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Dear Mrs. Stevenson:

Thank you so very much for talking with me on the telephone this afternoon about the BOYDs, and for your kind letter of August 13, 1982. Here, chronologically, is my story:

THOMAS BOYD was born in County Londonderry, Ireland on the _____ day of March 1798 (family Bible).

MARY BOYD was born in County Londonderry, Ireland on the 1st day of July 1797 (family Bible. She was called "MOLLIE", and her maiden surname was NEELY).

THOMAS & MARY BOYD were joined in wedlock on the 15th of Feb: 1820 (family Bible)

* JOHN, (son of T. & M. BOYD) was born, in County of Londonderry, Ireland, on 17th Feb: 1821. (family Bible)

MATILDA, (daughter of T. & M. BOYD) was born in County Londonderry, Ireland, on 5th May 1823. (family Bible)

Report of arrivals in the Port of Charleston, S. C. during the last quarter of the year 1824:

Ship CALEDONIA -- from Belfast -- THOMAS BOYD and wife MARY BOYD and two children. (Thomas is shown as a farmer.)

Family tradition from my father, DAVID TAYLOR GETTYS, grandson of THOMAS and MARY (NEELY) BOYD: They landed in Charleston and THOMAS left MARY and the two children with friends in Charleston while he went up to Fairfield County to "prepare a place for them". Then he went back to Charleston and got his wife and two children. The little boy, JOHN (b. 17th Feb: 1821) died and is buried in Fairfield County:

* JOHN, (son of T. & M. BOYD) departed this life, on the 26th day of July 1825. (family Bible)

W^m JAMES (son of T. & M. BOYD), was born in the District of Fairfield S. C. on 14th Nov: 1825. (family Bible)

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*This is the little boy whose grave I would like to locate.

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JOHN THOMAS (son of T & M BOYD) was born in the District of Chester,
S. C. on the 17th Feb: 1828. (family Bible)

Sometime between Feb. 17, 1828 and May 6th, 1830, the family moves to
York County, S. C. -- to the Neely's Creek A.R.P. Church community.

DAVID STEWART (son of T. & M. BOYD) was born in the District of York
S. C. on the 6th of May 1830 (family Bible).

Between May 6, 1830 and July 23rd, 1832, THOMAS BOYD loses his land in
York County and returns to Fairfield District.

ANN HUNTER (daughter of T. & M. BOYD) was born in District of Fairfield
S. C. on 23rd July 1832. (family Bible)

GEO:ROBERT (son of T. & M. BOYD) was born in District of Fairfield,
S. C. on 23rd of May 1834 (family Bible)

It was after May 23rd, 1834 that THOMAS BOYD and family again went to
York District, S. C. and remained! He reportedly purchased the same
land he had lost when he was there before.....in the Neely's Creek A.R.P.
Church community.

I was told by a first cousin of mine -- much, much older than I -- that
the family lived with and THOMAS worked for the following families in
Fairfield County: CATHCART (pronounced "Kithcart")
BOULWARE (pronounced "Bolar ")

Thomas worked for these families as an overseer, I was told.

Now, as I promised, I am giving you below the information from the old
Neely's Creek Church records:

"NEELYS CREEK CHURCH Session Book August 1847"

page 7: "Aug 4th 1861 Margaret E Boyd
Mary Ann Whitesides
Martha P(?) Wylie
Sarah C Wear
Nancy E Wylie
Sarah L Roddey
Sarah M Wear
Margaret G Mcdowel
and Mary P(?) Roddey wife of Thomas E(?) Roddy

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was admited by Certificate from Conchords
Presbeterian Church fairfield

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1. I am so anxious to locate the grave of little JOHN BOYD
b. Feb. 17, 1821
d. July 26, 1825
2. So many questions tickle my mind:

Why did THOMAS BOYD go to Fairfield District when he first landed in this country? Did he know someone who had settled there -- like a relative or a friend? Or was it just the first place he could find work?

Why did THOMAS return to Fairfield District when he lost his land in York District? Relatives? Close friends from "the Old Country"?

Who was the MARGARET E BOYD who on Aug 4th 1861 was admitted by Certificate to Neely's Creek A.R.P. Church from Concord Presbyterian in Fairfield? A relative? If so, I don't think it was close, for I have never heard of her.....but she could have been related.

I am a granddaughter of MATILDA, daughter of THOMAS & MOLLIE NEELY BOYD. MATILDA was the one born May 5, 1823 in County Londonderry. She married in 1847 EBENEZER GETTYS, and their 12th and last child was DAVID TAYLOR GETTYS, born in the Neely's Creek Community of York County on May 22, 1864.

THOMAS and MARY NEELY BOYD had only four children to reach maturity:

MATILDA	BOYD - m.	EBENEZER GETTYS and stayed in the Neely's Creek Community
WILLIAM JAMES	BOYD - m.	MARGARET WILLIAMS and stayed in the Neely's Creek Community
JOHN THOMAS	BOYD - m.	CAROLINE WYLIE and stayed in the Neely's Creek Community
ANN HUNTER	BOYD - m.	WILLIAM LESSLEY and moved to Bradley County, Arkansas

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As stated on the phone this afternoon, I would love to have a copy of the transcription of the gravestone inscriptions in Concord Presbyterian. If you can supply them, I will be most grateful. Just let me know how much I owe you.

I hope to meet you at the Chester County Genealogical Society Workshop on Saturday, April 9. Mary Bondurant Warren, the speaker, is WONDERFUL! Don't miss it!

My husband and I are both retired....he has white hair....mine is still brown with a little gray at the temples and a white forelock, and we have both been eating too much as you will recognize! Look for us.

And I want you to meet Miss Nancy Crockett of "The Waxhaws" in Lancaster County. She is a retired school principal and a wonderful, wonderful person. *I understand she will be at the workshop.*

Until April 9th.....

Happy Hunting!

Mamie Gettys Atkinson
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(MRS. HARRY W. ATKINSON)