

I regret to say that I have not been able yet to dig into the Pennsylvania records. I'm interested to note that your Samuel Boyd was for a time in Charlotte County. He may have known some of my ancestors on another side while he was there - Fuquas, Hales, Robertses. I have been through Charlotte County records quite a lot, but a while back, and I don't often remember what sort of notes I may have taken on Boyds there. It sounds to me, though, as if you have done your research thoroughly there. However, if you have Charlotte County questions or problems, let me know and I'll be glad to check through my notes and see if I have any answers.

As far as Robert Boyd is concerned, I have a lot of data on descendants, but nothing more on ancestry. There may be other Boyds early in the Nashville area who are connected: James Boyd, born in 1770's or earlier, died 1821, may be a connection. His family seems at least to have known the Andrew Boyd of Maury family, and there is some similarity of name patterns with the Robert Boyd family. This James married Nancy Gentry, presumably at Nashville in the 1790's. He was in Tennessee by 1787. James seems to have had a sister, Hannah. Laird Boyd settled in Maury Co., Tenn., in the early 1800's. He seems possibly to have had some connection, too. He had a sister, Polly, who married, early, Ephraim McLean, Jr. Will be glad to furnish further data about all of this should you wish it. In the meantime, good hunting to you, and let me know if I can be of help.

Sincerely yours,
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Mrs. Mathews sent the following which concerns another Robert Boyd of Iredehl Co., N.C., who appears to be the same generation as her Robert.

BOYD FAMILY

Robert Boyd I: Letter from James Hall Boyd's son Abner Clemens Boyd states: Robert Boyd I came to Philadelphia ca 1730-35 from Tyrone Co., Ulster Province, Ireland, accompanied by two sons, Robert and William.

An MS in the vertical files of Illinois State Library by Loretta Cole Boyd says: "Robert Boyd II was born in Scotland 1728, died in Iredehl Co., N.C., 1804 (will dated 1806), came to Philadelphia 1744-45. Robert II married a girl who was also on ship board. She was Eleanor McCulloch from Ireland. Her father went from Scotland to Ireland to escape religious persecution. He sailed in his own ships and was lost at sea. Eleanor was left alone at 17 years of age. Eleanor came to America with some friends. Robert Boyd and Eleanor McCulloch were married in Philadelphia in 1752. Three sons, William, Robert, and Thomas were born to them in Pa. We are descended from Robert Boyd I who came from Scotland with two brothers. He had one son, Robert II and two daughters. One married Witherspoon and the other Smith. Robert I came to Philadelphia in 1744-45. John Boyd, our ancestor was born in Va. in 11-1-1764. Robert and Eleanor moved to Iredehl Co., N.C., in 1766. Three other sons were born in N.C. They were Moses, David, (should be Joseph) and Aaron. The three oldest sons served through the Revolutionary War. John was in training and did serve 4 months when the war ended." Quoting from a letter from Clementine Hudson Carter, daughter of Hannah Ewing Boyd and Richard Hudson, she adds, "Our great-grandfather, Wm. Leach married Margaret Courtney who was born on the ocean. I do not know his rank, but he served through the war. Our grand-mother remembers his home coming. She was his youngest child. His son was killed in the Revolution." Robert Boyd II will, dated 2-5-1806, mentions sons Aaron, Joseph, Robert and John and his wife, but not by name. Robert Boyd II appears in Wilkes Co., N.C. in 1790 census, Iredehl Co., in 1800. He operated a mill on Little Rocky Creek, northern Iredehl Co., during Revolution.

John Boyd: Apparently with parents in Wilkes Co., in 1790, not found in 1800. Was in Burke Co., N.C. in 1809 as son Alfred was born there in Nov. So stated in "History of Christian Co., Ill." As next son was born in Wilson Co., Tenn., in Mar. 1812, he must have moved in 1811, as he is in the 1810 census in Burke Co. After a short time in Wilson Co., Tenn., he moved to Logan Co., Ky., living neighbor to his cousin Finis Ewing, a founder of the Cumberland Pres. Church. Here his 11th child, Elizabeth, was born in Aug. 1816. The 13th child, Hannah, was born in Stewart Co., Tenn., in 1818.

John purchased 271 acres on Green Tree Grove Creek, "on the west fork of the Red River" from Joshua Gates. This appears to be on a creek flowing east from NE Stewart Co. into Montgomery Co. and the Red River. Apparently about a mile south of the Kentucky (Tigg Co.) line and adjacent to James Mathis, an area now in confines of Ft. Campbell. There he died 11-10-1852. Robert took over the farm and Elizabeth Leach Boyd moved into Hannah Boyd Hudson's home in Tigg County, dying there in 1863.

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Chester Co., Pa. - Administration - Book B., Vol. 2, p. 77: JOHN BOYD, Oct. 2, 1750 - Adms. Lettice and Robert Boyd - (Note: Robert Boyd, Davidson Co., Tenn., had daughter Lettice Chambers - question - was Anne his 2nd wife - and was his first wife named Lettice? This lead should be checked. This very well could be the line of Robert of Davidson Co., Tenn.

According to various publications concerning movements of the Scotch-Irish into America in the 18th Century, we find Boyds moving into Tenn. in large numbers along with their contemporaries. Especially during the period around 1730-1750, they came in large numbers. The records show there were many Robert Boyds, many Alexander McConnells, and others of similar names, which adds to the confusion of trying to keep them in proper order. Again, let us state that we hope the inclusion of the above records in the book will lead to positive results.

THE FAMILY OF ROBERT BOYD (DAVIDSON CO., TENN.)

Robert Boyd was probably born in the 1730's, possibly in Pennsylvania but with no evidence as yet as to the location. He presumably married in the 1750's Anne, maiden name unknown. By 1776, he was in that part of Rowan Co., N.C., which later became Iredell Co., and a 1773 map shows him living on the north fork of Rocky Creek. By 1786, he was in Lincoln Co., Kentucky, and by 1789, in Davidson Co., Tenn., where he was deeded 274 acres of land north of the Cumberland, in the present town of Madison. He died there between 9-6-1793 (the date of his will) (Will Book I, p. 302) and 1-7-1794, the date of its probate. In his will, he asks to be buried in the churchyard, undoubtedly a reference to the Spring Hill Meeting House Cemetery not far from his farm. Robert also at the time of his death held land in Iredell Co., in Sumner Co., Tenn., and had a land warrant in Dyer Co., Tenn. The Dyer Co., warrant was held jointly by Robert and Andrew Boyd, and an Andrew Boyd also witnessed Robert's will. From the later sale of the Dyer Co., land, it is clear that the Andrew concerned is Andrew Boyd of Maury Co., Tenn., 1747-1828, who served as a Rev. soldier from Chester Co., Pa., according to DAR records. Andrew may have been Robert's brother, but whatever the relationship, his Chester Co., background probably means that this is where Robert also was born.

Robert's wife, Anne, survived him, but we do not know for how long. Robert's will mentions that she will collect a legacy from her parents in Maryland.

RECORD CONTAINED IN HENRY BOYD BIBLE
Published 1877

Henry Boyd -
Born 5-20-1777 or 1797 (not clear)
Died 4-17-1848
Married 12-6-1818
Born 5-1-1800
Died 10-7-1863

Children:

Joseph Boyd
Born 9-6-1818 (Uncle Joe)
Died 5-30-1881

William W. Boyd
Born 3-18-1821 (Uncle Walter)
Died April 1864
Married 12-14-1847

Thornberry Boyd
Born 1-20-1823 (Uncle Berry)
Died
Married 1-13-1848

Richard C. Boyd
Born 10-24-1824 (Uncle Lum)
Died

Mary Kate Boyd
Born 1-5-1827 (Grandma Tatum)
Died 1-26-1908

Thomas H. Boyd
Born 1-13-1828
Died

Herbert Boyd
Born 3-8-1831
Died

Nancy Boyd
Born 7-23-1833 (Aunt Nan)
Died 4-5-1887

Susannah F. Boyd
Born 12-4-1835 (Aunt Susie)
Died 1-27-1910

John Lee Boyd
Born 4-7-1838 (Uncle Jack)
Died 2-24-1904

Henry F. Boyd
Born 1-22-1840
Died 3-9-1863

Medora O. Boyd
Born 11-14-1843 (Aunt Dora)
Died 1-27-1923