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Volume IV Goes to Print!

The headline says it all. Six years after volume 3, the Association is pleased to announce the publishing of volume 4. This volume marks the halfway point for the total number of volumes planned for the 7th Edition. Detailed information about this volume can be found through out the newsletter. A copy of the book's table of contents (minus the page numbers) and the order form for all of the books can be found in the center section of the newsletter.

For a limited time we are offering volume 4 at a pre-publication price of \$40. This price is only good up to and at the reunion date of July 24, 1999. For any orders postmarked later than July 24, 1999 the price will increase to \$45, the same as the earlier volumes in the set. Currently the scheduled delivery of volume 4 is the week before the reunion. After the Association receives volume 4 it will be 6 to 8 weeks for delivery to you. We do hope to have these volumes available for sale at the reunion.

The Association strives to keep the price of the books to as low a level as possible. Realistically other factors do force us to raise prices over time. These include; increased postage, packing, handling, funding for future volumes. Historically the Association "ate" many of these costs out of the profit of the book. With publishing and other costs continuing to increase the Association is implementing a shipping and handling fee per book. This will assist us in providing you with your order in as reliable and timely a mode as possible. In addition, it will provide both you the customer and us with better accountability on all orders.

Some of these costs may be minimized in the future as we recruit more volunteers to help with this aspect of the Association. If you would be interested in doing book orders and live in the southern Pennsylvania or Maryland area please contact us.

95th Reunion Returns to Boyertown

The Association of American Boyers Inc., 95th Annual Reunion is set for Saturday July 24, 1999 at the Boyertown Community Park in Boyertown, Pennsylvania. Directions and a simple map to Boyertown and the reunion can be found on page 3. As in other years the Reunion is a chance for Boyers and their descendants to assemble from all over the country for a day of fun and friendly gathering. The pavilion at the park does have seating and picnic tables, and is covered for protection from inclement weather. As always it is a good idea to bring your own chairs as seating can fill up. Back again this year is the catered cold cut buffet lunch from Matche's catering. The cost is very reasonable and we highly encourage your participation with it. The advanced reservation form can be found inside the last page and more detailed information can be found on the top of the outside cover. A Genealogical workshop, lead by our Directors Lloyd and Ellen Yost, will be held beginning at 10:30 am. They will offer ideas in genealogical research, and invite questions and experiences from those attending. The park has lots of things for the kids to do. Besides playground equipment, there are ball fields and a public swimming pool. Available at the reunion for purchase will be a variety of Boyer crest items and the first four volumes of the 7th edition of **American Boyers**. We hope to make this a reunion to remember. So come on out. A more detailed schedule can be found on page 3.

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Historian's Column

As this column is being written in mid April, the first proofreading of the approximate 1,095 pages for Volume 4 of the Seventh Edition of *American Boyers* is taking place. The text for Volume 4 was completed by your historian on Nov. 29, 1998. Our president, Bill Boyer, has been busy converting the text from the historian's computer program into a page maker format so that it will be similar to the previous editions of American Boyers. Due to the large volume of information received last year and the time required for conversion of the data, a separate newsletter was not issued late last year as anticipated. The order form for Pre-publication orders for Volume 4 is included with this newsletter. We urge you to order Volume 4 at the reduced pre-publication price. Our goal now is to have Volume 4 ready for distribution by our reunion date of July 24.

Work is progressing well on the Chapters for Volume 5. Volume 5 will begin with Chapter 49 [BW], and will extend to approximately Chapter 104 [DZ]. We urge you to submit updated information now if your line is going to be in Volume 5. The anticipated deadline for information will be July 22, 2000. Some information submitted last year did not pertain to the Chapters in Volume 4; however, all information submitted is appreciated and will be incorporated into its appropriate chapter for later publication.

We encourage everyone to continue to report new information and findings, and thank you for the information that has been received. Information may be mailed to your historian at 990 E. Philadelphia St., York, PA 17403-1121. You may also bring information to the reunion where the historian and assistants will be glad to receive your data. Printouts from your computer program are acceptable. If you are not using a computer, forms for reporting information are available from the historian.

EDITIONS OF AMERICAN BOYERS

First edition - 1915 - 532 pages - by Dr. Charles Clinton Boyer, Kutztown, Pa.

Second edition - 1916 addenda - 62 pages

Third edition - 1918 addenda - 18 pages

Fourth edition - 1924 addenda - 64 pages

Fifth edition - 1940 - 664 pages - by Melville James Boyer, Allentown, Pa.

Sixth edition - 1963 supplement - 334 pages

Seventh edition - Vol. I - 1984 - 646 pages - Chapters 1 [AA] to 7 [AG] 18,842 names

Vol. II - 1986 - 670 pages - Chapters 8 [AH] to 24 [AX] 19,073 names

Vol. III - 1992 - 776 pages - Chapters 25 [AY] to 31 [BE] 23,146 names

Vol. IV - 1998 - 1,100 pages - Chapters 32 [BF] to 48 [BV] 36,594 names

[Seventh edition by present historian, Donald Arthur Boyer, York, Pa.]

Unlike other publications by commercial ventures, for which you may have received a solicitation from time to time, *American Boyers* traces family lines from the earliest known ancestor to the most recent additions, and enables you to determine relationships between individuals.

An order form for Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Seventh Edition is included with this newsletter.

An annual Memorial List is compiled by the historian each July before our annual reunion. Information for the memorial list is obtained from newspaper obituaries in Indianapolis, Ind., Baltimore, Frederick, Hagerstown, and Westminster, Md., Mullen, and North Platte, Neb., Dayton, and Toledo, Ohio, Allentown, Butler, Carlisle, Chambersburg, Hanover, Harrisburg, Indiana, Johnstown, Lancaster, Lebanon, Norristown, Philadelphia, Pottstown, Pottsville, Reading, Shamokin, Somerset, Sunbury, and York, Pa., and Galax, Va., as well as data sent to us from correspondents.

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Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Bill Boyer, P.O. Box 363, Jefferson MD 21755-0363, and we will send you a copy when the listing for the past 12 months is completed in July.

Recipients of this newsletter are urged to clip items concerning Boyer-Byers, etc., from newspapers, include the date and name of the newspaper, and send them to the historian. We thank those who have sent information and trust that you will continue to send additional news.

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Reunion Directions

Boyertown is located almost midway between Reading and Philadelphia Pennsylvania, just 6 miles north of Pottstown. It is located on State Route 73 just 0.4 miles west of State Route 100.

From the North:

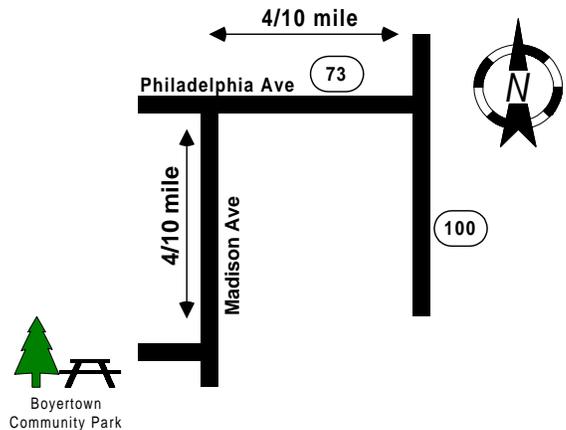
Take Route 100 south to Route 73. Take Route 73 west about 0.4 miles to Madison Ave. Take a left on Madison and go for about 0.4 miles. The Boyertown Community park will be on the right.

From the South:

Take Route 100 north to Route 73. Take Route 73 west about 0.4 miles to Madison Ave. Take a left on Madison and go for about 0.4 miles. The Boyertown Community park will be on the right.

From East & West:

You need to get to Route 100. There are a number of East/West highways that hook up with Route 100. They include I-76 and I-78. After getting to Route 100 use the directions for North and South.



Reunion Schedule

- 10 til closing — Registration
 - 10:30 am — Genealogical Workshop
 - 12 pm til 1:15 pm — Lunch and Mixer, Catered or bring your own
 - 1:15pm — Reunion Program
- Planned events include:
 Welcome, Boyer Songs, Stories and Anecdotes
 Election and brief report from officers.
 Awarding of prizes by Richard Boyer
 PLUS..... More to be Announced.....

Souvenir ribbons will be available at the registration desk.
Crest items will be for sale at the reunion.
The Genealogical Workshop will be chaired by Rev. Lloyd and Ellen Yost.
Boyer songs will be led by Harriet Harman and Patricia Lewis.
Lunch information can be found on page 15

Volunteers Desperately Needed

The Association of American Boyers is managed and run by volunteers. Many of the officers have full time jobs and can only spend a limited amount of time on Association business. The more people that we can get to help spread out the work load the more productive everyone can be. Also everyone will get more enjoyment out of the experience. With that said if you have some spare time and would like to help out contact any of the officers by mail, e-mail, or stop and see us at the reunion. Your help would be greatly appreciated by everyone in the Association.

Areas that we could use the most help include: reunion coordinator, membership list coordinator, PR director, and book orders. Also if you would like to help us plan for the future we are in need of individuals to sit on our board of directors. Please seriously consider helping us keep the Association viable.

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The Association of American Boyers is open to all persons with the name of Bayer, Beyer, Bowyer, Boyer, Boyers, Byer, Byers, etc., or anyone married to or descended from anyone with that name.

Vera Wolfe Wins Again at 1998 Reunion



Vera with Rick Boyer sharing some of her stories.

Vera Wolfe, age 95, continued her streak as oldest woman present at the Boyer Reunion of 1998. Having received her prize, Vera then entertained the participants at the Gettysburg reunion with lively stories in Pennsylvania German, including the song "the ol' gray mare she ain't what she used to be." Vera, the daughter of **Samuel** (1881-1959) and **Beulah Boyer**, told the group she'd been "fetched up in Tower City," spent 73 years on a farm, 46 years as a widow. She said she had renewed her driver's license at the age of 89, and never had a doctor. She attended her first Boyer reunion at Hershey Park in 1927.

Vera is a seventh-generation Boyer, descended from **John Henry Beyer** (BX), who was born in Germany in 1708, came to America in 1728, and died in Berks County PA in 1757. Vera's great-grandfather, **Adam Boyer**, 1800-1874, had 23 children, 8 by his first wife and 15 by his second. (Adam's "Boyer number," referring to his chapter in our history "American Boyers," is BX233).

Other prize winners at Gettysburg were **Aaron Franklin Lauer**, 92, of Dover PA, oldest man present; **Levi Hooper**, 21 months, of Frederick MD, youngest person; **Javier Munoz**, of Valencia, Spain, traveled the farthest. Former Association President **Robert Boyer** (AD139), of Wyomissing PA, was awarded a new Boyer T-shirt for his many years of service to the organization.

As in past years, Assistant Historian **Neil Boyer** (AW845), of Silver Spring MD, led a genealogical workshop in the morning session, and a number of good ideas were shared. Neil told of doing genealogical research in Orwigsburg and Easton PA, and looking through various cemeteries, courthouses and churches for information on his Boyer ancestors.

Lloyd Yost (BX21C), of Shrewsbury PA, and **Paul Boyer**, of Lima, Ohio, were among those sharing information. **John Boyer**, of Mountville PA, Lancaster County, showed an honor guard sword used in the Civil War that had passed down through the generations in his family. John also displayed a book written by **Peter Boyer III**, of Lebanon PA, entitled "Reminiscences After 80 Years."

Association President **Bill Boyer** (IE218), of Jefferson MD, led the meeting, with Paul Boyer offering prayer before the meal. Secretary **Hilda Boyer Yeager** displayed the quilt that she had made for auction at the reunion. **Pat Boyer Lewis**, of Taneytown MD, and her sister **Harriet Boyer Harman**, of Palmyra PA (both BA262) once again led the group in singing. Bill offered special thanks to Harriet and her husband **Ron Harman** for their work in making arrangements for use of the park in Gettysburg and for the catered food.

Historian **Donald Boyer** (BA132), of York PA, reported on progress on the association book "American Boyers." Donald said that he had retired from his customary employment and that that permitted him more time to work on the seventh edition. The text for Volume IV, he said, would be complete by the end of 1998. He already had started on Volume V, and he hoped to have the entire seventh edition complete by the association's 100th anniversary in 2004.

Bill thanked **Bob and Eleanor Boyer**, who were in charge of book sales at the reunion and throughout the year; **Rosemary and Peggy Boyer**, who handled sales of Boyer crest items and T-shirts; **Paul and Alice Boyer**, who handled registration; and Betty Boyer, association treasurer.

Vice President **Rick Boyer** (AI621), of Tamaqua PA, awarded the prizes and encouraged those in attendance to supply material for the association book and to purchase copies for their grandchildren and for their local libraries.

Bill said he hoped soon to have a Boyer Association web page posted on the internet in order to spread information about the association work and to assist those doing research into Boyer families. Officers were nominated and reelected for the next year.



Harriet and Patricia leading everyone in singing the Boyer songs.



Boyers on the Move

Compiled by Neil Boyer



This column, appearing in each of our newsletters, provides interesting items on recent events in the lives of Boyer family members. Contributions for future issues are welcome. Family ID numbers, where known, are from our genealogy.

Esther Boyer Griswold (BL111), who died in Ocala, Florida, in March 1999 at the age of 95, was the donor of about \$5 million to Temple University in Philadelphia. She and her husband were corporate executives with Tampax. The **Esther Boyer College of Music**, at Temple, is named in her memory. Temple's president called her "our most distinguished alumna."

The name of **Julia A. Boyer**, of White County, Illinois, was found on a Civil War identification medallion at Nokesville VA, near Manassas, in March 1999. Research indicated that Julia had married a cavalryman named Foster and that she died in 1928 at the age of 87. Relic collectors said it was rare to find such a medal bearing a female name. Julia might have been a nurse, or perhaps her husband carried the medal to indicate who should be contacted in an emergency.

Paul D. Boyer (AD22A), professor emeritus of the UCLA department of chemistry and biochemistry, won the distinguished Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1997. Paul believes he is descended from Pennsylvania Boyers. He was born in Utah in 1918.

The **Corinne Boyer Fund** promoted a major conference on ovarian cancer in Toronto in May 1999. Following Corinne's death in 1995, the Fund was founded by her husband, **Patrick Boyer**, a former member of Parliament in Canada and a member of the executive committee of this Association. The Fund gave \$1 million to the University of Ottawa in 1998 and has now incorporated in the United States.

William Boyer, founder of Boyer's Coffee Company, based in Denver, has a catalogue of products, including gifts and accessories, available on the company's website, boyerscoffee.com.

The Rev. **Brian Boyer** (AC122) was ordained in March 1998 as pastor of the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church, near Phoenixville PA. Brian had been a police officer for 14 years but "felt a calling pulling him away from police work." Going back to his home area as a minister was a "dream come true," he said. As a policeman, he had been involved in investigation of several crime cases, including the murder of a 14-year-old girl.

The Boyers of Orwigsburg PA got major publicity in a Pottsville newspaper in February as they expanded their chain of Boyers Food Markets into nearby communities. **Harold S. Boyer** (AW953) bought his first store in 1949, and 50 years later his widow and four children are co-owners of 10 supermarkets, soon to be 12, employing more than 700 people.

Michelle Byer, 20, a junior basketball player at Albright College in Reading PA, began a program called Hoop Dreams at Albright to assist women in dealing with abusive partners. Drawing on her own date rape experience and her work at the Berks County Women in Crisis Shelter, Michelle said athletics is an excellent vehicle for women to build physical and emotional strength and an opportunity for them to prove themselves.

The Rev. **Mark Boyer**, editor of The Mirror, a Catholic newspaper in Springfield, Missouri, has written a 132-page book analyzing the religious themes in the lyrics of John Denver's songs.

Frederick Boyer, an active 90-year-old barber in Potts Grove PA, was the object of a full-page feature in the Sunbury Daily Item in April 1999. He was a high school student when he opened his first barber shop 73 year ago. "Shear Longevity" was the title of the article. Frederick complained that longer hair styles in the 1980s cut back his business and forced him to go part-time.

Jeff Boyer (FM283) was named Coach of the Year in Somerset PA in March 1999 for his work with the Shade High School boys basketball team. He also teaches math and computer science.

The Boyer brothers of York County PA were featured in the York Daily Record on Memorial Day 1998. **Bob, Herb, Dave and Stuart ("Red") Boyer** (FO163) recalled the death of their brother **Walter L. Boyer** in the Battle of St. Lo as the allied invasion of France began at Normandy. Walt left when he was 21 and just married. His son was only one when Walt died. "Little" Walter Boyer today is commander of the Dallastown American Legion.

Marcie Boyer of Carlisle PA, a senior at Northern High School, was described as "vicious scoring machine" of the Polar Bears field hockey team this year. One week she scored seven goals in two games. At season's end, she signed up to go to New Hampshire, which has a Division I team.

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Boyer Family Stories

A Sampler from Volume IV



The items below are taken from entries in the forthcoming Volume IV of the 7th edition of our history, **American Boyers**. References are to chapter and family member.

Elizabeth Boyers (BR56), 1799-1882, married William Conrad and lived in Grant County KY. They had five children, 31 grandchildren, 117 great-grandchildren, 236 great-great-grandchildren, and more. A 251-page book entitled "The Descendants of Elder William and Elizabeth Boyers Conrad," by John Conrad of Lexington KY, was published in 1980.

Charles G. Boyer (BF162), born in 1810, was "bound out" when he was a boy to his father's brother in Friedensburg PA.

John Joseph Boyer (BH111), 1866-1957, was postmaster of Humphrey, Nebraska.

Martha ("Ted") Boyer (BN118), was named after President Theodore Roosevelt, who was inaugurated in 1901, the year she was born in Melbourne KY.

Isaac Eaton Boyer (BG245), born in 1832 in Elizabethtown PA farmed and preached in Ida Grove, Iowa, and helped start Churches of God there.

Jason David Byers (BV854), 1874-1933, served with the Army in Cuba in 1898, with the Army Ambulance Service with the French Army in 1917-19, and as superintendent of George Washington University Hospital. He was cited by Gen. Pershing in 1919 for "exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous service as quartermaster," as well by the French government and the Government of Tunisia.

Andrew Byers (BV85), was born in 1775 in Franklin County PA. Later he lived in Cumberland County, where he was a farmer, blacksmith and Dunkard minister.

Leonard Boyer (BN) was born in Berks County PA in 1758. He was a private, guarding prisoners of war in Reading PA in the American Revolution, then moved to Stephensburg VA in 1782. About 1785, he deserted his family and went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he prospered as an early settler. He died there in 1830.

Henry Boyer (BO118), born in 1794 in Herkimer County NY, moved to Eaton County, Michigan, where he was a farmer, justice of the peace and township treasurer.

Jacob Boyers (BN1) was born in 1782 in Stephensburg VA. He was a carriage and coach maker in Front Royal and later operated a mill. His residence was called Fairplay. In his will, he said that all male servants should be set free at age 30, females at 28, "except the Black girl Hannah was to serve his wife Elizabeth while she may live and then she will be set free."

Catherine Boyer (BI3) was born about 1769 in Shenandoah County VA. Her mother gave a consent note for her marriage in 1789, signing the German script with a mark. Catherine married Isaac Funkhouser, and they raised 11 children.

Jacob Boyers (BK1), 1823-1864, helped his parents build the first cabin in Dover Township in Fulton County, Ohio. In 1852, Jacob and two brothers-in-law went to the gold fields in California and stayed more than a year. He rode off to the Civil War in 1863, but came home sick the next year and died two weeks later.

Josiah Boyers (BN11), born in 1806 in Winchester VA, died about 1880 after a horse and buggy accident.

Nathan Bryan Boyer (BH141), born about 1977 in Fries Va, standing 6 feet 7 inches tall, was the Grayson County High School's alltime leading scorer and rebounder in basketball.

William Harris Boyer (BU55), 1846-1913, was president of the Union Special Sewing Machine Co. He obtained patents on many inventions and donated funds for a school in honor of his father in his boyhood hometown of Halifax PA.

J. Edgar Boyer (BN111), born in 1832 in Morgantown WVA, was a lawyer, judge and first Secretary of State of West Virginia. He later moved to Kentucky and is buried in Mentor KY.

John Meredith Boyer (BG245), 1856-1930, was superintendent of schools in Putnam County, Illinois.

William Green Boyers (BN14), 1810-1854, moved from Virginia to Mt. Morris PA and built bridges over the Monongahela and Susquehanna rivers. He also farmed and operated a sawmill and flour mill.

Morgan Lauck Boyers (BN15), born in 1811 in Front Royal VA, was a farmer, merchant, justice of the peace, Methodist minister, and school commissioner. When he died in 1892, he was buried in Boyers Cemetery on a farm at the mouth of Scott's Run near Osage WVA.

George Washington Boyer (BG249), 1879-1961, ran a cigar and candy store in Tyrone PA.

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Volume IV Table of Contents

On the next three pages is the table of contents as it appears in Volume IV of the 7th Edition of *American Boyers* (minus the page numbers). On the after the last page of the table of contents you will find an order form for the newest volume along with the option to order any of the other volumes.

Chapter 32 (BF) JOHANNES NICHOLAS BEYER, from Bavaria to Berks Co., Pa.

- 3— BF12 JOHN JACOB BOYER, of Wayne Co., Ohio
- 4— BF121 JOHN BOYER, of Jefferson Co., Iowa
- 4— BF122 ABRAHAM BOYER, of Kosciusko Co., Ind.
- 4— BF123 JEREMIAH BOYER, of Eaton Co., Mich.
- 5— BF1236 CYRUS FIELD BOYER, of Russell Co., Kan.
- 4— BF162 CHARLES G. BOYER, of Monroe Co., Pa.
- 5— BF1643 WILLIAM H. BOYER, of Lewisburg, Pa.
- 3— BF1B ABRAHAM BOYER, of Dauphin Co., Pa.
- 4— BF1B1 JOHN BOYER, of Stark Co., Ohio
- 5— BF1B18 DAVID BOYER, of Potlatch, Ida.
- 4— BF1B8 SOLOMON BOYER, of Lebanon Co., Pa.
- 3— BF1H Rev. JOSHUA BOYER, of Carroll Co., Ill.
- 5— BF1H11 LEMON S. BOYER, of Scott Co., Kan.
- 5— BF1H17 DAVID HENRY BOYER, of Weatherford, Okla.

Chapter 33 (BG) JOHANN FRIEDRICH BEIER, from Germany to Penna.

- 2— BG1 CASIMER BYERS, of Dauphin Co., Pa.
- 2— BG2 JOHN NICHOLAS BEYER, of Lancaster Co., Pa.
- 4— BG221 WILLIAM BOYER, of Cumberland Co., Pa.
- 5— BG2211 WILLIAM BOYER, of Stephenson Co., Ill.
- 6— BG22112 JOHN W. BOYER, of Wellsville, Mo.
- 5— BG2212 JACOB BOYER, of Carroll Co., Ill.
- 6— BG22122 WILLIAM BOYER, of Cherry Co., Neb.
- 6— BG22126 HENRY R. BOYER, of Grundy Center, Iowa
- 5— BG2219 SOLOMON BOYER, of Altoona, Pa.
- 5— BG2441 JOHN BOYER, of Mifflin Co., Pa.
- 5— BG2442 GEORGE W. BOYER, of Dwight, Ill.
- 5— BG2451 JOHN S. BOYER, of Decatur, Ill.
- 5— BG2453 ISAAC EATON BOYER, of Ida Grove, Iowa
- 5— BG2494 JOHN JEFFERSON BOYER, of Tyrone, Pa.
- 2— BG3 FREDERICK BYER, of Franklin Co., Pa.

Chapter 34 (BH) WILLIAM HENRY BOYER, of Grayson Co., Va.

- 7— BH112711 OPIE GREEK BOYER, of Butler Co., Pa.
- 7— BH112714 DANIEL GAYLE BOYER, of Mayodan, N.C.
- 7— BH112717 CLAUDE ELWOOD BOYER, of Bel Air, Md.
- 7— BH112732 KEMPER LEE BOYER, of Stewartstown, Pa.
- 5— BH1189 JOHN ANDREW JACKSON BOYER, of Battle Creek Neb.
- 4— BH133 FRANCES BOYER HACKLER, of Cass Co., Mo.
- 4— BH134 WILLIAM BOYER, of Collin Co., Tex.
- 5— BH1411 HUGH BOYER, of Mullen, Hooker Co., Neb.
- 6— BH14116 STEPHEN McTEER "MACK" BOYER, of Los Gatos, Santa Clara Co., Calif.
- 6— BH14141 WILLIAM K. BOYER, of Anderson Co., Tex.
- 4— BH144 JAMES BOYER, of Sparta, Alleghany Co., N.C.
- 6— BH14467 GARLAND ATLEE BOYER, of Sloan, Iowa
- 6— BH14472 JAMES QUINCY BOYER, of Houston, Tex.
- 6— BH14612 ALEXANDER BOYER, of Delta, Colo.
- 6— BH14613 ROBERT JAMES BOYER, of Montrose, Colo.
- 6— BH14634 JOSEPH NATION BOYER, of Mullen, Neb.
- 6— BH14637 STEPHEN HASLEY BOYER, of Bartholomew Co., Ind.
- 5— BH1464 C. ROBERT BOYER, of Maywood, Calif.
- 5— BH1469 JOSEPH SAMUEL BOYER, of Heppner, Ore.
- 5— BH146A IRENE D. BOYER LONG, of Mullen, Neb.
- 5— BH1471 WILEY PLEASANT BOYER, of Clackamas Co., Ore.
- 4— BH148 FREELAND BOYER, of Pattonsburg, Mo.



- Chapter 35 (BI) MARGARET BOYER, of Shenandoah Co., Va.
 3— BI21 PETER BOYER, of Rockingham Co., Va.
 4— BI212 JOHN BOYER, of Ray Co., Mo.
 2— BI3 CATHERINE BOYER FUNKHOUSER, descendants in Vigo Co., Ind.
 2— BI4 PETER BOYER, of Shenandoah Co., Va.
 3— BI44 JACOB BOYER, of Darke Co., Ohio
 4— BI487 JAMES ROBERT BOYER, of Camp Verde, Ariz.

Chapter 36 (BJ) JOHN BOWYER, of Philadelphia, Pa.

- Chapter 37 (BK) JACOB BOYERS, of Fulton Co., Ohio
 4— BK176 LEVI ADELBERT BOYERS, of Jackson, Mich.
 3— BK18 WILLIAM LEVI BOYERS, of Metz, Ind.

Chapter 38 (BL) HENRY BOYER, from Bavaria, to Northampton Co., Pa.

- 3— BL11 GEORGE BOYER, of Carbon Co., Pa.
 5— BL1114 JONAS BOYER, of Liberty, Adams Co., Ill.
 6— BL11142 EDWIN BOYER, of Ralls Co., Mo.
 5— BL1174 MILTON H. BOYER, of Kansas City, Kan.
 5— BL1534 CHARLES BOYER, of Fremont, Ohio
 4— BL15A SAMUEL BOYER, of Lindsey, Ohio
 4— BL171 JOHN BOYER, of Waverly, Iowa
 3— BL41 JOHN VALENTINE BOYER, of Reading, Pa.
 5— BL4155 SIMON H. BOYER, of Ambia, Ind.
 5— BL4156 MAHLON H. BOYER, of Pine Grove, Pa.
 2— BL6 HENRY BOYER, of Lehigh Co., Pa.

Chapter 39 (BM) STEPHEN BOWYER, of Montgomery Co., Pa.

- 3— BM13 STEPHEN BOWYER, of Warren Co., Ohio
 3— BM17 LEVY BOWYER, of Clark Co., Ind.
 3— BM18 THOMAS S. BOWYER, of Trumbull Co., Ohio

Chapter 40 (BN) LEONARD BOYER, from Berks Co., Pa., to Frederick Co., Va., to Cincinnati, Ohio

- 2— BN1 JACOB BOYERS, of Monongalia Co., W.Va.
 3— BN11 JOSIAH BOYERS, of Mentor, Campbell Co., Ky.
 3— BN14 WILLIAM GREEN BOYERS, of Greene Co., Pa.
 4— BN145 BENSON BOYERS, of Butler Co., Neb.
 4— BN148 JACOB J. BOYERS, of Fairbury, Ill.
 5— BN1481 FRANK SMITH BOYERS, of Fort Wayne, Ind.
 4— BN171 JAMES WILLIAM BOYER, of Adams Co., Iowa
 3— BN1A JACOB H. BOYERS, of Owen Co., Ind.
 4— BN1B4 Rev. SIMON LEONARD BOYERS, of Delaware, Ohio

Chapter 41 (BO) PHILIP BEYER; LEONARD BOYER from Alsace, to Westchester Co., N.Y.

- 3— BO11 JOHANNES BOYER, of Herkimer Co., N.Y.
 4— BO112 JOHN BOYER, of Decatur Co., Ind.
 5— BO1123 ROBERT BOYER, of Clinton Co., Ind.
 6— BO11241 LANSON BOYER, of New York, N.Y.
 5— BO1141 JOSEPH BOYER, of Eaton Co., Mich.
 6— BO11623 CHARLES BOYER, of Fulton Co., N.Y.
 5— BO1165 ROBERT BOYER, of Oxford Co., Ont.
 5— BO1167 JONAS BOYER, of Blue Earth Co., Minn.
 4— BO118 HENRY BOYER, of Eaton Co., Mich.
 3— BO16 VALENTIN BOYER, of Madison Co., N.Y.

Chapter 42 (BP) SAMUEL BOYER, from Scotland, to Tennessee

Chapter 43 (BQ) CHARLES WILLIAM BOYER, of Baltimore, Md.

- 2— BQ6 CHARLES WILLIAM BOYER, of Geneva, Ala.

Chapter 44 (BR) CASPER BEYER, from Germany, to Carroll Co., Md.

- 5— BR3114 JOHN MICHAEL BYERS, of Council Bluffs, Iowa
 6— BR31147 ROBERT BYERS, of Long Island, N.Y.
 4— BR313 JOSHUA BYERS, of Pottstown, Pa.
 4— BR315 JOHN GABRIEL BYERS, of Adams Co., Pa.
 4— BR316 GEORGE M. BYERS, of Peoria, Ill.
 5— BR3161 JOHN JAMES BYERS, of Prairie City, Iowa
 2— BR5 JACOB BOYERS, of Harrison Co., Ky.



- Chapter 45 (BS) FREDERICK AUGUST BAYER, from Germany, to York Co., Pa.
 2— BS5 JOHN BOYER, of Shiremanstown, Pa.
 3— BS58 JACOB EDWARD BOYER, of Pottstown, Pa.
 3— BS61 JOSEPH BOYER, of Bellevue, Ohio
- Chapter 46 (BT) FREDERICK BAYER, from Germany, to Adams Co., Pa.
 3— BT14 FREDERICK BYERS, of Mount Airy, Md.
 3— BT1A DANIEL BOYER, of Lima, Ohio
- Chapter 47 (BU) NICHOLAS BOYER, from Upper Austria, to Halifax, Dauphin Co., Pa.
 2— BU4 GEORGE W. BOYER, of Clarion Co., Pa.
 3— BU51 JAMES BOYER, of Oklahoma City, Okla.
 4— BU511 CHARLES DERE BOYER, of Collin Co., Tex.
- Chapter 48 (BV) ANDREAS BEYER, from Germany, to Berks Co., Pa.
 3— BV12 PETER BOWYER, of Cass Co., Ind.
 4— BV123 JOHN BOWYER, of Putnam Co., W.Va.
 5— BV1232 NAPOLEON BONAPARTE BOWYER, of Tampa, Fla.
 3— BV15 JOHN BEYER, of Clark Co., Ohio2
 4— BV157 MARIAH MARGARET BOYER GISH, of Le Sueur Co., Minn.
 3— BV16 BENJAMIN BOYER, of Cuyahoga Co., Ohio
 5— BV1681 ABRAHAM BENJAMIN BOYER, of Polk Co., Mo.
 3— BV31 SUSANNA BEYER KLOPP, of Berks Co., Pa.
 3— BV32 JONATHAN BOYER, of Chemung Co., N.Y.
 4— BV324 PHILIP BOYER, of York, Pa.
 4— BV331 GEORGE BOYER, of Harrisburg, Pa.
 3— BV34 CHRISTINA BEIER HAAG, of Berks Co., Pa.
 4— BV37A MICHAEL BOYER, of Lisbon, Iowa
 5— BV37A6 DAVID MICHAEL BOYER, of Washington Co., Kan.
 4— BV37B SIDNEY BOYER THAYNE, of Wellington, Utah
 2— BV8 MARTIN BEYER, of Schaefferstown, Pa.
 4— BV824 CATHARINE BOYER SHIRE, of Crawford Co., Ill.
 4— BV825 DAVID KOLB BOYER, of Montgomery Co., Ohio
 3— BV85 ANDREW BYERS, of Franklin Co., Pa.
 4— BV854 DAVID C. BYERS, of Martinsburg, W.Va.
 4— BV871 JOHN BOYER, of Cocalico, Lancaster Co., Pa.
 4— BV872 PETER BOYER, of Lebanon Co., Pa.
 2— BVA MARY SIBILLA BEYER KNOPP, of Rockingham Co., Va.

NOTE: In addition to listing the founder of each chapter, we have also listed above those Boyers who founded large groups of descendants in states or counties away from the original settlement area. A complete name index is planned for the final volume of this seventh edition.

Your Mailing Label

We have gotten lots of questions over the years about what the various codes that appear on the mailing label mean. Not everyone has all of them, but we thought we would provide a short guide/diagram to help you understand the format. By looking at your Boyer ID and reading the Historian's column you can get an idea of which volume you are in, if you don't already know. We try to keep this information as correct as possible. If you know of any additions or changes please let us know.

Mailing list ID: This arbitrary number allows us to find a member very quickly in our database.

Boyer Life Member number

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Bill Willard Boyer (BH116), 1919-1995), of Indianapolis IN, served in the Air Force during World War II and was a prisoner of war at Stalag 17-B until April 1945. He was Indiana State Commander of American Ex-POW, Inc.

Jacob H. Boyers (BN1A) was born in West Virginia in 1820. He was a surgeon, a dentist, an innkeeper, and an inventor, holding more than 30 patents. He and his wife lived in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. They divorced, remarried, then divorced again.

Hezekiah C. Boyers (BN17), born in Front Royal VA in 1815, was a Methodist minister in Nebraska City, then moved to an Indian Mission in Arkansas. Later he moved back to Nebraska City, where he was stricken with his last illness the Sunday before dedication of a new church in 1870.

Eugene Ward Boyer (BN1A2), born in Freedom, Indiana, in 1890, dropped the "S" from his last name "Boyers" when he was married in 1914. He was a railroad agent in Hazleton IN.

Mahlon Richard Boyer (BL415), 1907-84, after retiring as vice president of Anken Chemical Co. in Newton NJ, returned to his family mansion, "The Forge," in Pine Grove PA and became president of the Boyer Land Corporation.

Nola E. Boyer (BO112), 1890-1982, was high school principal and superintendent of Sheridan city schools in Indiana. He later started and named the Hoosier Fence Company, which became the largest retail fence company in the country.

Raymond Henry Boyer (BF1H1), born in 1898 in Illinois, was a superintendent of schools and editor for Harlow Publishing in Oklahoma City.

Sylvester Charles Boyers (BN1A2), one of twins born in 1878 in Indiana, was postmaster of Freedom, Indiana, and was followed in that job by his wife Elnora after he died in 1922.

Jerome Toledo Bowyer (BV113), 1841-1910, was a lawyer in West Virginia. He was elected to the House of Delegates in 1869 and was prosecuting attorney of Putnam County. He also owned coal mines near Winfield WVA.

Nicholas Boyer (BU3), born in 1797 in Pennsylvania, operated the Union Hotel and tavern in Halifax PA and was a justice of the peace. He died of typhoid fever in 1854.

Rush Franklin Boyer (BH122), born in 1849 in Virginia, made beautiful furniture and coffins. On Sunday afternoons, he would play the drums when company came, while his granddaughter sang Yankee Doodle Dandy.

Valentin Boyer (BO16), was born about 1750 in Palatine NY. He served in the Revolutionary War with the Tryon County Militia. Later he was a farmer, an early settler on Indian lands in central New York state in 1802.

William James Boyer (BV872), born in 1907 in Lebanon PA, was at Candlestick Park in San Francisco for Game Three of the 1989 World Series when the earthquake hit.

Mark Hearn Boyer (BH146), born in 1962 in California, played tight end for a time for the Indianapolis Colts and the New York Jets.

Robert Wilmer Boyer (BG249), born in 1906, had a 55-year career in newspapers, retiring in 1982 as executive editor of the Altoona Mirror.

Frank Clayton Bowyer (BV113), born in 1870, ran the F. C. Bowyer Co., a steamship agent and dealer in phosphate, rock and lumber in Tampa FL. He also was president of the Tampa Terminal Company and was mayor of Tampa during the Spanish-American War (1898-99).

Jacob Boyer (BG212), born in 1801 in Lancaster County PA, became a foreman on a plantation near Hagerstown MD, although he reportedly hated slavery. He moved to Illinois about 1844.

Paul M. Boyer (BV971), 1883-1979, was a telegraph operator and station agent for the Reading Railroad in Womelsdorf PA for 50 years.

Bill Floyd Boyer (BV168), born in Gatesville TX in 1945, and his wife Renate, born in Germany, have done much genealogical research in Germany and have found records that have established the European ancestors of numerous Bayer-Beyer-Boyer ancestors.

Michael Boyer (BV36), born in 1819 in Centre County PA, was a farmer and cooper in Lisbon, Iowa. He enlisted in the Iowa Volunteers in 1862, was sent to Helena, Arkansas, where he served until he became ill with dysentery and had to be sent up the river to the hospital in St. Louis. He died there in 1863 and is buried in Soldiers Cemetery in St. Louis. About 24 letters exist which he wrote to his wife during his service in the Civil War.

David Kolb Boyer (BV825), 1811-91, was born in Lancaster County PA but moved to Dayton, Ohio, when he was 29. He was a merchant and was elected sheriff of Montgomery County, Ohio, in 1856. Later he was clerk of the courts for six years and justice of the peace for nine years.

Joseph Eby Boyer (BV825), 1839-1905, was a stove manufacturer in Dayton, Ohio. He was regarded as a very influential business man, beloved by all who knew him. He collected much Boyer history.

Philip Abram Hoover (BV856), 1904-1989, was a physician for 52 years in Dallastown PA, retiring at the age of 85. He had spent six years as an investment banker before going to medical school.

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The **SS Willis B. Boyer**, built in 1911 (one year before the Titanic), was at one time the largest bulk freighter on the Great Lakes, capable of carrying 15,000 tons. It remained afloat until 1980. It was bought by Toledo-A-Float and given to the City of Toledo, Ohio, for use as a museum. The **Boyer** had 12,000 visitors in 1998.

Ona Boyer Warden (BH146), born in 1919 in Cherry County, was chosen Queen of the Hooker County Fair in 1998, while her husband Phlete was named King. Before retirement, they had been cattle ranchers.

The **Rachel Boyer** Benefit Country Dance and Pig Roast (BA132) in York County PA in July 1998 netted \$14,178 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which offers three wishes to local children.

Linsel Boyer (BH146) last winter joined two other students at Maxwell High School in North Platte, Nebraska, in starting up a student business called the Paw Shop as part of an action learning program.

Dean E. Boyer and his wife Joyce run the Boyer Chiropractic Center in Northumberland PA.

Dr. **Eileen P. Beyer** was named last year as director of women's services at Caron Foundation in Wernersville, near Reading PA. The foundation deals with the medical detoxification of patients.

Major Donald P. Boyer wrote an account of the Battle of St. Vith, in the Battle of the Bulge, December 1944. His descendants now have a 65-page book available on the internet, with a larger version, with maps, photos and other materials, coming in 2000.

Jim Boyer is an artist in Sante Fe, NM, painting and selling dramatic landscapes of New Mexico's skies. Jim had moved there from Kentucky.

The **George F. Boyer** Historical Museum is located in Wildwood, NJ. It features accounts of the Nordic fishermen who settled there around 1870. The museum also has accounts of the Lenni-Lenape Indians in the area, and the opening of the West Jersey Railroad.

Jim Boyer, of Allegheny Township, Pennsylvania, is founder and president of Boyer Boat Sales. His webpage quotes an employee as saying "we definitely have lots of fun, and Jim is always the ring leader. He loves boating and it shows."

Justin Beyer ran for 1,824 yards in 12 games for Forest Hills High School in Johnstown PA last fall, scoring 22 rushing touchdowns.

The **Mildred Bayer** Clinic for the Homeless, Toledo, Ohio, is seeking to expand its work in social services. It was founded by Mildred after she returned home from doing mission work in Nigeria. The clinic opened in 1984, and included dentistry and eye care for homeless people.

Brian D. Boyer, born in West Reading, PA, is a nuclear safeguards inspector with the International Atomic Energy Agency, based in Vienna, Austria. He got a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from Penn State in 1985. He is the author of a number of articles on nuclear technology.

Howard N. Boyer, president of the Frederick MD Mutual Insurance Company, was honored last winter with the merit award of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies. He previously spent 34 years with the R.W. Boyer Agency of Frederick.

Melissa Byers (BEA83), of Columbia PA, wrote to the Sunday News in March 1999 about the highlights of caring for her aging father, **James Byers**. Despite the difficulties of nursing home visits, she wrote, "we talked, we watched TV, we just enjoyed being together. . . I treasure every moment." She says the health crisis gave her the opportunity to realize "how special and wonderful he is."

Greek Boyer, town council member in Castlewood VA, joined his fellow councilmen in dismantling the small Appalachian town's police department, cancelling parades, and refunding tax money. "We don't need to be here," Greek said in October 1997. "There are more cows than people around these parts."

"Ironwoman" **Bonnie Boyer**, 41, a health and physical education teacher at Penn State, went to Hawaii in the fall of 1997 to compete as a triathlete. Twelve years earlier she had been delighted at finishing seventh among strong competition, completing the 2.4 mile ocean swim, the 111-mile bike ride, and the 26.2 mile run.

Glen B. Boyer, of Tombstone, Arizona, has written a series of books about Wyatt Earp and Earp family. One of them is subtitled "Wyatt Earp's Wild Boyhood and Youth in Pelea, Iowa."

The **Bayer Corporation**, famous for aspirins, now owns the former Sterling Winthrop drug plant in Myerstown, near Lebanon PA. A shuffle of ownership among major pharmaceutical companies returned the rights to use the Bayer Cross trademark and the Bayer name to the German-based parent company, Bayer AG. The name had been confiscated by the United States as enemy property after World War I. Bayer has 146,000 employees in 140 countries.



Legal Services

The Association is in need of some pro bono legal services. If you live in the Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, or the Washington DC area and would like to help please contact Bill Boyer; his address can be found on page 2. Areas of special need include copyright, tax and charter law.



In Memoriam



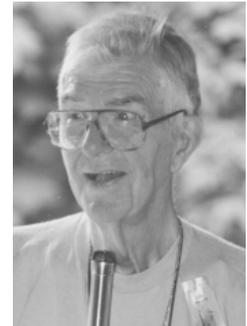
It is our sad duty to inform you that the Association lost some irreplaceable officers over the past year. Many of these outstanding individuals have selflessly provided their time and experience to the Association for many years. Many you may remember meeting at past reunions. All will be sorely missed.



Thelma Boyer

Thelma Boyer was an officer of the Association for many years. She always was there when help was needed. Over the years she assisted her husband Kenneth as Treasurer and Director. If you have been a regular reunion attendee over the years you probably met Thelma. She was one of the folks at the registration table assisting you in registering and donating something to the Association. She was always making sure that everyone coming to the reunion was taken care of. Her volunteering helped the Association for more than 30 years. Our thoughts go out to Thelma's family.

The Rev. **Dale Boyer** of Holidaysburg, Pa had been a pastor for many years and lead the Association members in prayer at many past reunions. He was an active and very energetic member of the Board of Directors. Probably the most exciting thing for him within the Association was trying to get more young people interested in being part of the Association and coming to the reunions. Anytime you would get him talking about this you could see a twinkle in his eyes. Also some of you may remember Dale leading the children's games when the reunions were at Salem Church in Selinsgrove. Dale would come around to help members separate their pocket change from their pockets so the kids could dive into piles of sawdust to find it. Dale loved life and the Association and his absence will be felt.



Dale Boyer



Jim Boyer

James Boyer of Elk Point, SD had been the Association's second assistant historian. In addition to assisting the Association's other historians, Jim also participated in the genealogical workshops at past reunions. One of the projects he was working on was an interim index to help navigate the books. Once he told us that those long cold winters in South Dakota gave him lots of time to sit at the computer and work. His dedication showed by his eagerness to fly in almost every year to the reunions. His insights and suggestions will be missed.

Edwin Boyer had been a member of the Association's board of directors for over 8 years. Although not able to make it to many of the reunions, Edwin's exuberance at officer's meetings contributed greatly to the Association. Among the projects for which he will be remembered is the wonderful banner bearing the Boyer crest that hangs at our reunions. Edwin had the flag commissioned and donated it to the Association to be flown at Boyer functions. His eye for the business aspects of an organization also helped the officers in making decisions for the future of the Association.

We have also been informed of the passing of **Miriam Boyer**. Miriam assisted her husband Charles E. Boyer for many years when he served as the Association's treasurer.

These people and others like them are what make the Association what it is today. Without their volunteerism, wanting to help, and excitement for the future the Association would be only a dim shadow of what it is now. A big Thank you goes out to them and their families.



Boyer Music

Are you good at reading music? Are you even better playing it? Then maybe you should get in touch with the Association. We have been going back through some of our tons of records and data collected over the years and found some music that was written especially for the Association. The music consists of one song with the lyrics developed for an existing tune and the other being an original march. The Association would like to have the music transposed into a form suitable for future inclusion in the Boyer books. Also we would be interested in having it recorded so it can be played at a future reunion. If you are interested and would like more information then drop a line to Bill Boyer.



Association Website Now Online

The Association of American Boyers web site is now online. Although in its embryonic state we expect big things for the site in the not too distant future. Through the selfless efforts of our volunteer Webmistress Linda Chandler (BV37A) we are becoming visible to the Internet community. There is much to add over the coming months so stop back every so often to see what is new. For now the web site is located with the Geocities family homestead. Our official address is:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Oaks/1341/>

Over time we will be getting our own shorter name, but for now we are flexing our muscles here (Besides it is FREE!). Please visit us when you get a chance and also give us feedback on what we can do to make it better.

NOTE: If you are affiliated or are an Internet Provider and would like to donate web space, domain name fees, consulting or other related items let us know.



From the President

Yet another year has come and gone for me as president of the Association. It is my pleasure to be able to announce in this newsletter the publishing of our fourth volume of the American Boyer histories. Donald and many others have put endless hours into researching and compiling the data in this volume. Without Donald's dedication to this task it would never be accomplished. Being at the halfway point the Association is even more committed to completion of the 7th Edition by our 100th anniversary in 2004.

As much as this is an exciting year for the continued success of the Association it has equally been a devastating one as well. Since November of last year we have lost five officers of the Association or which four were very active in its well being. Their absence leaves a great chasm in both the Association and our hearts. Short memoriams for them can be found on page 13 in this newsletter.

This leads me to the point of volunteers. As mentioned in another part of the newsletter, we are in desperate need of help in all areas of the Association. The time involved is not overwhelming if enough folks chip in. Because of lack of volunteer effort we are outsourcing the shipping and handling of our book orders and as a result of this we are levying a handling fee to pay for a contractor to do this. Your support can help us keep costs down and allow us to publish the books without a worry for lack of funds.

For those of you who have mailed me, I apologize for not getting back to you quick enough. My daughter is going on two and I have hit the big 40. Between those and a full time job the hours in a day go by too quickly. That leaves less time for Association business than I would like, but I persevere.

As I always remind you, this is your Association. Suggestions and ideas are welcome with open arms and it is my belief they are essential for the continued evolution and existence of the Association into the next millennium. Take care and see you at the next reunion.

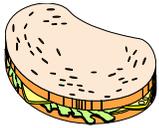
Bill Boyer



Boyer Patents



Another subject of interest that has recently come to our attention is Boyer patents. In 1949 J. Harold Byers submitted to the Association his research on all known patents granted to Boyers (and various derivations of the name) from the period of 1849 through 1948. It is a very interesting piece of work, but due to cost limitations in the past it has never been published. The Association hopes to rectify this and include it in appendices planned for the Index volumes. If someone is interested we would love to further update this information to include patents granted in the past 50 years. Any work would be copyrighted to the Association, but any contributor would be acknowledged in the book. With the existence of the Internet and many government agencies going on-line some of this data may be more readily accessible. If you have some spare time and this sounds interesting to you contact Bill Boyer for more information.



Catered Lunch Information



Back again after a number of years of being a huge success is the optional catered lunch. We know many of you travel long distances to attend the reunion and it can be difficult to bring along a lunch. Now don't let that worry you, because available at the reunion will be a catered cold buffet at very reasonable prices. For those interested the buffet consists of all the trimmings for making cold cuts sandwiches along with several side dishes. Let us reiterate that the buffet is an option, those who wish to bring their own meals can do so. If you want to take advantage of the buffet we strongly request that you use the form provided below and pre-register by July 7, 1999. We need to get a fairly accurate count and pre-payment to the caterer by that time for planning. The cost if you pre-register is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children ages (4-6), and children ages 3 and under are free. If you decide to register at the reunion the prices go up to \$5.50, \$3.00, and free respectively. Again please pre-register if at all possible as there will only be a **limited** number of tickets available at the door. For those that do pre-register there will be a table at the reunion where you can pick up your tickets.

Reunion Buffet Lunch Registration Form

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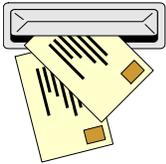
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Deadline for ALL registration is July 7, 1999



Membership, Correspondence & Address Changes

We would like to remind you that when corresponding with officers of the Association please send along a self-addressed stamped envelope. The cost of replies is not small, as we get large numbers of requests for information. Also please be aware responses may take some time. Many of us work full-time and can only spend a fraction of our time on Association business. We will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

Membership donations are completely voluntary. We do not remove individuals from our mailing list for not making yearly donations. We feel it is important to keep members up-to-date to when the book relating to their family becomes available. Keep in mind all donations are essential in helping us meet our goals in a timely fashion.

When moving or if you have a change of address, **PLEASE** keep us informed. We have discontinued having the newsletters returned to us for address correction by the post office. The cost was becoming too great. Therefore, we have no way of knowing if there is a change without you letting us know. We don't want anyone to miss an issue of the newsletter, so help us keep our address information current. Thank you.

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2. Cyndi's List
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3. Rootsweb
<http://rsl.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/rslsql.cgi>
4. Rand Genealogy Club
<http://www.rand.org/personal/genea/>
5. Genealogy Home Page
<http://www.genhomepage.com>
6. Root Diggin' Department
<http://www.janyce.com/gene/rootdig.html>
7. Boyer Family Genealogy Forum
<http://www.familytreemaker.com/boyer/>
8. U.S. Library of Congress
<http://www.loc.gov>
9. The USGenWeb Project
<http://www.usgenweb.org>
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<http://www.census-online.com>
11. Social Security Death Index
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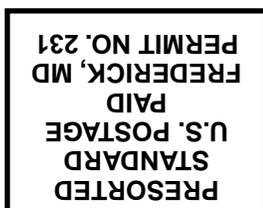
Are You Doing a Family Tree

Many Boyers are doing it! Why not you? Here are some tips from our genealogical forums:

- ◆ Write your own obituary! Provide lots of detail. Be sure the facts are straight, the way you want them. Don't let someone else mess it up!
- ◆ Interview your family members while their memories are still good. Use audio or video tape recorders. Ask grandma about HER grandma. Save the tapes for the great grandchildren.
- ◆ Put captions on your photos. Now. Before you forget!
- ◆ Scan your photos of tombstones and then use a computer enhancement program to make them legible.
- ◆ Check out the Internet for Boyer and other researchers. Ask us for addresses.
- ◆ Try a genealogical computer program to organize your work and make impressive charts.

**Orders now being accepted for
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