ashbrook Dickinson, Jr. and William Boyd Dickinson.



BOYD FAMILY (CIRCA JANUARY 1934)

Front: Sarah Boyd, Lizzie Boyd, Ma Pace, Grandma Boyd, Addie Strong, Pearl Strong, Ella Hurley
 2nd: John L. Boyd, Grier Strong, Hugh E. Boyd, Shannon Faulkner, Ruth Boyd, Edith Boyd, Doris Boyd, Will R. Boyd, Ella Lee Boyd, Chas. M. Boyd
 3rd: Thede Strong, Agnes Strong, Sarah F. Strong, Bessie Boyd, Frances Boyd, Robert Boyd
 4th: Mary Will Boyd, Maurice Parkinson, Dorothy Boyd, Mildred Morrison, Frances Strong, William Boyd, Nora Pace

Hubert A. Dickinson, Jr., who was known in the family as Junie, was born in Memphis, Tenn. on Sept. 7, 1929. He retired from the U. S. Air Force, lived in Illinois and Missouri, and later in Massachusetts. On Sept. 15, 1954, he married Teru Sasaki (daughter of Einosuke and Kane Sato Sasaki), born in Akita City, Akita Ken, Japan on March 26, 1929. They had two sons: Andrew Boyd Dickinson, born at Mather AFB, Calif. on April 13, 1959, and John Lewis Dickinson, born at Tachikawa AFB, Japan, on May 11, 1965. Our latest information indicated that in 1997, Andrew (Andy) lived in Massachusetts and John lived in Florida.

William Boyd Dickinson was born in Memphis, Tenn. on Jan. 19, 1933. He married Sandra Schmidt. They had two children: a son Mark Wesley, born July 6, 1967 and a daughter Lindsey. They lived in Louisville, Ky.

Rene Boyd was born January 2, 1897. She suffered from TB and on Feb. 3, 1915, died in San Angelo, Tex. where she and her mother had gone hoping the change in climate would improve Rene's health.

Mary Elizabeth Boyd, affectionately known by family and friends as "Tumpie", was born in Cayce, Miss., Oct. 26, 1868. She first married Dr. W. A. Young on March 22, 1900 and lived in the Salem Community of Tipton County, Tenn. Dr. Young died Sept. 23, 1910. After his death, she married C. Theodore Strong, a substantial farmer in the Salem Community. She had no children but she and Mr. Strong (known to us as Uncle Thede) at times served as foster parents for several children from Dunlap Orphanage, an Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church institution in the area at that time. They adopted Earl Tarr from Dunlap but we have little information concerning his later life. It is thought that he was a schoolteacher in Florida at the time of his death. Tumpie died July 10, 1921. Later Thede Strong married Sarah Faulkner, a widow and mother of Shannon Faulkner. Both Tumpie and Thede Strong were buried in Salem Cemetery.

John L. Boyd was born in Cayce, Miss. Jan. 15, 1872 and grew up to be a farmer. On Dec. 31, 1895, he married Sara Elizabeth "Lizzie" Crenshaw at her father's home in Cayce, Miss. A daughter wrote that later as a mature man with a family, he felt a call to the gospel ministry. Despite the hardships and in the providence of God, he enrolled in college and in 1901 graduated from Erskine College. Afterward, Erskine Seminary accepted him although it was unusual in those days to admit married men as students. He completed seminary training in 1903 and was ordained an Associate Reformed Presbyterian minister. A few months later he began his first pastorate in Bethany, Miss. During the years, he served nine pastorates in five states: Bethany, Hopewell and Head Springs in Miss.; Brighton, Rives, and Polk. Hills Chapel in Tennessee; Russellville in Arkansas; Concord in NC and Red Level in Alabama. John L. and Elizabeth Crenshaw Boyd had five daughters: Mildred Lillian, Ruth Wylie, Edith Louise, Mary Frances, and Dorothy Agnew. He died Nov. 23, 1956 and she died in Feb. 1961. Both were buried in Salem Cemetery.

Mildred Boyd was born Dec. 7, 1896. She received a BS degree from Memphis State College in 1953, taught school for 20 years. On June 18, 1921, she married Leno Terrell Morrison, of Brighton, Tenn., who at one time worked for the State Highway Department and later was a Gulf Refining Co. distributor in Covington. Still later he worked as a Civil Service employee at the Millington Navy Base where he retired in 1959. Later in life they lived in Clover, S. C. Leno died August 22, 1976 and Mildred died November 17, 1992.

Both were buried in Morrison Cemetery in Brighton., Tenn. They had one son John Terrell (Terry) Morrison.

Terry Morrison was born in Memphis on July 28, 1934. He graduated from Brighton High School and received a BS degree from Memphis State University (1958) and an MA degree from Memphis State (1961). He spent 35 years in education as a teacher, principal, and vocational director. He married Mary Alice McGill who was born in Clover, S. C. on July 24, 1935. They lived in Clover, S. C. in 1997. Terry and Mary Alice had two daughters, Terry Alice and Johna Marie.

Terry Alice Morrison was born February 26, 1956. She graduated from Clover High School and worked as a homemaker, Home Health Aide, and Teachers Aide. She married Steven Joe Cobb who was born January 26, 1956. He worked for Duke Power Co. in utility construction and maintenance. Terry and Steve Cobb had one son and one daughter. Steven Heath was born January 8, 1976 and in 1997 was a Senior at Clemson University. Cora Michelle was born March 30, 1980 and in 1997 was a Senior at Clover High School. They lived in Clover in 1997.

Johna Marie Morrison was born October 25, 1960. She graduated from Clover High School, received a BS degree in Nursing from the University of Alaska, Anchorage, and worked as a Teachers Aide and in Home Health Nursing. She married Lindsey Christian Griesman who was born December 30, 1957. He worked for Norfolk & Southern Railroad as an Electronic Communication Technician. Johna and Lindsey had two sons. John Tyler was born December 27, 1985 and William Austin was born October 14, 1988. They lived in Clover in 1997.

Ruth Boyd was born in Due West, S. C. on April 13, 1901. She also became a school teacher. On June 22, 1935, she married Carroll Lee Pell from Louisiana who taught at a number of different places and finished his career as a Memphis State College professor. He died in 1993. They had two children: Elizabeth Frances (Betty), born Dec. 22, 1939, was a laboratory technician at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and lived in Memphis in 1997. John Lee was a nuclear physicist and teacher and lived in Murfreesboro, Tenn. in 1997. His wife Maureen, a Louisiana native, died in 1996.

Edith Boyd was born June 7, 1904 and was a school teacher. She married Maurice A. Parkinson, a teacher who also finished his career as a Memphis State College professor. They had no children. Both we're buried in Salem Cemetery.

Mary Frances Boyd was born at Rives, Tenn. on Jan. 23, 1906. She died at Rives on Nov. 29, 1918.

Dorothy Boyd was born on March 4, 1910. She became an Arkansas schoolteacher and married Roy Brazell, a business man in Camden, Ark. They had two children: Jane and Boyd. Jane married Toni Sisolac. They had a daughter, Mary Beth, and lived in Fort Worth Texas in 1997. Boyd was unmarried and lived in Camden in 1997. Roy died several years earlier.

Charles Morgan Boyd was born at Cayce, Miss., April 25, 1875. He graduated from Erskine College in June 1900. In that same year, he won first place in the Oratorical Contest held between the colleges of South Carolina. He graduated from Erskine Seminary in 1902 with a B. D. degree. The honorary degree of D.D. was conferred on him by Davidson College in 1920. His first pastorate, 1902-1905, was a group of three Associate Reformed Presbyterian churches in Newberry County, S. C. On November 3, 1904, he was married to Ella Jane Lee, a member of an aristocratic South Carolina family, born in Due West, S. C. on July 28, 1877. They lived in Newberry and Anderson, S. C. before moving to Tuscaloosa, Ala. where he was

pastor of the First Presbyterian Church (US) from 1910-1931. From 1931-1945, he was the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C. Following retirement from the formal ministry on September 1, 1945, and at the request of Mecklinburg Presbytery, he became Presbyterian Minister to Hospitals of Charlotte where he served until his death February 25, 1958. Ella Lee Boyd died Nov. 21, 1959. Both were buried at Forest Lawn Mausoleum in Charlotte. Charles Morgan and Ella Lee Boyd had three children, all of whom died in infancy and were buried in the Lee plot of Due West cemetery. Miss Florence Matson, a church worker with Dr. Boyd in his later pastorates, made her home with them from 1929 until their deaths.



Pearl Strong, Tumpie Strong, Sarah Boyd & Robert Frances Strong, Doris Boyd Agnes Strong (Circa 1916)

Ida Pearl Boyd was born in Cayce, Miss. on April 11, 1878 and later followed other family members to Tipton County, Tenn. On Jan 11, 1911 at the bride's home at Atoka in a ceremony conducted by Rev. Charles M. Boyd, she married C. Grier Strong. He was a farmer and also a mail carrier in the Brighton, Tenn. area. He was also trained as a pharmacist but never practiced that profession. In addition, he was a progressive fellow-had an unusual enclosed

delivery wagon for his mail route use and had a gas engine driven well pump at a time when most rural people obtained well water only through the use of hand drawn buckets. Both Pearl and Grier Strong were buried in the Salem Cemetery. They had two daughters: Agnes and Frances. Also an infant son was still born Dec. 26, 1911 and an infant daughter was still born May 31, 1919.

Agnes Strong was born in Brighton, Tenn. on March 29, 1913. She graduated from Erskine College in 1935 and was an elementary school teacher in Tipton County. She married James Everett Simonton of the Salem community. He graduated from Erskine College in 1933 and was a high school teacher, coach, and administrator and had farming interests in Tipton County. After living in Brighton, Tenn. for many years, they moved to Covington where he died on April 20, 1996. He was buried in Salem Cemetery. Agnes continued to live in Covington in 1997. The Simontons had one daughter, Nancy Jane.

Nancy Simonton was born in Memphis, Tenn. on September 23, 1942. She graduated from Erskine College and was a schoolteacher in Tipton County, later a private kindergarten director. She married Russell Brown Lindsay from Brownsville, Tenn. on Dec. 22, 1967. He was a high school teacher and principal and later a school program administrator in Tipton County. They lived in Covington and were there in 1997. They had one daughter, Frances Ann (Fran).

Fran Lindsay was born in Memphis on Sept 26, 1973, grew up and attended public schools in Covington, and graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1996. In 1997, she lived and worked in Atlanta, Ga.

Frances Strong was born in Brighton, Tenn. on November 18, 1914. She graduated from Erskine College in 1936 and was an elementary school teacher in Bells, Tennessee and later

in Shelby County, Tenn. On Aug. 30, 1947 at the Polks Chapel ARP Church, Culleoka, Tenn. in a ceremony conducted by Rev. John L. Boyd, she married Floyd E. Timbs, who was born an Dec. 19, 1908. He was a farmer and teacher in Shelby County. In 1977, they moved from Arlington, Tenn. to Covington, Tenn. where he died on Sept. 10 of that same year. Frances was an ordained Deacon in the ARP Church. She continued to live in Covington in 1997.

William Robert Boyd was born in Cayce, Miss. on July 1, 1882. He grew up in the Mississippi farm family but about 1902 moved to Tipton County, Tennessee where his older sister already lived. By 1903, he had moved to Covington where he found a job as a clerk in the Harry Marks Clothing Store. Later he worked at the Covington Supply Company, also a major mercantile store. After some health problems and a doctor's recommendation that he find some sort of outside work, he obtained a job with the U. S. Postal Service and in 1917 became the first Covington mail carrier--first class postage at that time was two cents. He continued with the Postal Service until he retired in July 1952 after 35 years of service. A few months later, he was asked by a small business owner (B. L. Overall) to assist the firm's bookkeeper with some year-end paper work. He accepted the invitation and soon after he began work the regular bookkeeper resigned. The business owner asked him to remain and do what he could to do all of the bookkeeping until a replacement could be obtained. This arrangement continued for about 20 years. Soon after coming to Covington, he became a part of a group of churchgoing people who petitioned the Associate Reformed Presbyterian General Synod to form a church in Covington and such a church was organized on June 27, 1903. William R. Boyd became a charter member by certificate of transfer from Mt. Carmel, Miss. Unusual that day and time for a man only 20 years of age, he was ordained as an Elder and served in that capacity for the remainder of his life. He was the only Clerk of the Session from 1903 until 1951, with the exception of one year (1945), when John C. McQuiston held this office. He also served as the Sabbath School Superintendent for many years, was at one time Moderator of the PRP Mississippi Valley Presbytery, and was Secretary of the Board of Dunlap Childrens Home for 24 years. He married Sallie Pace (daughter of Sarah Frances Baucum and John Burton Pace) an Oct. 25, 1910. Although named Sallie, she was known as "Sarah" by most of the Boyd side of the family. They had three children: Sarah Doris, Robert Burton, and Mary Will. Another son, twin to Mary Will, died soon after birth. Sallie Pace Boyd died January 3, 1970 and William Robert Boyd died on August 7, 1975. They were both buried in Munford Cemetery, Covington, Tenn.

Doris Boyd was born in Covington, Tenn. on April 19, 1912. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Tennessee and with a Master's Degree from Peabody College. She also did other postgraduate work at Memphis State University. She was an elementary and high school teacher and later a guidance counselor in Tipton County. Still later she was librarian at the Tipton County Public Library where she retired in April 1994. During her career, she received many service awards and citations including Tipton County Woman of the Year in 1994. She was an ordained Deacon in the ARP Church. She moved to Trezevant Manor Episcopal Home, Memphis, Tenn. in September 1995 and was a resident there in 1997.

Robert Burton Boyd was born in Covington, Tenn. on January 14, 1916. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Tennessee and worked in a variety of power system engineering positions at the Tennessee Valley Authority, mostly in Chattanooga, Tenn., from 1938-1967. From 1967 - 1974, he worked at the Federal

Carrier Begins 31st Year



W. R. Boyd, Covington's first city mail carrier, completed 30 years of service June 30 and started his 31st year. Mr. Boyd has been carrying mail on rural route four for almost 29 years. A horse and buggy transported Mr. Boyd over his route in 1919.

Completing Route By Starlight Not Unusual Thirty Years Ago

W. R. Boyd, senior mail carrier with the Covington post office, started his 31st year of service Monday morning. Mr. Boyd went to work as the city's first mail carrier June 30, 1917.

"There was no city delivery before I began to carry the mail 30 Years ago," Mr. Boyd told The Leader reporter this week. "I was the first and only carrier for about a year.

"Christmas, Day, 1917, I carried the mail all day, delivering packages of presents to every house in Covington which got any packages. I used a rent-horse and wagon for the work. In those days, carriers didn't get Christmas Day off.

"I worked 13 hours and 20 minutes Christmas Eve day and Christmas Eve delivering presents, Christmas Cards and letters in town." As Mr. Boyd spoke of it he didn't seem to consider it a painful recollection. Rather, his tone indicated he had taken pleasure

in assuring his people a happy Christmas Day.

Started On Route 1 In '18

The veteran carrier has been a rural carrier for almost 29 years. Mr. Boyd seems to have a phenomenal memory for figures. He remarked that he went to work on Covington Route 6 May 18, 1918.

"There were six routes in those days. Route 6 was really my present route, except that there was less of it. I had 26 miles to cover every day of the week except Sunday. I traveled by horse and buggy.

"There wasn't a graveled road in the county when I started carrying the rural route. Sometimes the stars would be shining brightly before I got back to the post office at the end of my route.

"Now, I have 40 miles instead of 26, and I get through a whole lot faster, usually. Almost the entire route is graveled now. There are only three

and a half miles of dirt road on it, though some of the gravel is pretty thin."

Three Postmaster In 30 Years

Mr. Boyd recalled that R. H. Green was postmaster when he went to work for the Post Office Department. H. H. Tatlock and John McBride are the only other postmasters Covington has had in Mr. Boyd's 30 years of service.

"How many of your first patrons do you still have?" the rural route carrier was asked.

"There are very few of them. J. B. Scott at Rialto and Mrs. M. L. Southall are a couple of them. The Tillmans, J. R. And J. E. Are two more. That's about all that I can recall."

"I'm still delivering mail to Turners where I delivered it to their fathers--that's Clay Turner's sons and P. A. Turner's sons. Dick Vaughan was one of my customers and he still owns the farm, but he doesn't get his mail there anymore."

"When did you swap off the horse and buggy for a car?"

Got First Car in '23

"I guess I used a horse and buggy for about five years. I had four different horses while I still used them. It must have been about 1923 that I got my first moffel-T."

Mr. Boyd must be a source of great pleasure to Hays Owen. The mail carrier has had 12 cars all Fords. He drove two model-T's, three model-A's and has had seven V-8's.

Mr. Boyd is driving a 1947 model now and deserves it. He kept his '41 model all through the war, for six years. In 1937 he started getting a new car every year until the war stopped him.

The only man who has been with the Covington post office longer than Mr. Boyd is Walter Smith. Mr. Smith has been with the post office about two years longer.

Times have changed for mail carriers in more ways than better roads and faster transportation. "When I went to work, the pay of a carrier was \$800 a year. Now, the maximum for a carrier is \$3100 a year. We now get 15 days leave a year, and 10 days sick leave. We've got to produce a doctor's certificate to get that, though.

Rural carriers got another boost from Congress just a few days ago. Their mileage allowance for their cars was increased a cent a mile, making it seven cents now.

Power Commission, Washington, D. C. where he retired as Deputy Chief of the Bureau Of Power. Later he worked in Egypt, South Korea and the U.S. as an electric power system consultant. He was a long time Elder in the Presbyterian Church and was for two years a Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. He was for many years an amateur radio operator (W40VG). March 22, 1940 he married Bobbie Josephine Smith (daughter of Herbert Henry & Minnie Lucille Donahoo Smith) . She was born in Cartersville, Ga. Sept. 7, 1914, and later lived in Plains, Ga. and Etowah, Tenn. In 1935, she graduated from St. Mary's Memorial Hospital, School of Nursing, Knoxville, Tenn. And was a registered professional nurse in Knoxville until her marriage and relocation to Chattanooga. They had one son, Robert Carrington Boyd. In 1997, they lived in Athens, Tenn.



Will R. & Sarah P. Boyd Descendants - Dec. 1980
James Mays, Mary W. Mays, David Boyd, Bobbie Boyd, Robert B. Boyd Doris Boyd, Sarah Mays, Robert Boyd, Kim Boyd, Dianne Boyd, Mary F. Mays

Robert Carrington Boyd (widely known as Buzz) was born in Chattanooga, Tenn. on Sept. 25, 1941. He graduated from Red Bank High School and attended the University of Chattanooga. He moved to Atlanta, Ga. in 1965, and after that time worked as a Salesman and Field Service Specialist for Fred Jones Manufacturing Company. He married Dianne Louise Miller (daughter of Austin P. and Louise Miller) on June 8, 1969. He adopted Kimberly Diane Goodwin and he and Dianne Miller Boyd had one son Robert David Boyd. They moved from Morrow, Ga. to Fayetteville, Ga. in 1970 and still lived there in 1997.

Kimberly Diane Boyd was born in Chattanooga, Tenn. on November 10, 1963. She attended schools in Fayetteville, Ga., graduated from Fayette County High School and held several restaurant jobs in Atlanta before migrating to California in the 1980's where she worked primarily in the tourist industry in the Big Sur area. In 1995, she was married to C. J. VonDrehle and in 1996, they moved to Watertown, S. Dak. in connection with a job change for Von. A daughter, Katherine Dianne VonDrehle, was born in Watertown on July 16, 1996. After an unusually severe winter in S. Dak. they moved back to Monterey, CA in April 1997.

Robert David Boyd was born in Atlanta, Ga. on May 30, 1970. He graduated from Fayette County High School and attended DeVry Technical Institute in Decatur, Ga. He held several short term jobs in the Atlanta area (as well as one in Denver, CO.) before moving to Stockbridge, Ga. and beginning work at the Ford Motor Co. Assembly Plant in Hapeville, Ga. in 1995. He and Shannon Mourine Allen were married in Gatlinburg, Tenn. on April 6, 1992 and again in a more formal church ceremony in Marietta, Ga. on June 7, 1992. They had one daughter, Rachel Alexis Boyd, born in Stockbridge, Ga. on May 29, 1993. After a divorce in 1995, Shannon married Monty Ferguson and moved to Temple, Ga. He adopted Rachel in 1996.

On May 11, 1996, Robert David Boyd married Amanda Gail King who was born in Powder Springs, Ga. on April 13, 1968. They and her daughter Victoria Candace

(Tori) King, born in Powder Springs on July 4, 1991, lived in Stockbridge, Ga. in 1997.

Mary Will Boyd was born in Covington, Tenn. on June 21, 1920. She graduated from Erskine College in 1942 and was an elementary school teacher in Covington, Tenn. until her marriage on August 24, 1943 to James Luther Mays, son of James Allen and Ruth Holshouser Mays, Louisville, Ga., and a graduate of Erskine College. Following the wedding and brief family visits, they went to southern California where he was stationed while serving in the Air Transport Command during World War II. She was employed in California banks until the end of the war after which they lived in New York City briefly while he attended Columbia University and they considered their future. After deciding that he would attend seminary, they moved to Richmond, Virginia where he enrolled in Union Theological Seminary. Mary Will worked in the seminary library and after graduation they moved to Steele's Tavern, Va. where he had served as a student pastor and was then called as Pastor of the Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church. They later moved to First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton, N. C. but were soon offered an opportunity to return to a faculty position at Union Theological Seminary. After a period of foreign study, including receiving a Ph.D. degree from The University of Manchester, England, Dr. Mays became Professor of Old Testament at Union Seminary where he remained until his retirement in 1994. He had an illustrious career as an educator, was the author of many books and other publications, and continued to lecture, teach, and write after his formal retirement. He was an avid fisherman. Mary Will was a librarian in several schools in the Richmond area. In 1997, they still lived in Richmond, Va. The Mays had two daughters: Sarah Doris and Mary Frances.

Sarah Mays was born in Steeles Tavern, Va. on March 1, 1949. She attended Richmond, Va. schools and graduated from the College of William & Mary. She later moved to the San Francisco, Ca. area and after a variety of jobs, entered the University of California and became a Registered Nurse. She married Charles Rogerson, Ph.D., the grandson of a Presbyterian minister and a Computer Application Systems Analyst. They had two sons: Samuel Greenleaf, born on June 21, 1985 and Arran James, born on November 2, 1987. The family lived in Alameda, Ca. in 1997.

Mary Frances Mays was born in Steeles Tavern, Va. on January 21, 1953. She attended Richmond, Va. schools and other institutions of higher learning in Indiana and Montana before returning to Richmond and receiving a Nursing Degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. She subsequently did graduate study in education and counseling and worked in this area, particularly with children. She married Alexander Simon, a graduate of the University of Virginia and a practicing attorney in Richmond. They had two daughters, Abigail Jane Simon, born in Richmond on October 27, 1994, and Ruth Miriam Simon born in Richmond on March 24, 1997. The family lived in Richmond, Va. in 1997.

Hugh Ernest Boyd was born in Cayce, Miss. on April 23, 1886. He moved to Tipton County, Tenn. in the early 1900's. He farmed and later had a store in Atoka, Tenn. and still later worked in Haddad's mercantile store in Munford, Tenn. On Jan. 4, 1911 in Atoka, he married Bessie Simonton who was born on September 7, 1888. He died on July 12, 1953 and she died on July 26, 1970. Both were buried in the ARP Cemetery at Salem. They had two children: Frances and William Simonton Boyd.

Frances Boyd was born in Atoka, Tenn. on April 14, 1914. She graduated from Munford High School and attended West Tennessee Normal School in Memphis. On May 7, 1937, she married Irby Ray Hester who was born in Gibson County, Tenn. on Dec. 91 1913. Irby

Ray died in the 1980's and Frances lived in Rutherford, Tenn. in 1997. They had three children: William Henry, James Boyd, and Ann Hester.

William (Bill) Hester was born in Gibson County on March 5, 1938. He attended Memphis State College and graduated from the University of Tenn. School of Pharmacy. On June 30, 1956, he married Shirley Ann McLemore, born in Gibson County on June 16, 1938. He was a pharmacist and they lived in Rutherford, Tenn. in 1997. They had three children: Patty Gail (Adopted), Doris Jean, and Henry Ernest Hester (Adopted).

Patty Gail was born Sept. 25, 1962. She obtained a B. S. Degree from University of Tennessee Martin and a Master's Degree from University of Memphis. She was a kindergarten teacher in Memphis in 1997.

Doris Jean was born Jan. 6, 1965. On Sept. 25, 1987, she married Michael Lynn Denton who was born April 28, 1962. They had three children: Scarlet Dawn Caton (by her first marriage) born Sept. 13, 1984; Lyndsey Jo Denton born May 30, 1989; and Ethan Henry Denton born July 20, 1990.

Henry Ernest Hester was born August 17, 1968. Henry was a construction worker and had a son, Dylan Blake Hester, born Nov. 25, 1992. They lived with Bill and Shirley in Rutherford, Tenn. in 1997.

James Boyd Hester was born October 2, 1942 in Gibson County. He married Eunice Wagner who was born on June 21, 1946. Jim worked in security with the Tennessee National Guard and Eunice was a Registered Nurse. They lived in Clarksville, Tenn. in 1997. They had two children: Courtney and Nicole.

Courtney Hester was born Dec. 4, 1968. She was a Nanny and lived and worked in Potomac, Md. in 1997.

Nicole Hester was born Sept. 3, 1971. On Mar. 22, 1997, she married Michael McNeill who was born Sept. 7, 1969. He was a military service man who in mid 1997 was awaiting imminent assignment to a tour of duty in Germany. Nicole worked in a Childrens' Day Care Center.

Ann Hester was born Mar. 13, 1947. She was a dental hygienist and on Mar. 17, 1967, married Dr. Cordell Hull (Corky) Chaffin, DDS. They had two children: Melody Star and Shawn Chaffin. They lived in Hendersonville, Tenn. in 1997.

Melody Star Chaffin was born Aug. 20, 1969. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Alabama and worked as an auditor in Atlanta. On Sept. 5, 1992, she married Dave McMullen, born Jan 17, 1969. He graduated from Western Kentucky University and in 1997 was a manager of Sight and Sound for Service Merchandise in Atlanta.

Shawn Chaffin was born Aug 10, 1971. He graduated from Georgia Tech and in 1997 lived and worked for a Computer company in Atlanta.

William Simonton Boyd was born in Atoka, Tenn. on April 20, 1915 and grew up in Tipton County. He graduated from Munford High School and was a carpenter and later a construction foreman and supervisor. He was an active member of the York Rite of Free Masons, and served the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Tenn. for 19 months as Grand Commander. On November 29, 1940, he married Beryl Franklyn Black who was born in Tipton County on April 12, 1914. They lived in Munford, Tenn. in 1997. They had four children: William Simonton, Jr., born February 23, 1943; Bette Ann, born November 9, 1945; Thomas Hugh, born June 18, 1947; and Margaret Lynn (Peggy), born April 1, 1956.

William Simonton (Bill) Boyd, Jr. married Kate Elizabeth (K. E.) Field on August 28, 1965. They had two children: William Jennings Boyd, born April 18, 1967, and Kara Kristen Boyd, born March 19, 1970. Bill and K. E. were divorced and he married Joyce

Jacobsen in 1989. They had two children: Catherine Boyd, born May 11, 1990, and Kenneth Boyd, born August, 1993, and they lived in Middletown, CT in 1997.

Bette Ann Boyd married William Charles Lolley on September 17, 1967. They had two children: Steven Haughton Lolley, born February 12, 1971, and Lara Elizabeth Lolley, born February 26, 1978 and lived in Brandon, Miss. in 1997.

Thomas Hugh Boyd married Katherine (Kitty) Edwards on February 14, 1970. They had two children: Dylan Michael Boyd, born April 19, 1974, and Adam Thomas Boyd, born April 6, 1978. Thomas and Kitty were divorced and he married Margaret Ford on April 19, 1997. They live in Boston, Mass.

Margaret Lynn (Peggy) Boyd married Larry Eagan Boatwright on August 6, 1978. They had two children: Elizabeth Lowran Boatwright, born January 18, 1984, and Brendan Alexander Boatwright, born May 16, 1988. Peggy and the children lived in Memphis in 1997.

This concludes our record of the Boyd family line from the time of William Boyd in County Antrim, Ireland in the 1700's to Ruth Miriam Simon in Richmond, Va., the youngest known direct descendant at the end of June 1997.

It is obvious that we had access to more comprehensive information on some branches of the family than on others.

If anyone who reads this document has additional data or corrections to offer, it will be greatly appreciated if you will send such information to Robert B. Boyd, 118 Woodlawn Circle, Athens, TN 37303. (423-745-9310)

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BOYD FAMILY GENEALOGY

The earlier parts of the following listings were excerpted from records acquired by Charles Morgan Boyd, D. D., which he passed on to the family of his brother William Robert Boyd sometime in the 1950's. Later entries were made by Sarah Doris Boyd and Robert Burton Boyd using notes made by their mother and with greatly appreciated help from other family members.

The following listings present the Boyd Family Tree as developed from the records mentioned above. The indentations indicate different generations.

Robert Boyd m. Mary Peoples
Alexander (1763 - 1815)

William Boyd m. Mary Dorman
Mary Boyd
Martha Boyd (1792-1832) m. Alexander Boyd (1st Cousin & son of Robert)
Alexander Boyd
Jennie Boyd

Children of Martha & Alexander Boyd

Robert Boyd m. Elizabeth Blaine
Warren Boyd
William Boyd (1876) m. Mary McDaniel
John Boyd - m. Martha Boyd
Charles Boyd m. a Miss Reedy
James Boyd m. a Miss Nelson
Alexander Boyd never married
Nancy Boyd m. John Hamilton
Mary Boyd m. Hugh Dorrough
Jennie Boyd m. Jess Goins

Children of William & Mary McDaniel Boyd

Edward Boyd - never married
Martha Boyd - 1st m. Empsile White 2nd m. Marmaduke Braddy
Elizabeth Boyd - 1st m. Hugh Murdock McQuiston
Pressly McQuiston - Died in youth
William McQuiston - m. Katie Parkinson
John Calvin McQuiston - m. Agnes Witherington
Archie McQuiston - m. Lizzie Strong
Iva McQuiston - never married
Rebecca McQuiston - m. George Gates
Ann Eliza McQuiston - m. Todd Wilson
John C. McQuiston - m. Bessie Lemmon
Holmes Calvin McQuiston - m. Minnie
Irene Boyd McQuiston - m. Neil Brown
John Ward McQuiston - 1st m. _____ 2nd m. Vance Hall
James Robertson McQuiston - m. Elise Thomas
Iva Grier McQuiston - m. Ernest Hooper
Elizabeth Boyd - 2nd m. Cornelius Baird
James W. Baird (1st Pastor of Covington ARP Church) - m. Anna Marie Brice
Mary Boyd - m. Robert Payne
John Boyd - died in an accident in Youth
Pressly Boyd - never married
James Boyd - never married

Anne Boyd - m. William Millen
 Belle Millen - m. Knox Sloan
 Bettie Millen - m. Jim Milliron
Charles Boyd - never married
William Baldrige Boyd (1834-1913) - m. Frances Ann Carrington (1847-1940)

Children of William Baldrige & Frances Ann Carrington Boyd

Walter m. Ella Pearce
Mary Elizabeth 1st m. Dr. W. A. Young 2nd m. C. Theodore Strong
John Lawrence (1871-1956) m. Sara Elizabeth (Lizzie) Crenshaw
Charles Morgan (1875-1958) m. Ella Jane Lee (1877-1959)
Ida Pearl (1878-1942) m. Charles Grier Strong
William Robert (1882-1975) m. Sallie (Sarah) Pace (1886-1970)
Hugh Ernest (1886-1953) m. Bessie Simonton (1888-1970)

Children & Heirs of Walter & Ella Pearce Boyd

Cora Boyd (1895 - ?) m. Hubert Ashbrook Dickinson (? - 1964)
 Hubert Ashbrook Dickinson, Jr. (1929 -) m. Teru Sasaki (1929 -)
 Andrew Boyd Dickinson (1959 -) m. Susan Anne Calcott Krug (1956 -)
 Joseph Gerard Krug (Stepson) (1975 -)
 Craig Krug (Stepson) (1978 -)
 William Boyd Dickinson (1933 -) m. Sandra Schmidt
 Mark Wesley Dickinson (1967 -)
 Lindsay Dickinson
Rene Boyd (1897-1915)

Children & Heirs of John L. & Elizabeth Crenshaw Boyd

Mildred Lillian Boyd (1896-1992) - m. Leno T. Morrison (1889-1976)
 John Terrell Morrison (1934 -) m. Mary Alice McGill (1935 -)
 Terry Alice Morrison (1956 -) m. Steven Joe Cobb (1956 -)
 Steven Heath Cobb (1976 -)
 Cora Michelle Cobb (1980 -)
 Johna Marie Morrison (1960 -) m. Lindsey Christian Griesman (1957-)
 John Tyler Griesman (1985 -)
 William Austin Griesman

Ruth Wylie Boyd (1901 -) m. Carroll Lee Pell

 Elizabeth Frances Pell (1939 -)
 John Lee Pell (-) m. Maureen _____
Edith Louise Boyd (1904 - ??) m. Maurice Parkinson
Dorothy Agnew Boyd (1910 -) m. Roy Brazell
 Jane Elizabeth Brazell (1942 -) m. Tom Sisolac
 Mary Beth Sisolac
 Boyd Brazell (

Children & Heirs of Ida Pearl & C. Grier Strong

 Agnes (1913 -) m. James Everett Simonton (1933-1996)
 Nancy Jane (1942 -) m. Russell Lindsay
 Frances Ann (Fran) (1973 -)
 Frances (1914 -) m. Floyd Timbs (1908-1977)

Children & Heirs of William Robert & Sallie Pace Boyd

 Sarah Doris Boyd (1912)
 Robert Burton Boyd (1916 -) m. Bobbie Josephine Smith (1914 -)

Robert Carrington Boyd (1941 -) m. Dianne Louise Miller (1943)
 Kimberly Diane (Goodwin) Boyd (1963 -) Daughter of Dianne - m. C. J. VonDrehle
 Katherine Dianne VonDrehle (1996 -)
 Robert David Boyd (1970 -) 1st m. Shannon Mourine Allen
 Rachel Alexis Boyd (1993 -) adopted by Monty Ferguson
 Robert David Boyd - 2nd m. Amanda Gail King (1968)
 Victoria Candace King (1991 -) - Amanda's Daughter
 Mary Will Boyd(1920 -) m. James Luther Mays (1921 -)
 Sarah Doris Mays (1950 -) m. Charles Rogerson (1946 -)
 Samuel Greenleaf Rogerson (1985 -)
 Aaran James Rogerson (1987 -)
 Mary Frances Mays (1953 -) m. Alexander Simon (1950)
 Abigail Jane Simon (1994 -)
 Ruth Miriam Simon (1997 -)
 Children of Hugh Ernest & Bessie Simonton Boyd
 Frances Boyd (1914 -) m. Irby Ray Hester (1913 - ??)
 William Henry Hester (1938 -) m. Shirley Ann McLemore (1938 -)
 Patty Gail Hester (Adopted) (1962 -)
 Doris Jean (1965 -) 2nd m. Michael Lynn Denton (1962 -)
 Scarlet Dawn Caton (1984 -) by 1st m.
 Lindsey Jo Denton (1989 -)
 Ethan Henry Denton (1990 -)
 Henry Ernest Hester (1968 -)
 Dylan Blake Hester (Adopted) (1992 -)
 James Boyd Hester (1942 -) m. Eunice Wagner (1946 -)
 Courtney Hester (1968 -)
 Nicole Hester (1969 -) m. Michael McNeill (1969 -)
 Ann Hester (1947 -) m. Cordell Hull (Corky) Chaffin (1944 -)
 Melody Star Chaffin (1969 -) m. Dave McMullen (1969 -)
 Shawn Chaffin (1971 -)
 William Simonton Boyd(1915 -) m. Beryl Black (1914 -)
 William Simonton Boyd, Jr. (1943 -) 1st m. Kate Elizabeth Field
 William Jennings Boyd (1967 -)
 Kara Kristin Boyd (1970 -)
 William Simonton Boyd, Jr. - 2nd m. Joyce Jacobsen
 Catherine Boyd (1990 -)
 Kenneth Boyd (1993 -)
 Betty Ann Boyd (1945 -) m. William Charles Lolley
 Steven Haughton Lolley (1971 -)
 Lara Elizabeth Lolley (1978 -)
 Thomas Hugh Boyd (1947 -) 1st m. Mary Katherine Edwards
 Dylan Michael Boyd (1974 -)
 Adam Thomas Boyd (1978 -)
 Thomas Hugh Boyd 2nd m. Margaret Ford
 Margaret Lynn (Peggy) Boyd (1956 -) m. Larry Eagan Boatwright
 Elizabeth Lowran Boatwright (1984 -)
 Brendan Alexander Boatwright (1988 -)