

A FAMILY HISTORY

Boyds

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Connected Families

Early Settlers

Central Savannah River Area

of

Georgia and South Carolina

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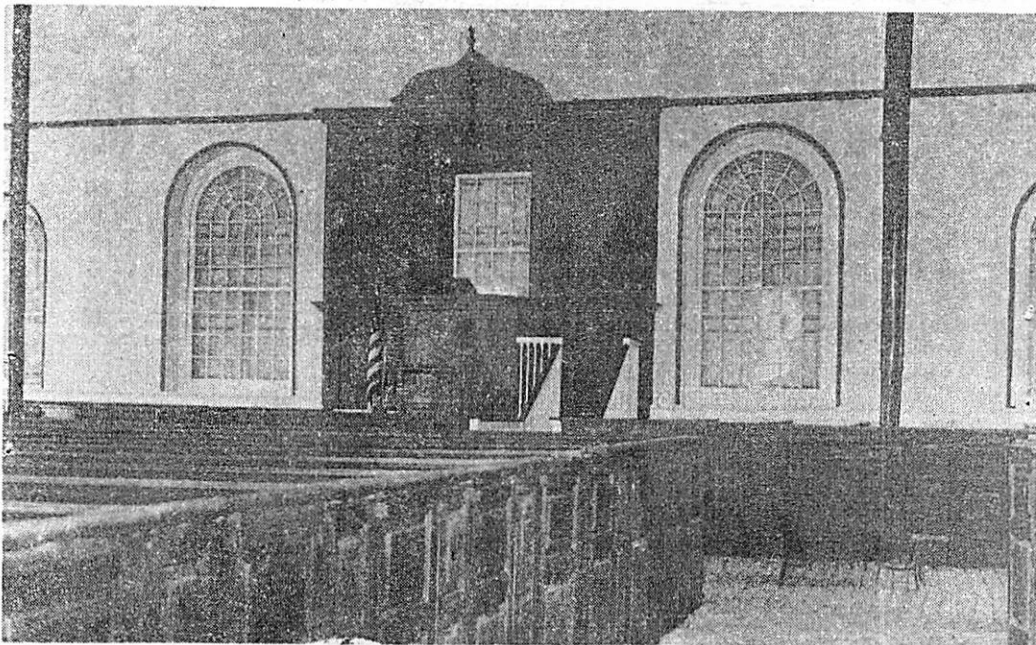
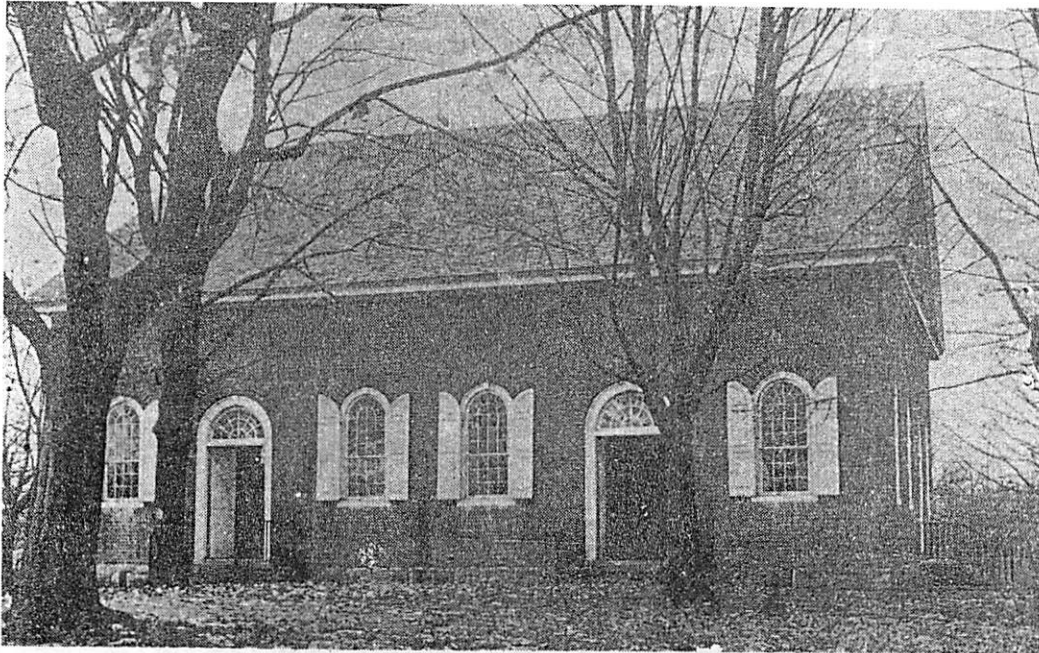
JOHN BOYD - (ca. 1725 - March 1770), eldest son of Robert Boyd, died in Cumberland County, Pa., leaving a wife Mary, who died 6-30-1778. They are both buried in Rocky Spring Presbyterian Church graveyard located about four miles north of Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pa.

At this time, due to the importance of Rocky Spring Presbyterian Church in the development of this family study, an account from the History of Franklin County, page 586-587, is reprinted below:

Rocky Spring Presbyterian Church.—This was organized according to best accounts in the year 1738, by the presbytery of Donegal. The first house of worship was built about the same time. Its name, Rocky Spring, was chosen from its location at a large spring of water, which issues from a limestone rock. The first pastor is supposed to have been Rev. Thomas Craighed, whose charge also embraced Middle Spring and Big Spring congregations in the territory now forming Cumberland County. He died in his pulpit while engaged in the act of pronouncing the benediction, about the close of the year 1739. He was succeeded by Rev. John Blair, who was installed December 27, 1742, giving one-third of his time to the congregation. He was of Irish parentage, graduated at the Log College, a classical school established by Rev. Wm. Tennent, twenty miles north of Philadelphia, and was an earnest and laborious preacher. Owing to the incursions of the Indians, he was compelled to resign his pastoral charge on the 28th of December, 1748. From this date to 1768, the congregation was without a settled pastor. The same cause which banished the last shepherd prevented another from taking his place. This whole region was then wild and uncultivated. Some families were murdered, and others were compelled to flee for safety into the more thickly settled portions of the country. After the defeat of Gen. Braddock in 1755, high carnivals was held by the savages in the Cumberland Valley.

Finally, in the spring of 1767, Rev. John Craighed was called and installed its pastor, April 13, 1768, at a salary of £100 per year. He was born in 1742, graduated at Princeton in 1763; was an eloquent preacher and a valiant patriot, spoken of in history as the "fighting chaplain," because he led his men as captain in battle and acted as chaplain in camp. His disposition was mild, affable and peculiarly winning, which, together with his agreeable social qualities, rare conversational powers and fine humor, made him the favorite of all who chanced to know him. His sermons were delivered with a power and eloquence peculiarly his own. He lived on a farm about half a mile from the church. His pastoral relation with Rocky Spring continued till April 9, 1798, when it was dissolved. He died on the 20th of the same month and year, and his remains were deposited in the adjacent cemetery, the handsome monument which marks the place having been furnished by Mrs. Isabella Marshall, the last surviving member of his congregation.

The first church edifice stood between the present building and the graveyard, the front facing to the south. It was a rough log building, one story and a half high, and built about the time the congregation was organized, or before, in the rude style of architecture peculiar to those days. It had one row of windows in the lower story, the lights being small and few in number. It was entered by two doors which were placed in the eastern and western ends of the house. The doors were small and single. They were made of plain boards without any panel work. As the size of the congregation increased, an addition, formed of a small square building on the south side, was made. A few years later, for a similar reason, another addition was built by its side. About the time the original building was erected, a small, rough structure was erected, with wide fireplace and large wooden chimney, was also built. It was known as the "Sturdy House." It is said that it was built as a receptacle for the saddles which members used in those days when horses back riding to church was the main reliance of the people scattered over large regions of country. This house was replaced in 1774 by the present brick structure, 48x60, the contractor being Walter Beatty.



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From the Presbytery of Carlisle - Centennial Memorial Vol., pp. 209-210, the following is quoted:

About four miles north of Chambersburg is one of the beautiful springs of Cumberland Valley, at which the pioneer Presbyterian settlers were wont to assemble for the worship of God. The early history of this church is wrapped in a great deal of obscurity. It is generally agreed that its organization occurred about 1739. That was a period of intense excitement in the Presbyterian church on questions concerning the Old and New Side controversy, and which culminated the following year in the rending of the church. In some instances in the Presbytery of Donegal complete division occurred in congregations; in other entire congregations arrayed themselves on one side or the other. Rocky Spring church belonged to the latter class. It and Middle Spring and Big Spring, occupying contiguous territory, all identified themselves with the New Side branch of the church, and in 1742 secured the services of the Rev. John Blair. Mr. Blair was a member of the Presbytery of New Castle (New Side). Thus it occurs that in the records of the Presbytery of Donegal we do not find any mention of him or his churches during his pastorate, which extended, presumably, to 1755. (See Big Spring church, foot-note.) For a number of years after this the church was dependent upon supplies appointed by Presbytery. In 1763 the Rev. John Craighead became their second pastor. He was not only an eloquent preacher of the gospel, but also a zealous patriot and a fearless soldier. In the Revolutionary struggle he marched at the head of a company raised by himself in his own congregation, and joined the army of Washington. Here he did not forget his high calling as an ambassador for Christ, but when in camp acted as chaplain to the soldiers. The history of old Rocky Spring church in connection with the Indian troubles and Revolutionary war is full of thrilling interest. But we may not enter upon it here.

Their first "meeting-house" was a small log building, erected in 1740, which stood near the site of the present church. It soon proved too small for the congregation. To remedy this "a small square building was attached to the south side of the church, extending one-half its length, and the roof was extended from the main building over it. There were no windows in this addition. Hence it was poorly lighted and ventilated. Subsequently an addition of like character was put to the end of this. In this way a lop-sided appearance was given to the structure. The present brick building was erected in 1794. It remains almost intact, an object of mingled interest and curiosity. In the chapter on church property" will be found a description of it. It remains, but its aisles are no longer crowded with devout worshipers. Time and change have done their sad work. The descendants of the original settlers have passed away, seeking homes and helping to build up churches elsewhere; and other people of other faith have come in to occupy their farms and their places in the community.

Church Organized - 1739.

Pastorates

Rev. John Blair	1742-1755
Rev. John Craighead	1763-1799
Rev. Francis Herron D.D.	1800-1811
Rev. John McKnight, D.D.	1811-1815
Rev. John McKnight	1816-1836
Rev. Robert Kennedy, S.S.	1836-1840
Rev. Alexander K. Nelson	1840-1873
Rev. Samuel C. George	1875-1887
Rev. Henry G. Finney	1888-

Membership in 1888 - 20.

Rev. John Craighead was the pastor of Rocky Spring Church (1763-1799), at the time of John Boyd's death. It is interesting to learn that Rev. John Craighead purchased a tract of land called the "parsonage" on July 31, 1769 from Samuel Boyd, younger brother of John Boyd, who moved about that time to Charlotte County, Va. (See Chapter II.)

The parsonage was located about 1½ miles from Rocky Spring church. John Boyd served in the Bouquet expedition of 1764. In an article appearing in the Somerset Co., N.J. Historical Quarterly (Vol. 7, Pages 280-284) concerning the life of Rev. William Boyd, son of John and Mary, "John Boyd is said to have been born at Irvine, Scotland, but married in Ireland and, about or prior to 1750, removed to Franklin Co., Pa., (Cumberland Co. at that time), where he was doubtless a farmer." On May 24, 1753, a land warrant for 200 acres was surveyed for John Boyd (Ref. Pa. Archives Land Warrants 1750-1874 - A (3) XXIV, p. 632 - Co. of Cumberland). Tax lists for Cumberland Co., Pa. list John Boyd for the years 1751, 1753 in Lurgan Township and later years 1763, 1764 in Letterkenny Township. (Ref. Historical Society Library, Carlisle, Pa.) (Letterkenny Township was formed from Lurgan Township in the year 1761-1762). Children of John and Mary (Ref. Notes & Queries, 3rd Series, Vol. 3. p. 434, by Egle) and John's will given below, were —

- I. Elizabeth Boyd, b. 1748-1751
- II James Boyd, b. 1749
- III Robert Boyd, b. 1755
- IV William Boyd, b. 1757
- V Samuel Boyd, b. 1759
- VI John Boyd, b. 1762
- VII Thomas Boyd, b. 1764

We conclude that these children were all born in Pennsylvania, with possible exceptions being Elizabeth and James the oldest children.

Will of John Boyd

Letterkenny Township
Cumberland County, Pa.

Last Will and Testament of JOHN BOYD, late of Letterkenny Township, Cumberland County, Penna., deceased... Will No. 9, Recorded in Will Book "B", page 47 —Will Proven in Register's Office April 25, 1770.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN! in the Seventh day of July in the year of our Lord 1769, I, John Boyd of Letterkenny Township, Cumberland County, being sick in body but of perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say:

First of all I give and recommend my Soul to the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors.

And as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to give me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the manner and form following:

In the first place I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary the one third of the yearly profits arising from my plantation during her natural life while she remains single but if she marries I allow and order one horse and saddle the horse to be valued to ten pounds, also one feather bed with suitable furniture belonging thereto with her clothing.

Also I give to my daughter Elizabeth Boyd the sum of fifty pounds to be paid to her in cash and goods which goods I allow to be taken of my personall estate first of all before any division be made to the other legatees.

Also I order and allow in part the income and profits arising yearly from my plantation to be appropriated and for the use of my younger children in order to their maintenance and education until the time they come of age.

I likewise give and bequeath to my son James Boyd one sixth part of my lands and improvements I now possess to be divided equally into quantity and quality after payment of all first debts due upon the estate.

I give and order to the said James a two child's part of all my moveables.

Next I give and bequeath to my son Robert Boyd a one sixth part of my lands in quantity and quality also I give to him a one child's part of all my moveables.

Next I give to my son William Boyd one sixth part of my lands and likewise I give to him one child's part all my moveables.

Next I give to my son Samuel Boyd one sixth part of all my lands and also a child's part of all my moveables.

Next I give to my son John Boyd one sixth part of all my lands in quantity and quality and also I give to him one child's part of all my moveables.

Next I give to my son Thomas Boyd the one sixth part of all my lands to be divided according to quantity and quality and also one child's part of my moveables.

I do also constitute and ordain my wife Mary and my son James Boyd my only and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disannull all former Wills and Testaments by me at any time made and I do hereby ratify and confirm this and no other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

John Boyd (Seal)

Signed, sealed and Delivered in presence of:
Sam Sloan
Jas. Jordan.

The above will was signed July 7, 1769 — Proven April 25, 1770. John Boyd signed his name to said will. Inventory filed June 14, 1770 - No. 23.

Following John Boyd's death, orphan court records show the following:

Docket 2 pages 205 and 285
Page 205 - Orphan's Court held at Carlisle County of Cumberland (in year circa 1770) appeared Samuel Boyd minor son of John Boyd late of Letterkenny twp. and asked the Court to appoint a Guardian over his person and estates, he Samuel being a minor over the age of 14 years. Court appointed Alexander McConnell as his Guardian.

At the same Court appeared Mary Boyd the widow and relict of John Boyd late of Letterkenny township and prayed the Court to appoint a Guardian over her sons their persons and estates, John Boyd and Thomas Boyd (who were minors under age 14 to have mother appear for them). Court appointed Samuel Culberson (Culbertson) of Letterkenny township Guardian.

June 8, 1781 John Boyd, son of John Boyd, deceased, aged about 18 years prayed the Court to appoint Alexander McConnell of Hamilton (later Franklin County) as his Guardian. Court made the appointment.

Searching for gravestone records of the Boyd family, the following is found in the Rocky Spring Presbyterian churchyard, which is situated in the section not far removed from the Boyd home in Letterkenny township.

The grave inscriptions occur in a "History of the Churches of the Valley" (Cumberland) published in 1852 by the Rev. Alfred Nevin. This Church is now well cared for by the Franklin County Chapter DAR. The tombstones read as follows:

"In memory of John Boyd, who departed this life in the year 1770."

"In memory of Mary Cummins who departed this life on Nov. 9th, 1790, age 17 years."

"In memory of Elizabeth, wife of Charles Cummins, who departed this life 9th Sept. 1802 - aged 54 years." (b. 1748).

"The author says: "these last three graves stand side by side and contain members of the same family. Near the latter is another old stone of the same kind and upon which the following words appear —"In memory of Mary, wife of John Boyd, who died June 30, 1778."

"In Memory of Elizabeth Cummins who died Dec. 30, 1792, aged 12 years."

The following burials in ROCKY SPRING GRAVEYARD
 are taken from the History of the Rocky Spring
 Church, by Rev. S.S. Wylie and A. Nevin Pomeroy,
 published 1905.

ALLEN	William Allen, b. 1820 - d. 1843
BESORE	Balsar Besore, b. 1784 - d. 1833 Martha Besore, b. 1789 - d. 1855 Elizabeth Besore, b. 1814 - d. 1839
CUMMINS	Mary Cummins, b. 1773 - d. 1790 William Cummins, b. 1782 - d. 1821 Mary Cummins b. 1782 - d. 1804 Catherine Patton Cummins, b. 1783 - d. 1873
HUDSON	Mary Hudson, b. _____ d. 1872
KIRKPATRICK	Alexander H. Kirkpatrick, b. 1809 - d. 1850
LIGHTNER	Sarah Lightner, d. 1896
MACHEN	John Machen, b. 1730 - d. 1805
McCLELLAN	William McClellan, b. 1790 - d. 1869
McCONNELL	Robert McConnell, b. 1702 - d. 1777
STEVENSON	Joseph Stevenson d. 1779 Margaret Stevenson, d. 1779
VANCE	G. Vance, d. 1793
WHITE	Elizabeth White, 1771 - 1816

Franklin Repository, Chambersburg, Pa., Oct. 15, 1805
 "Died on Thursday, 10th inst. Mrs. Mary Warden, consort of John
 Merchant, of this boro. Left husband and 4 children, buried at Rocky
 Spring Church Graveyard."

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Rocky Spring Church

#48. Col. Robert Peebles
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#49. John Thomson
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William McClintock

#50. Oliver Culbertson
William Gill
Joseph Siven

#51. Thomas Hoops
George McElroy
John McClellan
Charles Kilcrease
Robert Carrick

#52. Henry Duncan
Mary Kerr
John Moore
Alexander Spear

List of pew holders in the brick church of Rocky Spring at the commencement of
Rev. Francis Henon's ministry - 1800.

#1. Mark Gregory
William Kirkpatrick

#2. James Warden
John Warden

#3. Robert Swan
John McConnell

#4. James McConnell

#5. Robert Shields
Joseph Swan

#6. Isabella Matthews
W. W. Lane
Capt. Benjamin Ramsey
William Kirkpatrick

#7. Capt. Samuel Patton
Joseph Marshall

#8. Isaac Eaton
John Gilmore

#9. Nicholas Patterson
George McClellan

#10. Jane Craighead (pastor's pew)
Rev. Francis Henon

#11. Robert Brotherton

#12. Col. Joseph Culbertson

#13. John Brackenridge
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#14. Andrew Wilson
Charles Wilson
John Machan

#15. John Stewart
David Arrell

#16. Samuel Brackenridge
Andrew Lytle

#17. Andrew Taylor
Clarina McCalla

#18. James Brackenridge
Samuel McKain

#19. Andrew Thomson

Rocky Spring Church

- #20. Joseph Graham
William Archibald
Robert Criswell
- #21. James Boyd
George McElroy
- #22. Col. Joseph Armstrong
- #23. Samuel Wilson (M.D.)
Henry Davis
- #24. William Bolton
John Wylie
- #25. Matthew Gilven
- #26. Andrew Beard
Cornelius Harper
- #27. John Dorman
Joseph Dooley
- #28. African pew paid for by
James McCalmot and
Charles Cummings
- #29. Samuel Nicholson
- #30. Hugh Ferguson
John Ferguson
- #31. James Gillelland
- #32. Robert Mitchell
Andrew Murphy
Mary Denis
- #33. Robert Smith
- #34. William David
Robert Stewart
- #35. Gen. John Rhea (M.C.)
- #36. Capt. Albert Torrance
- #37. Charles Cummings
- #38. Col. Samuel Culbertson
- #39. Major James McCalmont
- #40. Capt. Thomas Grier

- #41. Capt. John McConnell.
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- #42. Capt. Robert Culbertson
- #43. Moses Kirkpatrick
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- #47. Joseph Dooley
- #48. Samuel Nicholson
- #49. John Chestnut
- #50. Robert Anderson
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- #51. William Beard
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- #52. William Beard (Sen.)
- #53. Joseph Eaton
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II. JAMES BOYD (ca 1750-1822), Farmer, Executor with his mother Mary of John Boyd's Will dated 7-7-1769 (Will Bk. B., p. 47, Cumberland Co., Pa. —Testamentary letters issued to James & Mary 4-25-1770 —James of Letterkenny Twp., Franklin Co. (Cumberland Co. from 1750-1784) left will dated 4-25-1822. Wife, Agnes; Children James, Agnes, John, Mary Morrow, William. (Bk. "C" p. 591. Franklin Co., Pa.).

James is shown a member of Rocky Spring Presbyterian Church, holding Pew #21 in the brick church at the Commencement of Rev. Francis Herron's ministry in 1800.

Another item of interest found in the Franklin Co. records - Bk. 2, Page 178 — 11-12-1789 - James and Agnes Boyd of Franklin sold to John Slaughton for 241 lbs, 13 sh. & 9 Pence - 60 acres and 88 perches —Witnesses John Scott & Robert Boyd. In all probability this is James' brother, Robert, who was in Chester Co., S.C. 3 years later.

Bk. 1, Page 331 - "This indenture made 29 Apr. 1786 between John Boyd, student one of the heirs and devisees of John Boyd late of Letterkenny Township, then Cumberland Co, Now Franklin —State of Pa. — to James Boyd of said township - for 310 lbs., 10 sh., p'd by James — sells land which formerly was the property of John Boyd the father which he bequeathed to his son John —the said parcel being in full of an undivided right or 6th part of all the real estate of John Boyd my father deceased - containing 115 acres."

Will Book C. - p. 591

WILL OF JAMES BOYD, of Letterkenny Township, Franklin County, Pa., farmer. Sg: 25 April 1822 - Pr: 7th May 1822

No wife mentioned

Son: James Boyd, \$1000, sorrel horse, he claims and my writing desk.

Daughter: Agnes Boyd good bed and bedding and \$1000;

Son: John Boyd, set silver teaspoons with his initials and \$1000.

Daughter: Mary Morrow, \$1000.

Son: William, \$1000.

All real estate in Franklin county or elsewhere to the four children: William, James, Agness, and John, equally divided. From the manner in which my son William has heretofore conducted himself I have every reason to believe he would waste and mismanage the legacies I give him... I, therefore, order the executors to petition the orphans court for Franklin County to appoint a suitable person to manage said William's share same as if a minor. (James Boyd made his mark for sig.) Wit: Jacob Martin, Moses Kirkpatrick

Will Book C. - pp. 677 & 678

WILL OF JOHN BOYD, OF LURGAN TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, PA.

Wife: None mentioned, evidently a bachelor, since all left to brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Oldest brother: William Boyd \$2.

Brother: James Boyd \$2.

Sister: Agnes Hudson \$2.

Nieces: Margaret Morrow, Agnes B. Morrow, Mary Morrow, Jane McClure Morrow and Elizabeth McElvain, \$100 each.

Nephews: William Morrow, James B. Morrow and John B. Morrow - \$100 each. Also \$100 to schooling each niece and nephew.

All remaining or real and personal property, if any, to my loving sister, Mary Morrow.
Executors: John McCune, James Hemphill, Mary Morrow.

John Boyd made his mark for sig.

Sg: Sept. 9, 1823 - Pr: May 14, 1823

Wit: James Henderson and Francis T. New.

William Morrow qualified, as administrator, with will annexed. Bondsmen: James Henderson and Jacob Winderlick.

20 Nov. 1823, James Boyd, by his attorney, James Dunlap, appeals to the Register's Court Meeting called for Tuesday 25th Nov. 1823. . . Not made clear in record whether will was set aside or not. . . The office was closing for Sat. half holiday, so did not have time for further investigation. This John Boyd was son of James Boyd and wife of Franklin County.

(This section which follows compiled by author - John W. Boyd)

III. ROBERT BOYD (1755-Mar. 1812), son of John & Mary Boyd of Cumberland Co., Pa., moved to Chester County, South Carolina, as proven by the following Power of Attorney —

South Carolina
Chester County

To all people whom it may concern, Robert Boyd of the State of South Carolina, County of Chester, sendeth Greetings. Whereas the said Robert Boyd is seized in fee simple by the death of his brother, Samuel Boyd, late of Franklin County, of Pennsylvania of a Messuage Tenement of parcel of land lying and situate in the county of Franklin in the state of Pennsylvania, being one sixth part of a tract of land of which the said Samuel Boyd, deceased, was seized and possessed of land lying and situate in Franklin County in the State of Pennsylvania, as aforesaid. Now, know ye that the said Robert Boyd doth by these presents constitute, authorize and convey to the Reverend John Boyd, formerly of Franklin County, and State of Pennsylvania to sell, grant or convey the said messuage or tenement land and premises in fee simple to such person or persons for such price or sum of money as he shall think convenient and also for him the said Robert Boyd and in his name to sell, execute and deliver such Deeds and Conveyances, Bargains and sales for the absolute sale and disposal thereof or any part thereof with such clauses, Covenants and agreements therein be contained as the said John Boyd shall think fit and expedient hereby ratifying and confirming all such Deeds, Bargains, sales and other Conveyances which shall at another time hereafter be made, sealed, executed, and delivered by him the said John Boyd touching or conveying the Premises as aforesaid. IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Robert Boyd hath hereunto set his hand and seal this tenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two—And, of the Independence of the United States of North America, the seventeenth.

Wit: Samuel Williamson, James Brattogs

Signed: ROBERT BOYD

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The 1800 Census, Chester Co., S.C., lists the following for family of Robert Boyd - 2 males, ten yrs. or under; 1 male 10-16; 1 male 16-26; 1 male 45 & up. 1 female 10-16; 1 female 45-up. (Husband, wife, 4 boys & 1 girl.).

According to records compiled by Leonardo Andrea, Columbia, S.C., for Mrs. Angie Boyd Hansen, a descendant of Robert Boyd, it is noted Robert enlisted in the 3rd S.C. Regiment of the Continental Army under Col. William Thompson on the 24th day of July, 1776. Robert Boyd was in service 1779-80-81-82 with Captain James Young. Served as Clerk with Captain Terrance Campbell in August 1782. (See Penn. Archives, Fifth Series, Volume 6, pages 100, 111, 127, 183, 290, and 548).

From S.C. Pension data it is noted that Robert Boyd applied for Pension from the State of S.C. on the 30th of Nov., 1811 and to be retroactive until 1790 —Robert Boyd received a wound in the foot at Rocky Mount while fighting with General Thomas Sumter in 1780. Pension was allowed. Robert died in March 1812 and his estate was administered by John Boyd. Receipt for the pension money 27 May 1812 was signed by John Boyd, who is also listed as a Minor — Mary Boyd signs receipt.

Robert Boyd's estate administered 4th of Sept. 1812 by John Boyd and his Bond signed by James Boyd and William Boyd for \$200. Inventory made by John Neely, Thomas Neely, William Boyd. Reports were made by John Boyd from time to time during period 1813 to 1818. Each portion was divided into 3 parts. Andrea stated this shows there were 3 children and no widow —unless the widow elected (under S.C. law she could do so) to take a child's part and if she did so elect —Robert Boyd left a widow and 7 children. Citation was read at Hopewell Meeting House. John Boyd died or else moved from S.C. The estate was again

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administered 7th of January 1822 by Robert P. Boyd and his bond signed by William Wiley and Robert W. Eckls.

Under date of October 28, 1958, Mrs. Hansen wrote - "If John Boyd of Chester County, the admr. was oldest child of Robert and named for the father's father, he (according to the Census of 1800) would be about age 28-38 when Robert, the father, died in 1812. John, the administrator, disappeared and did not finish the administration of Robert Boyd. He worked on it from 1812-1818 and then it seemed to remain unattended until about 1822 when another son, Robert P. Boyd, (see below), became of age and obtained L/A (Letter of Administration) for finishing the settlement of Robert Boyd's estate."

"Robert P. (Patterson) Boyd was born in Chester Co., S.C. around 1790. He moved from Chester Co., S.C. about 1825 to Newton Co., Ga. He belonged to an ARP church in Chester County which tradition says was Hopewell Church near Blackstock, S.C., but a bit of 1847 history in a church magazine states they came from Union Church near Richburg, S.C. He is listed as one of the founders of Hopewell Church in Newton County in 1830."

(Mrs. Hansen spent many years of her life researching Boyd families in general in the states of Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania. She was very thorough in her work, always seeking documentary proof. It was your author's privilege to work with and exchange data developed from various sources with her. She furnished me copies of her records which are very voluminous. I am informed that additional copies were placed with the Georgia Archives in Atlanta a short time before she died in the late 1960's. It is my plan to leave the copies she furnished me, together with my own files which should be preserved, with the Mary Willis Library in Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia. Mrs. Hansen and I worked together over 10 years (1954-1965) concentrating on our own Boyd family lines which we strongly felt tied in somewhere along the line. I have now found the tie —namely Captain Robert Boyd, who died in 1760-61, Cumberland County, Pa. Mrs. Hansen descended from his eldest son John, I descend from his youngest son, Samuel Boyd). The next 2 pages are copied verbatim from Mrs. Hansen's records. It includes data on her father, William Boyd (12-25-1851 - 2-4-1927), her grandfather, John Patterson Boyd (4-10-1824 - 12-24-1892) and her great grandfather, Robert Patterson Boyd (1790-1849), including his Bible records.

HIS BIBLE

(II) Robert P. Boyd was married 10th Aug. 1820 to Miss Mary Wylie (circa 1800-1882)
Children:

- 1 Infant born 11 May 1821 and died.
- 2 Margaret Boyd, born 18 April 1822 ... died a child
- 3 John Patterson Boyd, Jr., b. 10 April 1824 - d. Dec. 24, 1892.
- 4 Martha Jane Boyd, born 16 Jan. 1827; died single in Sept. 1892.
- 5 William Perry Boyd, born 1 May 1828. . . Killed in Battle of Atlanta
- 6 Robert Watson Boyd, born 1 Dec. 1830 - d. C.S.A.
- 7 James Thomas Boyd, born 6 Dec. 1832; d. Apr. 26, 1905.
- 8 Mary Susannah Boyd, born 2 Nov. 1835 . . . died young.
- 9 Eliza Matilda Boyd, born 21 Feb. 1837; d. Feb. 24, 1901.
- 10 Margaret Rosannah Boyd, born 2 Sept. 1839; d. March 1909.
- 11 Thomas Alexander Boyd, born Dec. 1, 1841; d. Jan. 7, 1929.

According to tradition John Patterson Boyd was the baby and only child coming with parents to Newton County, Georgia. Presumably he was baptized in Chester County, S.C. as all the other children were baptized at Hopewell Church in Newton County, Ga. (ARP).

More data on these children: The first baby was buried in Chester County, S.C. The second child, Margaret, also died in infancy and was interred in Chester Co. John Patterson Boyd married 2 July 1846 to Sarah Paul Robinson. Martha Jane Boyd remained single. William Perry Boyd died in Battle of Rosaca or Atlanta.

6. ROBERT WATSON BOYD died in Prison Camp in Virginia at Camp Chase. He married 18 Sept. 1849 to Miss Mary Ann Robinson, had five children born in Newton County, moved to Cobb County. After death of Robert Watson Boyd, his widow and children moved to Ala.

7. JAMES THOMAS BOYD married Susannah E. Thompson as his first wife . . . issue three sons who moved to Oklahoma and one daughter who died. James Thomas Boyd married as second wife a cousin of the first wife, Zippora A. Thompson —no issue.

8. MARY SUSANNAH BOYD is shown on the 1850 Census as age 15 but does not appear on the 1860 Census of Newton County, Ga. She could have died . . . no further record proven.

9. ELIZA MATILDA BOYD m. 22 Dec. 1859 to James S. Gardner.

10. MARGARET ROSANNAH BOYD m. William G. Lowery, M.D. —issue, seven children.

11. THOMAS ALEXANDER BOYD m. 26 Sept. 1865 to Mary Isabel Christian, daughter of Elizabeth Sappington & Presley F. Christian.

More data on these children of Robert Boyd and Mary Wylie Boyd can be had from Mrs. Hansen.

BIBLE OF JOHN PATTERSON BOYD

3. JOHN PATTERSON BOYD born 10 April 1824; Died 24 Dec. 1892; married 2 July 1846 to Sarah Paul Robinson, born 17 Aug. 1821 in Fairfield County, S.C. Children:

- (1) Robert Patterson Boyd, born 29 Aug. 1847 m. Sarah Frances Ragsdale
- (2) William Boyd, born 25 Dec. 1851 m. Frances McCord
- (3) Sarah Boyd, born 24 Sept. 1853 m. Benjamin Hill Woodruff
- (4) Emily Boyd, born 5 Sept. 1856 m. William Madison Hollingsworth
- (5) Tallulah Lucinda Boyd, born 14 Oct. 1858 m. William Stewart Starr
- (6) John Deavers Boyd, born 16 July 1860 m. Emma Hill

All these children were born in Newton County, Ga., a few miles south east of Salem Camp Ground (Methodist) where Mr. and Mrs. Boyd and two of their sons and one daughter are interred.

BIBLE OF WILLIAM BOYD

(2) WILLIAM BOYD, born 25 Dec. 1851, died 4 Feb. 1927; Married 8 June 1875 to Frances Crofford McCord, born 9 July 1854; died 3 May 1940. Children:

- A Martha Violet Boyd, born 21 March 1876 m. William Smith Elliott
- B John Stewart Boyd, born 18 July 1877; died 27 July 1877
- C William Robert Boyd, born 18 July 1877; died 28 July 1877
- D Elizabeth Paul Boyd, born 9 Jan. 1879 m. Lear Rustin Almand
- E William Emmett Boyd, born 3 Nov. 1881; died single 20 Aug. 1904
- F Sara Clem Boyd, born 27 April 1884. . . single
- G Angie Ann Boyd, born 15 Nov. 1886 m. Joseph B. Hansen
- H Lu Alma Boyd, born 5 Dec. 1888; died 3 July 1889
- I John Donald Boyd, born 2 Nov. 1890 m. Ysabel Lamar Middlebrook
- J Grover Cleveland Boyd, born 20 Dec. 1892; died 6 March 1897 — diphtheria
- K Bonnie Prophet Boyd, born 1 May 1895; died 7 March 1897 — diphtheria

Children of John Patterson Boyd and wife, Sarah Paul Robinson:

Robert Patterson Boyd m. 1. Sarah Frances Ragsdale and m. 2. Mary Cowan. No issue except by first marriage; 2 sons who joined the army after he moved to Tennessee, near Chattanooga, it is thought. William Boyd m. Frances Crofford McCord; Sarah Boyd m. 17 Dec. 1876 to Benjamin Hill Woodruff; Angie N. Boyd, born 5 Sept 1856, died 23 Jan. 1901 and married William Madison Hollingsworth — Typed in #2-c as EMILY; Tallulah Lucinda Boyd m. 2 Dec. 1877 to William Stewart Starr; John Deavers Boyd m. 1. Emma Hill m. 2. Mrs. Alice Robinson Sherwood. No issue by either marriage.

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In October 1976, two Boyd couples from Oklahoma came by my home in Tignall, Ga. These Boyd brothers are descendants of Robert Boyd of Chester County, S.C., through James Thomas Boyd (12-6-1832 - 4-26-1905), a brother of Mrs. Hansen's grandfather, John Patterson Boyd (4-10-1824 - 12-24-1892). I enjoyed the visit of Mr. Charley F. Boyd, wife Lilly Mae Bidy Boyd of Blair, Okla., and Mr. John Riley Boyd, Jr. and wife of Hobart, Okla. On Jan. 20, 1977, I wrote asking them for information on their Boyd line to be included in this family history. Mrs. Charley F. Boyd replied on Jan. 26, 1977.

Mr. John W. Boyd
P.O. Box 298
Tignall, Ga. 30668

Dear Sir --

We received your nice letter. Yes, we meant to gather everything we could to help you with your writing.

We arrived home safely from our trip into S.C. and Georgia, on Oct. 18th, 5 p.m. Then on Nov. 9th, our only child, our son, died suddenly. He was only 43. That made us feel like life wasn't worth living. He was so much help to us and every one who knew him. He was enjoying life, was always so happy. He had retired after 20 years on the Oklahoma Hi-way Patrol, and was Deputy Sheriff of Okla. County, living in Oklahoma City. So of course we lost all interest in everything.

I, his mother, had entered the hospital just a few hours before his death, with a bleeding ulcer. I was down to 40% and taking blood when they brought me the sad message. They took me to the church in an ambulance with nurse, just to see him and right back to the hospital. We miss him so much. It's the saddest thing that ever happened to us. With care and treatment, the ulcer seems to be healed, but I have to keep on guard. I went to Hobart to talk to John R. and his wife about this information. We plan to get busy and mail you as much as we can find real soon. Sorry for the delay.

We surely enjoyed being at your house. It was so nice of you to take the time to see and talk to us. Our entire trip was just perfect. The boys, Charley & John R., were so happy with everything they heard about the family.

Our grandson was here to see us last week. He would so love to make a trip to Georgia, but he has so little time off. He's with the police force in Norman, Okla. He has a wife, a little girl 4 years and a boy two years. He's also taking college work. Charley says if you could write us when and where this reunion is held that you spoke of, our grandson, Mark, and Charley would so love to come. Mark tries to get us interested again.

Sorry if I've bored you and hope everything goes well with you. Glad to hear from you. We plan to write you soon. Sincerely,

Charley & Lilly Boyd
Box 531, Blair, Okla. 73526

(Note: On Feb. 17th, 1977, they sent me the following records, which I am delighted to have. -JWB).

FAMILY BIBLE, OBITUARY, TOMBSTONE DATA

7. JAMES THOMAS BOYD (12-6-1832 - 4-26-1905), son of Robert Patterson Boyd (1790-1849) and wife, Mary Nylie Boyd (1800-1880), married 1st, Susannah E. Thompson (7-22-1836 - 8-30-1874); married 2nd, Zaporiah H. Thompson (1-27-1846 - 9-8-1923), a cousin of his first wife, no children by 2nd marriage. Children by 1st marriage:

- (1) Thomas James Boyd, b. 8-19-1863
- (2) Samuel Thompson Boyd, b. 3-22-1866
- (3) John Riley Boyd, Sr., b. 10-25-1871