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## 101<sup>st</sup> Reunion goes to Knoebels



The Association of American Boyers Inc., 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Reunion is set for Saturday July 23, 2005 in tent #9 at Knoebels Amusement Park and Resort in Elysburg, Pennsylvania. Directions to Knoebels 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 tent at the park does have seating and picnic tables, and is covered for protection from inclement weather. Knoebels is a step back to the amusement parks of the past. Parking and admission is FREE. Rides are extremely reasonable. Please note we are NOT having a catered meal this year. Bring your own lunch or wander into the park and purchase something from the very reasonably priced concessions and bring it back to the tent. There is a wide variety of food available and it is very good. A genealogical roundtable will be held beginning at approximately 10:30 am. A discussion of genealogy related information will be led by one or more of the officers of the Association. We invite anyone interested in participating to join in and offer their ideas and experiences. So don't forget to toss those binders of research in the car and bring them along. The park has an awesome assortment of rides, games, activities, entertainment, and a swimming pool (admission required) at very good prices. As an example ride the grand carousel and try to grab the brass ring for only 80¢. Available at the reunion for purchase will be a variety of items with the Boyer crest and the first seven volumes of the 7th edition of American Boyers. We hope to see you there and enjoy a day of fellowship with other Boyers. A more detailed schedule can be found on page 4. Also for more information on Knoebels check their web site at [www.knoebels.com](http://www.knoebels.com). If you have any questions you can also email us at [reunion@americanboyers.org](mailto:reunion@americanboyers.org).

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## Volume VII is ready to publish

Through the continued effort of Donald Boyer, our historian, the Association is pleased to announce the publication of volume 7 only two years after volume 6. This volume brings us closer to the end of the publishing of Boyer lines for the 7th Edition. Although it was originally thought this would be the last volume of data more information was gathered than expected. It is now anticipated that one more volume will complete all information that has been submitted or researched. Then two or three volumes will follow for appendices and a complete index. We are hoping to offer the index set together, but in a much smaller initial printing. The order form for all of the books including volume 7 can be found on page 7 in this newsletter. An abbreviated table of contents article can be found on page 4.

For a limited time we are offering volume 7 at a pre-publication price of \$45. This price is only good up to August 23, 2005. For any orders postmarked later than August 23, 2005 the price will increase to \$50, the same as the earlier volumes in the set. Currently the scheduled delivery of volume 7 is the week before the reunion. After the Association receives volume 7 it will be 8 to 10 weeks for delivery to you. We hope to have all of the volumes available for sale at the reunion. See **IMPORTANT** notice on page 4 about order fulfillment.

Finally if you are planning to come to the reunion and would like to purchase the Boyer books there then please e-mail us at [boyerbooks@americanboyers.org](mailto:boyerbooks@americanboyers.org) with your request or send us a quick note with the volumes you may be interested in purchasing. This is similar to a will-call for tickets. No sending of money is required. We just want to know how many books may be needed at the reunion to guarantee enough are brought that day without having to haul the whole warehouse.

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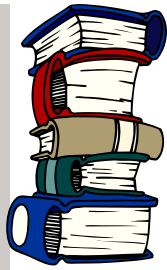
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# Historian's Column

As this column is being written in late April, the first and second proofreading of the approximate 1,200 pages for Volume 7 of the Seventh Edition of *American Boyers* has taken place. The text for Volume 7 was completed by your historian on Dec. 31, 2004. Our president, Bill Boyer, has been busy converting the text from the historian's computer program into a page maker program so that it will be similar to the previous editions of *American Boyers*. Due to the volume of new information received and researched last year, Chapters 417 (QA) through 550 (VD) did not make it into Volume 7, but will be included in Volume 8, which we hope to have available in about two years. The order form for Pre-publication orders for Volume 7 is included with this newsletter. We urge you to order Volume 7 at the reduced pre-publication price. Our goal is to have Volume 7 ready for distribution by our annual reunion on July 23.

Work is progressing on the remaining chapters for the Seventh Edition. Volume 8 will begin with Chapter 417 [QA], and will include the remaining chapters that have not yet been published in the seventh edition. Hopefully, they will fit in the 1200 page limit for each volume. We urge you to submit updated information now if your line has not been published in the first seven volumes of the Seventh Edition. The anticipated deadline for Volume 8 information will be July 31, 2006. The final volumes of the Seventh Edition will contain an index of the Boyer-Byers, etc. names, and a name index for all other persons mentioned in the Seventh Edition.

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.

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. All information submitted is appreciated and will be incorporated into its appropriate chapter for later publication.

### 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

Vol. V - 2000 - 1,100 pages - Chapters 49 [BW] to 124 [ET] 37,096 names

Vol. VI - 2002 - 1,126 pages - Chapters 125 [EU] to 213 [IE] 35,564 names

Vol. VII - 2004 - 1,200 pages - Chapters 214 [IF] to 416 [PZ] 33,120 names

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

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## Historian from page 2

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, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Seventh Edition is included with this newsletter.

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 IF through IZ, J, K, L, M, N, O, or P, your family will appear in Volume VII.

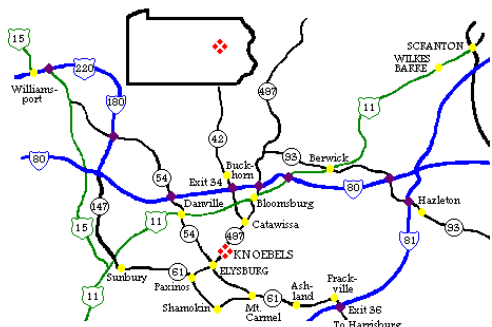
An annual Memorial List containing over 500 names with identification numbers is compiled by the historian each July before our annual reunion. Information for the memorial list is obtained from newspaper obituaries in Indianapolis, Ind., Baltimore, Frederick, Hagerstown, and Westminster, Md., Mullen, 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 Boyer, 3435 Livingston Dr., Jefferson MD 21755-7917, 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.

**Editors Note: The memorial list is also available in electronic form via e-mail and at our web site. Send an e-mail request to [memorial@americanboyers.org](mailto:memorial@americanboyers.org) and we can send you a copy in Adobe Reader PDF format.**

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## Directions to the Reunion at Knoebels

Conveniently located in Central Pennsylvania, Knoebels can be found on PA 487 between Elysburg and Catawissa. The map at left is just a quick drawing of the approximate location. Knoebels has a number of billboards and signs directing you to the park from most every direction.

### **Taking I-80 West:**

Bloomsburg exits 232, 236, 241 (old exits 34, 35, 36). We suggest 232, PA 42 South to Catawissa. Cross bridge to PA 487 South. Follow PA 487 for six miles.

### **Taking I-80 East:**

Danville exit 224 (old exit 33). PA 54 East through Danville. Just across river, turn left toward Elysburg. Turn left on PA 487 North at light.

### **Taking I-81 South:**

Near Hazleton take I-80 West at I-80 & I-81 junction. Follow I-80 West directions.

### **Taking I-81 North:**

Minersville exit 116 (old exit 35). Turn left onto 901 to PA 54 West. Turn right onto PA 487. North at light

### **Taking Rt.15 North:**

Follow 15 N. to Hummels Wharf. Bear right at the fork, follow signs to Danville(Rt. 11N). At Danville follow signs to Elysburg (Rt.54). Follow signs to Knoebels.

### **Taking Rt.15 South:**

Follow 15 S. to I-80. Follow I-80 E. to Bloomsburg exits 232, 236, 241 (old exits 34, 35, 36). We suggest 232, PA 42 South to Catawissa. Cross bridge to PA 487 South. Follow PA 487 for six miles.

Please note that Knoebels does not have an official street address. Please do not rely on online or map software to find Knoebels. Always travel with a roadmap and be alert for roadsigns

# Volume VII Contents

Due to the lateness of this newsletter and space limitations we are unable to print the table of contents for Volume 7. The contents alone would have taken five pages. The chapters that will be included in Volume VII are Chapter IF through Chapter PZ. We are planning to make the complete table of contents available on the Boyer website at [www.americanboyers.org](http://www.americanboyers.org). If you have specific questions you can contact the President or Historian at their addresses in the Officer's List or you can email [boyerbooks@americanboyers.org](mailto:boyerbooks@americanboyers.org) for a copy of the chapter list. If time permits a second newsletter will come out this year with that information.

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## Important Notice from the President

First I would like to say welcome to our next century of existence as an organization. It is truly an accomplishment to make it this far. Traveling the road to this point in time has not always been smooth. We are now on a portion of the road that is bumpy. This analogy leads me to the points I would like to make you the Association members aware of. If things have not been done in a timely manner I am sorry. I will not pass the buck. A number of events and circumstances have conspired against things running smoothly since the reunion last year. I have always stated that the work of the officers is voluntary and done as time permits. In my case I reiterate that my family, health, and job come first. Sometimes this means responses do not come back as quickly as I would like, paperwork or checks do not get processed as fast as they should, and the web site may not be updated as timely as it should be. This past year family emergencies and needs have taken more of my time along with major adjustments at my job. This left me with a decision to try to keep things moving as best I could, but I found there were other issues that need to be resolved. I and the other officers are working on this. We are also working to resolve any outstanding checks. With changes of treasurers we found some items fell through the cracks. Please work with and bear with us as we get back on our feet.

To add to this please be aware that due to circumstances beyond our control fulfillment of book orders may be delayed. The company that was handling book shipments and storage for the past five years suddenly closed its doors and went into receivership by a bank. At this writing we are working with the bank to have our books released to us. We will be looking for a new contractor as soon as possible are making sure the books are stored safely and securely. There is a remote possibility that only Volume 7 will be available at the reunion. If you are coming to the reunion and looking for other volumes please email us at [boyerbooks@americanboyers.org](mailto:boyerbooks@americanboyers.org) for an updated status.

Next year I hope to have the newsletter back to the quality that you have come to expect, along with other new features to interest you the members. It is our endeavor to get these issues behind us and look ahead to a smoother trip on the road of genealogy. If you can help please let any of us know. The pay is lousy, but the results are for posterity.

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## Reunion Lodging

For those coming to the 101st Reunion and looking for accommodations in the area, there are a number of options. Although Elysburg itself does not have any lodging there are a number of towns within 30 minutes of the amusement park with hotels and motels. For those not familiar with the area, you should search for lodging availability in these towns: Danville, Selinsgrove, Lewisburg, Shamokin Dam, Sunbury, and Williamsport. There are also numerous Bed & Breakfasts in the area. We suggest if you have Internet access to check out the links from Knoebels web site [www.knoebels.com](http://www.knoebels.com) to make it easier to find rooms in the area. Staying over allows you to take full advantage of the amenities of the park and not have to worry about being home the same day.



## Reunion Schedule

10 til closing

10:30 am

12 pm til 1:15 pm

1:15pm

— Registration

— Genealogical Roundtable

— Lunch and Mixer, Bring your own or purchase

— Reunion Program

Planned events include:

Welcome, Boyer Songs, Stories and Anecdotes

Election and brief report from officers.

Awarding of prizes by Richard Boyer

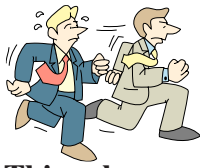
PLUS..... More to be Announced.....

Souvenir ribbons will be available at the registration desk.

Crest items will be for sale at the reunion.

The Genealogical Roundtable will consist of a panel of participants.

Boyer songs will be led by Harriet Harman and Patricia Lewis.



# Boyers on the Move

Compiled by Donald 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.

**Herbert Boyer** (BDA2A), California biochemist, was named by Harold Evans in the Parade magazine issue of Oct. 24, 2004, as one of the 10 most important innovators our country has produced. He is a co-founder of Genentech, now a \$51.5 billion company with many breakthrough drugs approved by the FDA.

**Joe Boyer** (QP611), a double amputee, moved into his new handicapped-accessible apartment at Frederick, Md., after residing four years in a nursing home. The Medicaid Waiver program enables older adults to remain within their home communities.

**Donald Boyer** (BA232), of York Township, York Co., Pa., won the grand prize in a History Channel photography contest with his picture of the Burnside Bridge at Antietam National Battlefield.

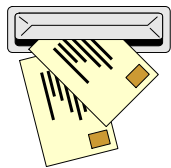
**Jennifer Boyer** (Z0595), of Shenandoah Junction, W.Va., was a fourth-year member of the Towson University Dance Team, which won its sixth straight Division I national championship in 2004.

Boyer Candy Co., Altoona, Pa., maker of the Mallo Cup, was on a five-day production schedule again in April, 2004, after resuming production in Aug., 2003, following a six-month shut down after a dispute over control of the company. The company was founded in the early 1930's by **William E. and Robert J. Boyer** (BG221), and was sold in 1969 to American Maize Products, a corn syrup manufacturer, which sold the company in 1984 to the Forgiore family.

## Boyer Crest Merchandise

The Boyer crest items were a big hit at the 100<sup>th</sup> reunion. We know some of you could not make it there, but we still want you to have the opportunity to purchase some of these items. We will be bringing some of the clothing and

other items to this year's reunion. Some things are in limited supply and we don't anticipate any restocking. We are still looking at sales of the clothing by mail order, but volunteer help is currently at a premium so we plan to look into this option again soon. Remember all proceeds from the sales of these items will go back into the Association's treasury to help support its work.



## 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.

## Membership Donation Form

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# 100<sup>th</sup> Reunion is a Success

What a great two days for our 100th reunion, held at Central Pennsylvania College in Summerdale, Pa. You could feel the excitement in the air as the first day dawned to a beautiful sunrise and it only got better! The Boyers had the full run of the college's convention center and we made full use of it. (Everyone really liked the air conditioning in late July) A large banner on the college's restored buttress bridge welcomed reunion attendees. With the help of college faculty and students reunion guests were registered and directed to events through out the facility.



**Registration Desk**

Saturday was filled with many things to do. Booths were setup by vendors featuring historical and genealogical items. Various historical and genealogical societies were there to offer information on their organizations to the attendees. The Association had a



**Former Gov.  
George Leader**

marvelous memorabilia display of items from a number of members who so graciously made them available for everyone to see. Also the Association had a large booth with crest items for sale along with the Boyer books. When not perusing the booths participants were regaled with well received seminars by Todd Milano, President of Central Penn. College, who was dressed in his farmer "duds" while telling everyone the history of the Boyer House at the college. Also speaking on Saturday were James Beidler, an award winning writer of the "Roots & Branches" newspaper column, who gave great lectures on genealogical research, and James Schmick, an acclaimed historian on the Civil War, of which he spoke about on Saturday. Other events concurrent to these lectures were tours of the Boyer House, which had been restored to a museum by the college, a roving clown for the kids, and a violin solo by Lauren Hooper (IE21841521) from Frederick, Md. In the afternoon while everyone was enjoying a great buffet lunch they were serenaded by a well received acapella group known as the *Four Stops*. These young performers really got the joint a hoppin'. After a break in the late afternoon many returned for a wonderful buffet dinner. After dinner the audience was welcomed by the Association's president Bill Boyer, who introduced Todd Milano, the

college's president, who in turn introduced former governor of Pennsylvania George Leader as the keynote speaker of the evening. Former governor Leader (his mother was a Boyer) gave an excellent talk about his youth and his Boyer heritage and then went on about his charitable work. After the speech Bill Boyer presented both Dr. Milano and Gov. Leader with mementos of the event. The evening finished with a drawing for a variety of prizes and gifts.

After such a wonderful first day many returned for Sunday, along with some new faces. Although the weather was a little more dreary it did not dampen the spirits of the Boyers. Again on Sunday were tours of the Boyer House. One special visitor was a daughter of the original occupants of the house who had not been back to see it in over 40 years. It was very special as she told those at the house many stories of her time there. Sunday's lectures included a talks by James Schmick, Donald Boyer, and Dana Blomquist. Mr. Schmick's talk was on the monuments of Gettysburg, The Association's own historian Donald Boyer presented a discussion of his work on gathering Boyer history using many slides from the various places he had been to obtain his information. Dana Blomquist rounded out the Sunday lectures with a talk on Boyers in the military.



**Donald Boyer - Historian**

The Association is hoping to include his research in one of the final volumes of the American Boyer books. All of the lectures were well attended and enjoyed by all. The reunion wrapped up with our "annual" program. Association president Bill Boyer asked if everyone had a good time and received a round of applause in return. Rick Boyer, the Association's vice president, said a few words and then presented prizes for oldest, farthest traveled, and such to the attendees. Paul Boyer from Lima, Ohio officiated for the election of officers with everyone remaining except treasurer. Elizabeth Boyer, treasurer for the past few years, who stepped down after doing a great job and was replaced by Ann Marie Boyer of Frederick, Md. Paul also displayed his "saw" cane which he wanted to donate to have sold to support the Association. Although a minimum bid was not reached it was planned to offer it again on the Internet or at a future reunion. A wonderful surprise was Harold Boyer, 96 of Plymouth, Ma. Harold calls every year about not being able to make it, but this year was different.

According to Harold, his friend the undertaker brought him. As Harold said, "He wants to be near me if I kick the bucket." He then proceeded to whip out some drumsticks and perform an impromptu drum solo on the lectern to the delight of everyone.

Everyone hated to see it end, as many agreed it was the biggest and best reunion in many years. Bill Boyer wished everyone a safe trip home. Clean up went quick with many willing hands helping out. Without all of the work by volunteers, the college staff and students, and other organizations it would never have been such a great weekend. Although we go back to our one day reunion in the future we will always remember our 100th.

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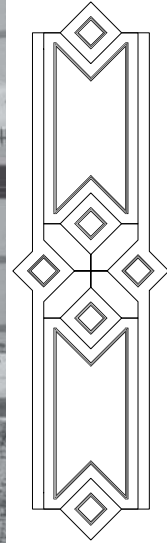
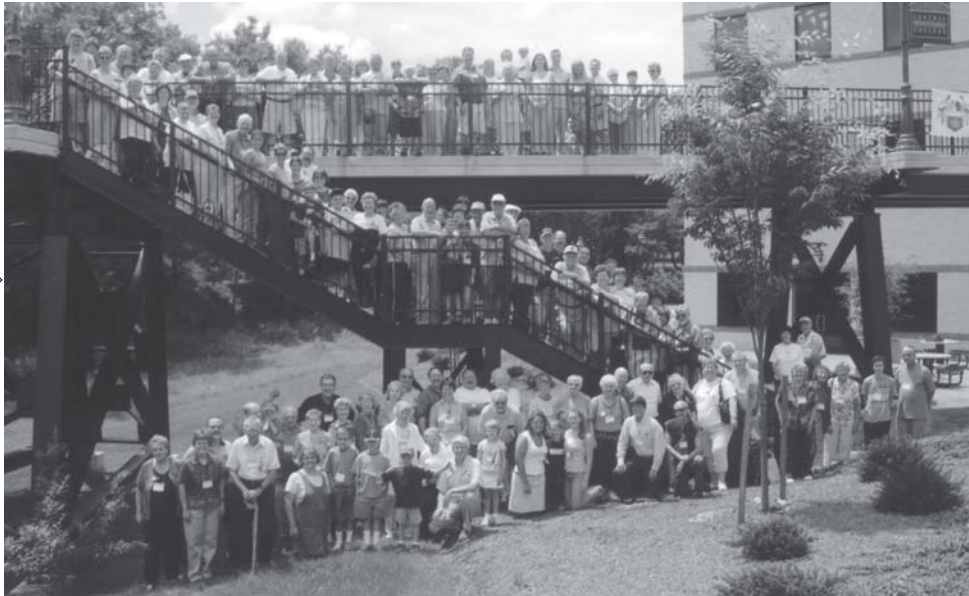
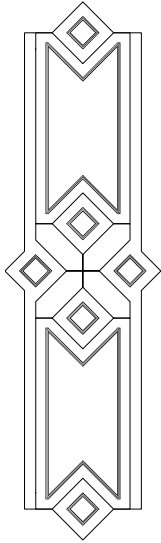
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See this great group of people? They sure enjoyed themselves at the 100<sup>th</sup> reunion last year. We hope you can be part of our reunion this year. There is always something new to see and do. Join us soon!

**Volumes I thru VII of *American Boyers* are now available.**

**101<sup>st</sup> Annual Boyer Reunion July 23, 2005  
Knoebel's Park, Elysburg, Pennsylvania**



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