

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Boyer Reunion Newspaper Clipping excerpt

### BOYER CLANS MEET

#### THEY GATHER IN FORCE AT DRYVILLE AND HAVE DELIGHTFUL TIME

Dryville, Sept. 4 --- The second annual reunion of the Boyer family, held in Mertz Church Grove, near Dryville, was attended by upwards of 800 persons from different parts of the State. The weather was delightful, the guests came with well filled baskets and everybody had a good time and the reunion was pronounced the most successful held.

A reception committee took charge of the visitors. At 12 o'clock dinner was served in the grove on tables. In the afternoon the assemblage was called to order by H.F. Dry of Oley, as president, and the Boyer opening song announced. It follows:

The earth and sky appear  
    To call for mirth and cheer,  
For one grand song,  
    Let all the Boyers join in,  
To make the welkin ring,  
    Let hearts and voices sing,  
The sound prolong.

Let joy and peace prevail,  
    No foe our ranks assail,  
While here we meet,  
    All cares we've laid aside,  
To come with face bright,  
    And hearts so gay and light,  
The Boyers to greet.

Our uncles, aunts, and all,  
    We meet here great and small,  
The Boyers we love,  
    Long live this happy day,  
When we have passed away,  
    To meet in bright array,  
In heaven above.

The address of welcome was given by Gustav Boyer, of South Fork, Cambria County, after which "Komm, O Komm, Du Geist des Lebens,"<sup>1</sup> was sung by the audience. Scripture reading was conducted by J. L. Drumheller of South Fork. "Onward Christian Soldiers." Was sung by the audience. A Pennsylvania German address was given by Charles Heffner, of Lyons Station, a student at Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.

The balance of the program was as follows: Recitation, "Our Tommy," by Ruth Boyer, of Reading; music by phonograph, followed by a select reading by Elda Dry, of Oley; Victor Boyer, of Reading, Recited

“Psalm of Life.” Followed by the hymn, “Rock of Ages,” by audience. Simon K. Youse, of Bangor, delivered an address. Recitation, “The Path of the Cyclone,” by Hallie Drumheller, of Reading, after which “O Heilige Geist Kehr bei Uns Ein<sup>2</sup>” was sung by the audience.

A recitation was given by Minnie Dry, of Oley, and a German historical address by Dr. C. C. Boyer of Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown. The Lord’s Prayer was repeated by the audience and the benediction was offered by Dr. C. C. Boyer. A short business meeting was held, when the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President Charles Boyer, of Tatamy; secretary, J. L. Drumheller, of Reading; treasurer, Abraham Boyer, of Schofer’s; historian, Dr. C. C. Boyer, Kutztown; committee of arrangements, Jacob G. Boyer, Reading; Edward Boyer, Schofer’s; Hiram F. Dry, Oley; Daniel Y. Boyer, Lyons Station; Jacob Boyer Kutztown.

It is said there are 50,000 Boyers in existence, Beyer, Bayer, and Boyer. Dr. C. C. Boyer is tracing the descendants of the first Boyer immigrants to this country and has thus far a large volume of history concerning the Boyer ancestry. As a result of the untiring efforts of J.L. Drumheller and J.T. Boyer, both of Reading the Boyer family gathering was instituted a year ago.

Edward Boyer, of Schofer’s, organist of Merttown and Maxatawny congregations, led the singing. Every effort will be put forth to surpass this year’s event next year and to get as many Boyers as possible to join in the occasion in this and other states.

The refreshment stand was in charge of Daniel Y. Boyer, of Lyons Station, assisted by Jeremiah Boyer, of the same place. A knife and fork were used that have been in the Boyer family more than 100 years.

After the meeting the remainder of the day was spent in a social way. There was music by a phonograph by Cyrenius Frederick, of Reading. It was unanimously decided to hold the next session at Kutztown Park on Labor Day, 1907.

Descendants of the Boyer family were present from Cambria, Lancaster, Lehigh, Northampton, Schuylkill, Lackawanna, Montgomery, Philadelphia, and Berks counties.

Footnote 1: Translates to “Come, oh come, you spirit of life”

Footnote 2: Translates to “O Holy Ghost comes to us”