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Volume 5 Coming Soon

Work is progressing very quickly on getting volume 5 to print. Read the Historian's column for more detailed information on what chapters are likely to be included. Also, if you know you are in one of those chapters in volume 5 then hurry and get all your information in to Donald as soon as possible. You don't want to miss out on this chance to have your history published and up to date. If you are not sure about your chapter, then make sure to contact Donald or see him at the reunion. When we get closer to publication a flyer or the next newsletter will have information on pre-ordering. No estimate of price at this time, although we will try to maintain the same price structure as the current volumes.

96th Reunion at Boyertown

The Association of American Boyers Inc., 96th Annual Reunion is set for Saturday July 22, 2000 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. New this year is the catered buffet lunch from Boyer'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.



From the President

Where has the time gone. I find it hard to believe that the next reunion is almost upon us. As always I feel that there is never enough time to get the newsletter out and keep up on Association business, but somehow most of it does get done. As you can see by the column above we are moving swiftly towards publication of the next volume in the 7th Edition. I hope everyone is excited as I am that we are on track to be completed by 2004 our 100th anniversary.

I must apologize yet again for not responding in a timely fashion to many of you that correspond. Other projects take time away from the Association. Not to harp on a point, but we do need help. I would be glad to pass the baton for the membership director on to someone willing to spend the time. Things are even busier now that many folks find us through my Internet e-mail address. It is amazing how many people have not heard of the Association up till now.

We will be outsourcing our book orders to a commercial venture in the coming months. This will allow us to provide much faster turn around on orders and a much better audit trail for both the customer (you) and the

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Historian's Column

We are pleased to announce that Volume V of the 7th Edition of *American Boyers* will be ready to go to press later this year. This will keep us on schedule to complete the 7th edition, including the index, by our centennial year 2004.

Volume V will begin with Chapter 49 [BW], and will extend to approximately Chapter 130 [EZ], or perhaps even as far as Chapter 142 [FL]. We plan to publish approximately 1100 pages in Volume V, similar to Volume IV.

The deadline for information for Volume V is Saturday, July 22, 2000, the date of our annual reunion at Boyertown, Pa. The historian and assistants will gladly accept information at the reunion, or you may mail the information to your historian at 990 E. Philadelphia St., York, PA 17403-1121. If you submitted information several years ago, we urge you to submit data on events that have occurred since then, so that Volume V will be up to date. If births or deaths occur after July 22, you may submit the information to the historian who will insert it if feasible before publication.

How should your information be submitted? Printouts from your computer program are acceptable, and even preferred. However, vital facts that sometimes are missing from submissions are month and day of birth, place of birth, death, and burial, birth dates of spouses, city or place of current residence, and occupations. If you are not using a computer, forms for reporting information are available from the historian.

We encourage everyone to continue to report new information and findings, and thank you for the information that has been received.

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 - 1,095 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 containing over 400 names with identification numbers 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. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Bill

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Reunion Directions

Boyertown is located almost mid way 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:

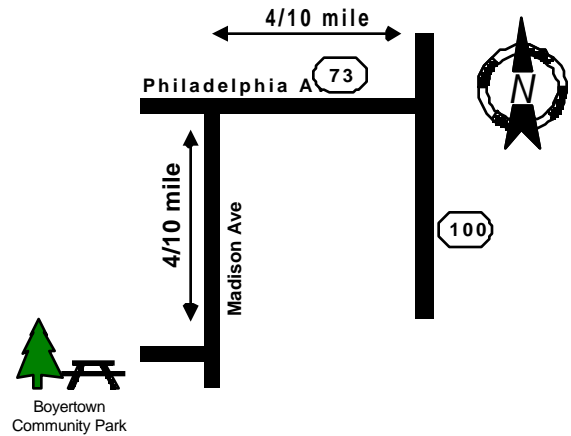
Take Route 100 south to Route 73. Take Route 73 west about 0.4 miles to Madison Ave. Take a left on Madison and go for about 0.4 miles. The Boyertown Community park will be on the right.

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.



Boyer Crest Items

Boyer crest items have been a staple at many reunions over the years. Currently the supply is very limited on some things especially the ceramic items. Due to time constraints we have not been able to research new items or replenish the existing inventory. If you are interested in taking on this task let us know. We are also looking for suggestions for new crest items to be offered at the reunions. Eventually if we get someone in charge of crest items, we may be able to offer some of them (clothing, paper goods) for sale by mail order or through the Boyer web site. In the meantime give us some ideas, especially for the 100th reunion.



Reunion Schedule

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| 10 til closing | — Registration |
| 10:30 am | — Genealogical Forum |
| 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 Forum 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, and PR director

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.

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Boyer, 3435 Livingston Dr., Jefferson MD 21755, 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.

The Following Chapters will be included in Volume V:

- Chapter 49 [BW] George Beyer, b. 1734; of Hereford Twp., Berks Co., Pa.
- Chapter 50 [BX] John Henry Beier, b. 1708; from Germany to Tulpehocken Twp., Berks Co., Pa.
- Chapter 51 [BY] Charles F. Boyer, b. 1829; of Palmyra, Pa.
- Chapter 52 [BZ] Jonathan Boyer, b. 1806, Md.; of Carroll Co., Ind.
- Chapter 53 [CA] Henry Boyer, died 1790/91, Frederick Co., Md.
- Chapter 54 [CB] Jacob Beyer, b. 1783; of Lancaster Co., Pa.
- Chapter 55 [CC] Jacob Boyer, b. 1789, Md.; of Jefferson Co., Ind.
- Chapter 56 [CD] Matthew Boyers, b. c1765; from Ireland to Gallatin, Tenn.
- Chapter 57 [CE] Melchoir Beyer, b. 1715; Germany to Frederick Co., Md.
- Chapter 58 [CF] John Byers, from Scotland to Delaware.
- Chapter 59 [CG] Augustin de Boyer; William Boyer, b. 1666, from France to Kent Co., Md.
- Chapter 60 [CH] Jacob Bucher; Henry Boyer, b. 1729, from Switzerland to Pa., and N.C.
- Chapter 61 [CI] John Boier, b. 1760s, from France to Ohio.
- Chapter 62 [CJ] Jacob Boyer, b. c1750s; of Union Co., Pa.
- Chapter 63 [CK] Christian Bayer, b. c1750s; from Germany to Md., and Ohio.
- Chapter 64 [CL] Valentine Beyer, b. 1757; from Germany to Northampton Co., Pa.
- Chapter 65 [CM] Reece Boyer, b. 1783; of Chester Co., Pa.
- Chapter 66 [CN] Pillard Boyer, b. c1780; of Quebec.
- Chapter 67 [CO] Conrad Byers, b. c1750s; of Shepherdstown, W. Va.
- Chapter 68 [CP] Stephen Boyer, of Berks Co., Pa.
- Chapter 69 [CQ] John Boyer, b. c1780; from France to New York.
- Chapter 70 [CR] John Byers, b. c1720s; of Perry Co. & Allegheny Co., Pa.
- Chapter 71 [CS] Leonard Beyer, b. c1730s; Germany to Berks Co., Pa.
- Chapter 72 [CT] Christian Baier, b. c1802; Germany to Northampton Co., Pa.
- Chapter 73 [CU] John Boyer, b. 1794; of Lebanon Co., Pa.
- Chapter 74 [CV] David Boyer, of Elkhart, Ind.
- Chapter 75 [CW] William Boyer, b. c1798; of Philadelphia, Pa.
- Chapter 76 [CX] Edmund Bowyer, b. c1570s; from England to Va.
- Chapter 77 [CY] David Beyer, b. 1763; Frederick Co., Md., to Blair Co., Pa.
- Chapter 78 [CZ] Ludwig Beyer, b. c1730s; of Northampton Co., Pa.
- Chapter 79 [DA] John Peter Bayer, b. 1800; from Germany to Montgomery Co., Pa.
- Chapter 80 [DB] Jonas Byers, b. 1825; of Allegheny Co., Pa.
- Chapter 81 [DC] Jean Boyer, b. c1760s; of La.
- Chapter 82 [DD] James Bowyer, b. c1810s; of Amherst, Va.
- Chapter 83 [DE] Thomas Bowyer, b. c1770s; of England.
- Chapter 84 [DF] George Bayer, b. 1802; from Germany to Mercer Co., Pa.
- Chapter 85 [DG] James Boyer, b. c1770s; of Kent Co., Md.
- Chapter 86 [DH] Benjamin F. Boyer, b. 1792; Philadelphia, Pa., to Steuben Co., N.Y.
- Chapter 87 [DI] John George Bayer, b. 1818; Germany to Bucks Co., Pa.
- Chapter 88 [DJ] Gottlieb Bayer, b. 1823; Germany to Reading, Pa.
- Chapter 89 [DK] Valentine Boyer, b. c1780s; Pa.
- Chapter 90 [DL] Carl Johannes Beyer, b. 1856; Germany to Chicago, Ill.
- Chapter 91 [DM] Anton J. Bayer; Andrew Bayer, b. 1856; Germany to Lehigh, Pa.
- Chapter 92 [DN] John A. Bayer; J. H. Bayer, b. 1836; Germany to N.Y., to Kansas.
- Chapter 93 [DO] John Beyer, b. 1805; Germany to Pa., to Ill.
- Chapter 94 [DP] Samuel Bowyer, b. 1822; England to New York.
- Chapter 95 [DQ] William Henry Boyer, b. 1827; Md. to Ill.
- Chapter 96 [DR] Theodore T. Boyer, b. 1834; Germany to Schuylkill Co., Pa.
- Chapter 97 [DS] Frederick Adelbert Beyer, b. 1852; Germany to Ill.

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- Chapter 98 [DT] Henry Beyer, b. 1832; Germany to N. Y.
Chapter 99 [DU] Alexander Seldon Boyer, b. c1818; Pa. to Wis.
Chapter 100 [DV] Herman Beyer, b. c1840s; Germany to N. Y.
Chapter 101 [DW] Ludwig Bier, b. 1845; Germany to Erie, Pa.
Chapter 102 [DX] Johannes Beyer, from Germany c1853 to Lehigh Co., Pa.
Chapter 103 [DY] James Boyer; Jonathan Boyer, b. 1850; England to N. Y.
Chapter 104 [DZ] Charles Byers, b. c1820s, Germany to Clarion Co., Pa.
Chapter 105 [EA] John Buyers, b. 1702; Ireland to Lancaster Co., Pa.
Chapter 106 [EB] John George Bowyer, b. 1869; England to Tex.
Chapter 107 [EC] George Boyer, b. c1760s; Harrisburg, Pa.
Chapter 108 [ED] Anna Bier, b. c1850s; married Franz Quade; Germany
Chapter 109 [EE] William Bowyer, b. c1750s; England to Va.
Chapter 110 [EF] Edward Farrell Boyer, b. c1810s; dau. in Md.
Chapter 111 [EG] Martin Beyer, b. 1855, N. Y.; father from Germany.
Chapter 112 [EH] Carl Beyer, Heman Beyer, b. 1871; Germany to N. Y.
Chapter 113 [EI] Oscar Eugene Beyer, from Germany 1893 to N. Y.
Chapter 114 [EJ] Charles G. Beyer, from Germany to N. J.
Chapter 115 [EK] William Wells Boyer, b. c1750s, James W. Boyer, b. c1775; Del. to Ohio
Chapter 116 [EL] John P. Boyee, b. 1750s, France to N. Y.
Chapter 117 [EM] Frederick Byers, Philip Byers, b. c1796; Lancaster Co., Pa., to Franklin Co., Pa.
Chapter 118 [EN] John Boyer, b. 1776; Berks Co., Pa.
Chapter 119 [EO] Andrew Byer, b. 1825; Bavaria to Blair Co., Pa.
Chapter 120 [EP] Jacob Boyer, of Dauphin Co., Pa.
Chapter 121 [EQ] William Byer, b. 1809/10. Alleghany Co., Va.
Chapter 122 [ER] Frank Beyer, b. 1816; Germany to Allen Co., Ohio.
Chapter 123 [ES] Henry Boyer, b. c1838; Montgomery Co., Pa., to Iowa.
Chapter 124 [ET] Frederick Bowyer, b. 1720-50. Bedford Co., Va.
Chapter 125 [EU] Adam Bowyer, b. c1741. Monroe Co., W. Va.
Chapter 126 [EV] Peter Boyer, b. c1730s. N. J.
Chapter 127 [EW] George Hillman Bowyer, b. 1835. England.
Chapter 128 [EX] Andrew Boyer, b. 1824; Pa. to Mo.
Chapter 129 [EY] Jean Bouyer, b. c1660s; France to N. Y.
Chapter 130 [EZ] Isaac Boyer, b. 1809; England to Utah.

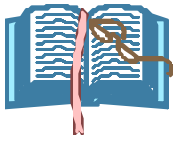
If space permits, the following chapters could also be included in Volume V.

- Chapter 131 [FA] John Boyer, b. c1780s. Northampton Co., Pa.
Chapter 132 [FB] Joseph Clinton Boyer, b. 1820. Ill. & Iowa.
Chapter 133 [FC] Thomas Hanson Boyer, b. 1804. Md.
Chapter 134 [FD] William Boyer, b. c1846. Ohio & Nev.
Chapter 135 [FE] David Byers, b. c1740s; from Ireland.
Chapter 136 [FF] Philip Bier, b. 1736/37. Md.
Chapter 137 [FG] Samuel Byers, b. 1718/19; Andrew Byers, b. c1723. Chester Co., Pa., Washington Co., Pa., Fayette Co., Pa.
Chapter 138 [FH] David Byers, b. c1680s, Ireland to Lancaster Co., Pa.
Chapter 139 [FI] Huey Byers, b. c1820s. Ind.
Chapter 140 [FJ] Hedwich Baier, b. c1870s; married Bernhard Schwabe; Germany
Chapter 141 [FK] John Byars, b. c1765. Va.
Chapter 142 [FL] John Andrew Beyer, b. 1864; Germany to N. Y.

Your mailing label contains a Boyer mailing list code above your name on the left. [Example B00601]. Most labels will also contain a Boyer Chapter ID number above your name on the right. [Example BA132]. If this number on the right starts with BW, BX, BY, BZ, CA through CZ, DA through DZ, or EA through EZ, your family will appear in Volume V.

Legal Services Needed

The Association is still 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.



Boyer Family Stories

A Sampler from Volume V



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

4- BX1B7 **CHRISTINA “POLLY” BOYERS**, b. Oct. 19, 1817, Christena must have used her inheritance to move with 7 of her children to Missouri and buy land in Polk Co. She soon sold it for a profit. The 1870 census enumerates her as head of household, living in Boone Twp., Greene Co., Mo. Her Missouri descendants cite Simon’s being a workaholic as her reason for leaving. He worked long and hard in the fields all day and by moonlight on bright nights and thought his wife and children should also.

1- BZ **JONATHAN BOYER** was born in 1806 in Maryland, died 1860-78; reported to be buried at Salem Cemetery, Burlington, Ind. Family tradition claimed that he was born about 1785 in Alsace Lorraine, Germany. During the German military conscription, Jonathan and his two brothers denied their German birth, claiming to be French. He and his two older brothers, names unknown, came to America when he was fifteen. On the ship he served as a cabin boy.

5- CA3152 **EDWARD MELVIN BOYER**, b. Sept. 25, 1877, Mason Co., Ill., d. Mar. 10, 1974, Kingman, Kans. Laborer, worked nights; kept fires going for Santa Fe steam engines. Kingman, Kans.

7- CA3B2215 **KENTON LLOYD BOYER**, b. May 20, 1931, Liberty, Mo., d. Sept. 7, 1982, Professional baseball player, he retired in 1969 after 15 years in the major leagues, including 11 with the St. Louis Cardinals. A third-baseman, he was named to the National League All-Star team seven times, and was the league’s Most Valuable Player in 1964. His major league career batting average was .287, with 282 home runs. He was a Golden Glove winner five times.

3- CB44 **JOHN B. BOYER**, b. Nov. 11, 1846, d. June 4, 1931. His granddaughter, Emma Boyer Heagy (5-CB4423), remembered that he chopped wood and made ax handles.

4- CC711 **CLARENCE FERDINAND BOYER**, b. 1879, Johnson Co., Ind., d. 1944, Bloomington, Ill; buried in Greenlawn Cem., Franklin, Ind. Salesman. Inventor. Sports enthusiast; played semi-professional football. Secretary several years of Three I League; first president, Illinois State League. Known as “Pops” Boyer in Bloomington, Ill. Described as Mr. Baseball by sports writers and editors at the time of his death.

2- CD2 **ROBERT MORRIS BOYERS**, b. July 18, 1788, in York District, S.C., d. Jan. 8, 1871, at Gallatin, Tenn., where he resided. He was a banker, mercantilist, factory owner, and city commissioner. He built a log building on the square in Gallatin in 1814 which was still standing in 1985.

3- CF11 **JOHN A. BYERS**, b. Sept. 15, 1806, at Lewes, Delaware, d. Dec. 16, 1854. Civil engineer. Engaged as early as 1826 in the most important inland navigation work in Maryland and Virginia. The last work of importance performed by him was the survey of the James River and Kanawha Canal. He left fine books recording his services.

2- CG1 **JEAN de BOYER** of Thoulouse, Marquis d’Odars, was Chief Consul of the Province of Languedoc, France, and an ardent Protestant. He had two sons: Guillaume (William), and Francois. Soon after 1680, he sent his two sons with their aunt’s brother, Rev. Campdomerius, to school in Holland. In April, 1685, a Dutch ship came into port and the boys, with great speed and secrecy, went on board after midnight...they left Castres and set sail for Holland. They were welcomed there by Rev. Paul Bertrand, and other friends.

5- CH1619 **THOMAS B. BOYER**, b. July 20, 1838, Morgan Co., Ill., d. July 27, 1921. He resided in Scotland Co., Mo., from 1853 to 1864. In 1864 he went with a wagon train consisting of 25 vehicles, drawn by horses and mules, to Oregon. In 1882 he secured 160 acres as a homestead claim about three miles above Hereford, Oregon, on the Burnt River. He later extended his land to 250 acres and raised hay and stock.

1- CI **JOHN BOIER** was born about 1760-1770 in France where the name was spelled Boier or Borer, according to the report of a grandson. He died very old, about 1860-1870 at Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a soldier under Napoleon Bonaparte for eight years. Came to America. Married in France.

2- CK1 **CHRISTIAN BAYER** was born probably between 1743-1763, in Germany if family traditions are correct. Correspondents report that he owned the land on which part of Cincinnati, Ohio, is now located. The land was reportedly leased to the city for 99 years. A powder mill belonging to him was blown up in the War of 1812, and in this accident he lost his sight. His son Solomon (3- CK12) cared for him the rest of his life.

5- CK12A8 **ERNEST BOYER**, b. Apr. 5, 1872, Geneva, Shelby Co., Ind., Blacksmith. Moved west in 1906, and was on a train from San Francisco to Los Angeles at the time of the 1906 earthquake. Settled in Phoenix, Ariz., in 1907. Cattle rancher. General store and gas station operator at Gila Bend, Ariz., for 20 years.

5- CP1432 **EARL BOYER**, b. 1887. Recorder of Jones Co. for eight years. Mustered into World War I service, July 25, 1918. Appointed Captain of largest contingent sent overseas.

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1- CQ **JOHN BOYER** was born about 1780, probably in France. He was the master and part owner of a vessel named the brig Susan, New York. He sailed from New York about 1812, bound for France, but his vessel was never heard of afterwards. His New York home stood on the corner of Broadway and Ann Street.

2- CW1 **WILLIAM NORMAN BOYER**, b. July 20, 1840, Philadelphia, Pa., d. Feb. 1, 1914, Rockford, Ill.; buried at Tarkio, Mo. He went to Tennessee at the age of 10; visited his father in 1860. Enlisted in Civil War, Co. G, 22nd Ill. Vols. Served four years. Prisoner 18 months. When released he learned of his father's death. He lived in Illinois until 1881, when he moved to Atchison Co., Mo., where he carried on farming.

6- CY11911 **MARY ELIZABETH BEYER**, b. Nov., 1876, on a farm near Dayton, Pa., d. Jan. 13, 1960; buried at Circle Hill Cem., Punxsutawney, Pa. Graduate in nursing, Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. Most of her nursing career was spent in New York City, but during the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt she did nursing in Washington, D.C. She knew the Roosevelt family and did private duty nursing for them. She was also a nurse for Babe Ruth in his last illness.

6- CY11921 **Dr. SAMUEL MEIGS BEYER**, b. 1881, Punxsutawney, Pa., d. June 23, 1964, unexpectedly in San Francisco, Calif., where he was to receive a special honor from the American Medical Association. Grad. of U. of Penna. School of Medicine, 1907. Physician, practiced in Punxsutawney, Pa., for 56 years. Jefferson County medical inspector. During the flu epidemic of 1918-19, Dr. Beyer lived in a tent for several weeks, working day and night as the epidemic struck family after family. He used the schoolhouse in one mining community as a hospital. A farm he acquired about 1947 is reputed to be the home of the Punxsutawney groundhog, and is known as Gobbler's Knob.

2- DC2 **FAUSTIN BOYER**, b. about 1760-70. He settled along bayou Lafourche in Louisiana before 1790. He and his brother Jean (2- DC1) were slave traders.

Life Members

These are Association members who have become life members over the past couple of years, but due to space limitations we were unable to list them until now. If you donated recently to be a life member and your name isn't in this list don't worry we will make sure to add you in the next one. Thank you to all of you who assist the Association through your donations.

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Bequests

Although this is an area that has not been mentioned in the newsletter in the past, it has been brought up for discussion at various director's meetings over the years. The directors are always looking for alternative funding methods to help facilitate the projects done by the Association. Many times innovative ideas are not brought to light because of limited funds. Therefore we are mentioning this to ask members to keep the Association in mind when planning in the future.

Cash, securities, etc. may be gifted to the Association through a specific bequest in either your will or a living trust. Such gifts may be designated for a special purpose such as providing funding for genealogical research, publication of books, or scholarships. Your will or living trust may earmark a fund in memory of a loved one or perhaps in remembrance of an ancestor in your family line.

A good alternative to a specific bequest is to specify a percentage of your estate for the Association. Still another is to direct that the residue of your estate pass to the Association after all specific bequests to family and friends have been satisfied. In addition, a bequest may be contingent upon the eventuality that some legatees may not survive you. Keep in mind that these are only suggestions and that the Association is in no way forcing these options on anyone, but is only looking at other means to assist the Association in surviving financially.

Boyer Memorabilia

The Association is looking for any old Boyer memorabilia you may have lying around the house or stashed away in boxes. If you are interested in either donating or loaning to us let us know.

One of the things we would like to accomplish is to get a copy of every newsletter, program, reunion announcement that has ever been produced by the Association over the years. Besides creating an archive we want to scan them into digital form for eventual display on the American Boyers web site. Then they will be available to the world.

Start digging around and let us know what you may have to share.



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.

The bride was wearing . . . camouflage? Yes, **Mary E. Boyer** (AD143) of Reinholds PA, daughter of the late **John and Dorothy Boyer**, wore a full-length camouflage dress with a veil made of a deer-hunting face mask. She and the groom, David Cunningham, were married in August 1999 in a tree stand 12 feet off the ground. "You two are on a high," the minister said, looking up. Both avid deer hunters, the couple said they couldn't imagine a more perfect place to get married than the Cushion Peak Rod and Gun Club. Many of the 250 guests wore camouflage, and the groom was chased to the altar by fellow hunters.

Many prominent people paid tribute to prominent **Philadelphia Daily News** columnist **W. Russell G. Byers** (FG267), 59, after he was stabbed to death last December while buying ice cream in a convenience store. Philadelphia's mayor-elect, a former U.S. senator, and the wife of a senator were among the 800 people assembled to honor him for his spirited opinions. The rival **Philadelphia Inquirer** said in an editorial that voices such as Russell's are what enliven the pulse of a great city.

The 200-year-old Boyer farm on Valley Road in East Pennsboro Township will be converted into a museum of local history by Central Pennsylvania College. The last Boyer to live in the house was **Robert Boyer** (BDC), who had been a dispatcher for Hempt Brothers in Camp Hill. The three-story stone building had been in the family for generations.

Minnie Hess Boyer (AU197), of Wyomissing PA, was featured in the Reading Eagle on her 88th birthday, particularly her story of getting kicked in the head by a horse when she was 11. Her injury was serious, and doctors debated whether to proceed to help. But she came out of the coma and still, she said, gets a kick out of life.

Andy Boyer (AD13B) made it to the TV show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" in November 1999, but he didn't actually get to the finals. A 1974 graduate of Lewisburg PA High School, Andy now lives in Longmeadow MA. "I wish I had done better," Andy wrote to his brother, "but it was fun."

Boyer's Market, in Amity, PA, was described in newspaper article last February as a "slice of Americana" that has stood for 50 years. Actually, it was founded in 1850, but the Boyers didn't get involved until 1949. Although small enough to miss as you drive by, the market is the place you will meet **Harold "Butch" Boyer** (AC121) and his merry crew, the article said. Be prepared for fun!

Agnes Veitch (FM2B3), who celebrated her 100th birthday in August 1999, is a descendant of **George Boyer**, who was on the jury that convicted John Brown in Harper's Ferry. All her relatives fought on the Confederate side of the Civil War. Agnes became active in politics after women won the right to vote in 1920 and became chairman of the Pennsylvania chapter of the National Federation of Republican Women's Clubs. Her parents were Wesley Porter and **Mercy Lee Boyer Bell**. Her children were named **Donald** and **Boyer Veitch**. In August 1999 she was living in Willow Valley PA. Boyer is a pilot.

Rick Boyer (GM342) is one of the two stock car racing drivers on the Pennsylvania Legacy Series. Rick, 37, says he learned all he knows from his dad, Ed Boyer, who continues to race. "I'm very proud of him," Ed told the **Indiana PA Gazette**.

Bonnie Boyer of Auburn PA, near Pottsville, competed in her eighth Ironman Triathlon in October 1999 in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. The physical for each entrant was to cross the finish line after a 2.4 mile ocean swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run. Bonnie, 43, said her personal goal was "to have fun."

Lee Boyer (AG124), 71, of North Lebanon PA, wins accolades for his roses. A friend once gave him an ailing rose bush, and Lee not only nursed it back to health but entered it in the 1976 Harrisburg Rose Show and won the Queen of the Show award, and prize he has won nine times.. He is president of the Reading/Berks Rose Society.

Ron Boyer (BH141) was named vice president branch manager of the Mullen and Hyannis offices of Western Nebraska National Bank last January.

Carl Boyer III retired in 1999 from teaching and membership on the City Council of Santa Clarita, where he was mayor for two terms. The author of several books on genealogy, he is now president of Healing the Children.

Richard Bauer, a leading character actor at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., and Olney Theater in nearby Maryland, died in March 1999 at the age of 59. Over 33 years at Arena, he had played more than 125 roles. Critics at times described him as witty, hilarious, and an artistic genius with uncanny comic gifts.

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Chester S. Byers (BR366) has been elected president of the Littlestown PA Lions Club. He is one of the two remaining charter members of the club, having belonged since its founding in November 1939.

Rev. Paul L. Boyer, Life Member of the Association of American Boyers, was honored in May, 1999 by the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution (OHSSAR). At the Annual Meeting of the Society, Boyer received the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) Patriot Medal, the highest award which can be given to a member for service to the state and chapter.

The honor can be presented only by the State President after giving supporting evidence of qualifications to the national office. One of the biggest surprises for Paul was that his wife Alice had known about all this and had kept it a secret. In fact, she had even been working with the Centennial Chapter in Lima to gather the evidence needed to support his candidacy for the honor. Mr. Boyer has just retired as Past President of the Centennial Chapter after serving four years and has served as Chaplain for the OHSSAR the past six years. He has also served as Northwest District Chairman, which involved overseeing four chapters including Bryan, Bowling Green, Findlay and Lima.



Boyer Patents

We are still looking for anyone interested in helping with inputting the existing data or gathering new information.

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.

Sun and Fun at the 95th Reunion

The 95th Annual Boyer reunion returned to Boyertown last year after a brief visit to Gettysburg, PA in 1998. One of the big anticipations was the availability of Volume 4 of the 7th Edition for purchase. Many were taken home that day. The weather was partly sunny, but hot and dry as was most of the region last summer. Approximately 125 were in attendance from around the United States. **Lloyd and Ellen Yost** opened the day by moderating the genealogical forum. Lloyd shared his experiences with genealogical research and information on the Internet. He also regaled the attendees with a couple of Boyer stories about his ancestors. In addition, Lloyd mentioned the *Genealogical Helper* a magazine he had found helpful in his endeavors. Others in the audience shared their experiences in tracking down those elusive ancestors. **Paul Boyer** from Lima, OH informed those in attendance that many Boyers are eligible to join the Sons of the American Revolution or the D.A.R. He suggested checking over your tree again to make sure. One last comment was made that you only get out of it what you put in.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Lloyd Yost before the noon meal and catering was provided by Match's Catering. Once mealtime was complete the program was presided over by Bill Boyer, president of the Association. Bill started off the program by reminding everyone that the 100th reunion was only five years away and suggestions to make it really special would be greatly appreciated, including possible reunion sites. **Harriet Harman** and **Patricia Lewis** led the group in singing of the Boyer songs and Bill shared a song called "Family Tree" he had found in his collection of music.

Donald Boyer, our historian, reported on the progress of Volume 5 now that Volume 4 was available. He expected to have it ready for publication by 2001. Bill added that this edition, once all the volumes are completed would probably be the last in printed form. With new technologies and the Internet there would be more cost effective ways of making the information available in the future.

Rev. Paul Boyer of Lima, OH presided over the election of officers. All the incumbents were re-nominated without opposition and were unanimously elected. Bill recognized the volunteers that selflessly provide support at the reunions. They were **Eleanor Boyer**, book sales; **Rosemary Boyer**, crest items; Harriet Harman and Patricia Lewis, lunch sales; Paul and **Alice Boyer**, registration table, and **Janice Boyer**, pictures. A memorial tribute was given for the officers that had passed away in the past year. They all contributed much and are greatly missed by the Association.

Rick Boyer provided some light heartedness by presenting of prizes. The winners were Oldest man: **Ray Boyer**, Telford, PA - 86 yrs. old; Oldest woman: **Grace Boyer Peck**, Lebanon, PA - 89 yrs. old; Youngest child: **Katherine and Elizabeth Persolok**, twins, Harrisburg, PA - 9 yrs.; Farthest distance: **Howard Boyer**, CA. Rick also mentioned that Vera Wolfe from Tower City, a long time winner of the oldest woman had eye surgery and could not make it this year.

Members of the audience were asked to share with everyone. **Edwin Weikel** of Shamokin, PA shared a short story and others posed some questions to those gathered. It was a wonderful gathering and Bill closed wishing everyone a safe trip and hoping to see them a gain next year.

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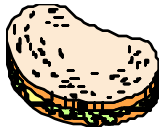
The Association of American Boyers web site has been online for a little over a year, but due to time constraints has not progressed as far as we had planned by now. Additional information is being gathered and will be put in place hopefully not too far in the future. The Association has procured the domain name of americanboyers.org for future usage. Sometime this year you should be able to point to www.americanboyers.org and find us. Keep an eye out for some new things to come.

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Association. This changeover will be finalized before Volume 5 goes to print.

The 100th Reunion is only four years away. If you love to organize things and want to be a part of what we hope to be a memorable event then get in touch with myself or one of the officers. Suggestions and ideas are always welcome and are necessary to keep the Association fresh and evolving into the next millennium. Till next year.

Bill Boyer



Catered Lunch Information



The catered lunch is back again this year. We are switching to a new caterer, Boyers Catering. 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 buffet at very reasonable prices. For those interested the buffet consists of broasted chicken, all the trimmings for making cold cuts sandwiches, potato salad, red beet eggs, baked limas, along with other snacks. Also included are drinks (iced tea, lemonade, water). 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 8, 2000. 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 \$6.00 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 \$6.50, \$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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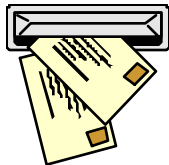
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Deadline for ALL registration is July 8, 2000



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, but it could be weeks to months based on availability of time.

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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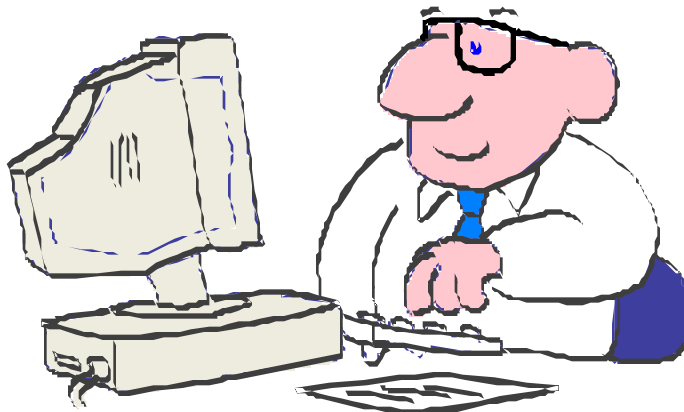
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Internet Genealogical Resources

There are literally millions of sites to find genealogy information. Below are some of the more well known ones. They in turn have many links to other sites. You could and will spend countless hours wondering around looking at tons of information. Some of it very useful and some that requires more research. The first item on the list is an excellent place to congregate and share information. New to the list this year is number 8 the Mormons' database is now on-line for searches. Good luck and if you find some worthwhile sites drop us a line and we will add them to the next newsletter and/or the Association's website.

1. Boyer Family Genealogy Forum
<http://genforum.familytreemaker.com/boyer/>
2. Cyndi's List
<http://www.cyndislist.com>
3. Rootsweb
<http://www.rootsweb.org>
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6. The USGenWeb Project
<http://www.usgenweb.org>
7. Census Online
<http://www.census-online.com>
8. LDS Family Search
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9. Social Security Death Index
<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/vital/ssdi/main.htm>



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