

HISTORY  
OF THE  
BOYD FAMILY AND  
DESCENDANTS

WITH  
HISTORICAL SKETCHES

OF THE ANCIENT FAMILY OF BOYD'S IN SCOTLAND FROM  
THE YEAR 1200, AND THOSE OF IRELAND FROM THE YEAR 1680,  
WITH RECORDS OF THEIR DESCENDANTS IN KENT, NEW  
WINDSOR, ALBANY, MIDDLETOWN AND SALEM, N. Y., BOSTON,  
MASS., NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA., AND SKETCHES OF  
THOSE FROM THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN STATES FROM  
1740 TO 1912



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## PART I CHAPTER IX

### COPIES OF LETTERS RELATING TO THE BOYD FAMILIES OF AMERICA

In giving this chapter to our readers and to those who may be interested in them, it may be well for me to say, after the publication of my former History of the Boyd Families and Descendants in 1884, I have received a large number of letters from the descendants of different families of Boyds (most of them are not connected with those given in my book) through the United States, asking of me to give them information in regard to their own branch of the Boyd family, which to them was a blank. The statements they gave to me in these letters were quite interesting, and contained much valuable history, liable to become lost to the rising generations, and will enable many to get a start in obtaining the lost threads of their family history. I am sorry to say, many of these writers have passed away and have left us in the dark of obtaining any farther history of their ancestors than what we have at hand. So instead of trying to gather up further information, which would have to be accomplished by an extensive research, costing a large amount of time and money, we have concluded under these circumstances to present the letters and correspondence that we have received in the past twenty-six years and let our readers draw their own conclusions and investigations.

Fort Wayne, Detroit, Mich., Dec. 10, 1887,

My Dear Sir:

I have observed in some serial that you have published, a History of the Boyd family, yet I never have seen it, therefore I do not know the contents of the book, but notwithstanding I presume to transmit to you some facts concerning some Boyds, who formerly resided in New Hampshire, and the items I furnish may be of interest to you.

My grandmother Dodge-nee Dennett of Portsmouth, was in some way connected with them. Now, I have not yet been able to ascertain, and perhaps you may be able to assist me in solving the query as to how related. She had a brother named George Boyd Dennett and I recollect she used to call one of the Boyds her uncle and George Wm. Boyd, who died in Portland, Maine, her cousin. She was born at Portsmouth, N. H., September 10, 1779, and died there March 9, 1867. Her father was Ephman Dennett and her mother was Jane Hoyt, who died at Portsmouth, October 1, 1809, aged sixty years and it is through her mother (Jane H.) that the Boyds were connected and probably in the Hoyt line. Have you any dates or knowledge of this relationship, or docs your book give any Hoyt or Dennetts' names. I would be obliged to you if you could solve the Genealogical enigma for me.

I am respectfully yours,  
FRED L. DODGE, 1st Lieut. 23d U. S. Infantry.

*Lieutenant Dodge sent me with this letter a well written history of his ancestors which will be found in our chapter on the different Boyd families of the United States.*

Manchester, Conn., Dec. 13, 1887.

Dear Sir:

I received your book today and find it to be a very interesting book and a valuable history. I presume you did not know of the Shelburn Boyds. They were in Shelburn one hundred and twenty-five years ago. There was John, Robert and Thomas Boyd. I think Robert and Thomas were sons of John. I knew Mr. Thomas Boyd and his son (William P.) in 1829. In that year I attended a writing school with William Parsons. About that time the family left Shelburn and emigrated (sic) to the West—as it was called then, York State.

CHAS. M. TAINTOR.

Portland, Maine, Dec. 19, 1887. Dear Sir:

From a Boston publishing house I recently received a copy of your History of the Boyd Family and have been much interested to know something of our name in New York, etc. If your branch is from Kilmarnock, we are of the same lineage and our ancestors may have left Scotland about the same time. In Browning's "Americans of Royal Descent" (Published by Peters and Coats, Philadelphia in 1883), we descended from William, ninth Lord Boyd and first Earl of Kilmarnock and is given quite extensive, though there are errors in names, dates, etc., it is in main correct. *No connection from this line to William, 1st Earl of Kilmarnock has ever been proven. RG Boyd <http://clanboyd.info>*

Our great-grandfather James, was born in Kilmarnock in 1732, and came to America in 1756, with a grant of St. Andreas Parish, etc., in Passamaquoddy. The parchment deed or charter signed by King George III, and bearing the Royal Seal is somewhere in the family. I have relics brought by him from Scotland, among them a large piece of Plate with the signet and monogram of King James II, which has been in our family for four hundred years, and the legend is that it was given to his daughter the Princess Mary, when she married Sir Thomas Boyd. Also full coat of arms painted in colors—very old. More or less intercourse has been kept up with the old families of Scotland and some of them have visited this country, whom we have known. I have met quite a number of our name in Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee and South Carolina, but never one with any particular knowledge of their ancestry. They most all claimed to be Irish. I include one of our book marks from the old plate, and now in use by us. Our family is living now in Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Washington, Mississippi, etc., which I write, we knew some of all the names in the United States.

Very respectfully yours,  
CHAS. H. BOYD.

*The following letter was also from Mr. Chas. H. Boyd, but was written to a Mr. W. Tracy Curtis of Boston, Mass., and sent to me by parties of that place, which letter the former gives us more of the Boyds of Maine:*

Washington, D. C., April 10, 1892.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for yours of the 5th inst. forwarded me from my home address. Several years since I purchased the history of the Boyd family by W. P. B. of Conesus, N. Y., having seen it advertised, but found it contained no information whatever about our branch of that name. Mr. John Parker Boyd, whom you mentioned was the oldest brother of my father (William), and Robert Southgate was their cousin, a son of Joseph Coffin Boyd. The house you mentioned is at the corner of High and Pleasant Street, and was built by my grandfather, Robert Boyd in 1800. By inheritance it came

to uncle John and my father. My great-grandfather was born at Kilmarnock, Scotland in 1732, and came directly from there to St. Andreas in 1756, where he had been granted a large tract of land of thirty thousand to forty thousand acres from the King. He then built the Kilmarnock house, residing there in summer and at Newburyport in winter. Here he married Susannah Coffin, related to Westrain Coffin. Dr. Stover, and his brother of your city, were the children of Margaret Boyd. My great aunts are the only relatives on the Boyd side living there. So you see it was impossible for any of our branch to have accompanied the William in 1718. We have a complete history of our branch for a thousand years with all dates of birth, marriages, deaths, etc. The Rev. Frederick W. Boyd a brother of Southgate was a D. D. of Cambridge, England, and lived much of his life with our Scottish relatives with whom we have kept up intercourse. He has a very minute history of the family, with all necessary documentary evidence. In Browning's "Americans of Royal Descent" published by Porter and Coats, Philadelphia, in 1880 and 1891, is a complete history of our branch. It is somewhat singular fact that my grandfather and his wife Hannah Greenleaf are both direct descendants of King Alfred the Great, Lord Robert Boyd, Earl of Kilmarnock and sole Regent of Scotland during the minority of King James II, is our former ancestor. I have a piece of plate that was his (James II) with his monogram—a large painted coat of-arms of the Boyds, seals, etc., that was brought from Scotland. My uncle John P. always wore a large seal with the arms that came from Lord William Boyd, tenth Lord Boyd his grandfather, and to-day, I wear a ring that came across the water. *No connection from this line to William, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Kilmarnock has ever been proven.* RG Boyd <http://clanboyd.info>

Yours truly,

CHARLES HARROD BOYD.

*The following letters of Mr. McAtee were quite interesting to me. After the elapse of twenty years, I attempted in the fall of 1909 to reopen a correspondence again with him. My letter sent to him at Caldwell, Kansas, was returned to me saying that Mr. Atee had gone from that place to Oklahoma and had died there a few years ago:*

Caldwell, Kan., June 14, 1889.  
Wm. P. Boyd, Esq.,

My Dear Sir:—In reply to your kind favor of the 10th inst., please accept thanks. You must have taken great pains and trouble in getting together the volume on the Boyd family and I would like, some time to have it. I will buy it later, or when I feel a trifle more like indulging myself, than I do at present. I have made a little table (see same in Historical Chapter) showing what I know of the family tree indeed. I think I must have erred however as to the Shakers or Ohio Boyds. They must be descendants of the first William Boyd named in the table, by a son, whose name I have forgotten. I would like to know what you can find out about the William Boyd who was in the St. Clair Army. I have not the books accessible, of course I have a little doubt there is a distant connection. The family has been known as quite modest. It contained people in the older branches and no doubt, they had men who were most reliable and true in times of trial.

I am respectfully yours,

JNO. L. McATEE.

Caldwell, Kan., July 1, 1889.  
Mr. Wm. Boyd.

My Dear Sir:—Your kind favor of the 21st ulto, is at hand, accompanied by the pamphlet and account of Thomas Boyd, for which please accept thanks. It was a humble tragedy indeed. In regard to the connection of that family of Boyds, I presume it was the same family in Scotland. What were the names there, the customary given names? Among my ancestors they were Walter, William and Manndate. Sometimes those things are as indications. You have been very obliging to answer my letters so carefully. I thank you very much. So far as I know of the Boyd family, my mother's people, they were brave, frank, exceedingly modest, almost to shyness, and yet with very high and positive self respect, devoted to their friends and loyal to engagements and to friends in the highest degree. They were not extremely ambitious nor very fond of money. There are great things to claim for our families of Boyd.

What were the traits of the Dean Castle or Kilmarnock people? My oldest brother Walter Boyd McAtee is President of the Chamber of Commerce, Baltimore, Md.; my second brother William McAtee is a Presbyterian minister and Doctor of Divinity of Madison, Wisconsin. A sister and I make up the remainder of my parents family.

I am very truly yours,  
JNO. L. ATEE.

Caldwell, Kan., February 1, 1892.  
Mr. William P. Boyd.

Dear Sir:—I believe I have not written to you since I received from you sometime last spring the History of the Boyd Family have meant to have done so, however. Especially for the book opened up to me matters of special and particular interest. On page 65 of the same, you say that the other brother whom his father called "Billy" we know nothing except he was in the Royal Navy and was promoted in 1761 to a company of the Fourteenth Infantry. Now I think I can account for "Billie," but am not certain.

In 1755, there came to America a Seman Detachment that was attached to the Expedition of Braddock or perhaps the Seman was organized for that fatal expedition and on their arrival "Billie" was found among them and was my great-grandfather. About that time or shortly afterwards; William Boyd, who was a Scotch Episcopalian in religion, a strong Monarchist in politics, having with him some relics of the Stuarts, the Pretenders family, settled in western Maryland after marrying Charity Talbot. He settled in what is Washington County, Md., along or near to the old road still known in that locality as the Braddock road, along which Braddock advanced toward Fort DuQuesne to his defeat. There was some strange mystery about him. He was a man of high spirits and sense of honor. He transmitted to his children along with probably the story of his family and his early life with a great aversion to speak of it and had many independent characteristics. All of his sons were engaged in the Revolutionary War on the Patriots side. One of them died in the prison ship at New York harbor; another survived (William) and died—a Lieutenant in St. Clair defeat after the war.

My grandfather Walter Boyd was a Lieutenant in the Continental service and commanded Fort Frederick, a Frontier post on the Potomac between Williamsport and Hancock, Maryland. He was the son of the Billie, the William Boyd who married Charity Talbot. He had in his possession a razor

hone and a knit silk purse which he claimed was once the property of Charles I. (Charles Stuart), but he refused to tell his children among whom was my mother—who they were or where they came from and to his death preserved the utmost secrecy as to his family. Saying to his children, that they had their own way to make in the world, and that it would not help them to know who their family was or where they came from, and that was all that he would tell about his family history. Now let me ask you where you got this information contained in this paragraph? I have cited from page 65 of your book. I feel William Boyd was my grandfather who came to America about the time of Braddock's campaign and he must have been "Billie". Where can I find the record of the Fourteenth Infantry? Please let me hear from you and your book has been of great interest to me.

I am very respectfully yours,  
JNO. L. ATEE.

*A sketch of this "Billie" was taken from McKay's History of Kilmarnock, Scotland, for my History of the Boyd family of 1884.*

422 Benson Ave., Camden, N. J., Nov. 12, 1889.  
William P. Boyd, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—In tracing up the history of my family which I have always been lead to believe sprung from the Boyds of Kilmarnock. I, yesterday came across your volume in the Pennsylvania Historical Society. Your account of that ancient noble house is a good one. You seem, however, to be unable to grasp the missing link which connects the Scotch with the Irish Boyds. At least a hurried glance at your work seems to carry that impression. I have, I think some where among my papers, a memorandum or two with references to Kilmarnock stock, and the names of two persons (Sir Harris and Dana I think) to whose large conveyance of lands in Ulster were made, and it is thought there is no doubt that the Boyds, gradually appeared in the North of Ireland and multiplied there to the extent to which the tourist now finds them.

My own family are from Derry County. I thought they came from the Isle of Man after leaving Ayrshire. I hope some day to get up a sufficient genealogy to warrant me in printing it. What I want to know is where I can get a copy of your book and what is the price?

Sincerely yours,  
REV. WILLIAM BOYD.

Camden, N. J., Nov. 28, 1889.  
My Dear Mr. Boyd:

I have read with great interest your history of the Boyd Families, and have been struck with the genealogy of the Boyds of Londonderry, New Hampshire. I have wondered whether they might not be a kin to me. My family came originally from County Derry, Ireland. I stood this summer by the side of the grave of my great-grandfather, who is interred in Mayher's graveyard in that County. His father lies but a stone's throw of it. So I can go back to 1740 or about. Upon page 67 of your book of 1884, you say the birthplace of the Rev. William Boyd, who came over in 1718 to New England with the Memorial Address to Govenor Shute, is unknown. He was the Rev. William Boyd of Maccosgain, Derry County, Ireland, and was well known in the Irish Presbyterian church, and whether our family are relatives to him or not, I cannot say. But as both branches came from County Derry, I have an impression that they were connected. I will gladly give you any information about

our line that you need. As I get a little leisure I intend to ferret out more of our history and hope to correspond with you at intervals. In conclusion, let me thank you for your courtesy. I hope we will some day meet and talk family matters over.

With kind regards  
Truthfully yours,  
REV. WILLIAM BOYD,  
Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church.

Bridgeton, N. J., Aug. 31, 1895. Mr. William P. Boyd,

Dear Sir:—I write to you as one who probably knows more about the Boyd family than any one else on this side of the Atlantic, to see if you can give me any information which will help me to learn the names of parents or more remote ancestors of my great-great-grandfather James Boyd, who was born at Ballgaston, County of Antrim, Ireland in 1735. He came to Bridgeton, New Jersey when he was old enough to be married and had two daughters, his only children, and died here December 23, 1775. Among his descendants may be found some of the most prominent names in this State. I believe he was a linen merchant while in Ireland. Any information whatever, will be most gratefully received.

Yours very respectfully,  
ROBERT POTTER ELMER,  
60 West Commerce St., Bridgeton, N. J.

Savannah, Ga., April 2, 1890.  
William P. Boyd, Esq.,

My Dear Sir:—I came into possession on this day, one of your histories of the Boyd family and am interested in the same and I ask if you can give me any information as to my branch, My father William Spencer Boyd, was born in Hartford, CT., 1800 or 1801 and went from here to Winstead, same state, where he was united in marriage to Sylvia Tolles Colebrook. They had four children. Mary Eurman Boyd, born at the latter place July, 1827; William Riley Boyd (the writer) born August 15, 1830. My sister married Ira W. Ford. I came South in 1856, where I married and still live at Atlanta, Ga. We have two sons whose names are Warren Newcomb Boyd and Donald Stewart Boyd, both of whom desire more light if you can give it in the matter I shall greatly value, as I think too little attention is paid to the genealogy tree. I do not think I belong to the Presbyterian branch. If so, I have not been inclined that way. I was in the Confederate service until the close of the war. Now being in peace with all men, I shall be glad if you have time to drop me a line. I will close by saying, some years since I had a kind letter from A.S.K. Boyd, Country Parson, Scotland, which I have forgotten the address, we could not trace any connection.

Yours truly,  
WILLIAM RILEY BOYD.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 9, 1899.  
Boyd's Printing Co., Conesus, N. Y.,

Gentlemen:—My great-great Grandparents were Geo. Boyd and Sarah Knott. They were married at the First Presbyterian church, New York city, August 12, 1789. I am desirous of tracing the

genealogy of Geo. Boyd, who my mother now deceased), claimed, was of Scotch origin. I would highly appreciate it, if you could give any information concerning him.

Yours very truly,  
JOHN S. NEILL.

Philadelphia, Sept. 22, 1809.  
William P. Boyd, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—I am endeavoring to get from the library of this city, your history of the Boyd family. If I do not succeed, cannot I procure a copy from you. My mother contended that her great uncle was a captain in the Revolutionary War, possibly it was the gentleman who so materially assisted in the capture of Major Andre. I wish I could fathom some way of making the connection. Have you any suggestions. The only fact I have to work upon, is George Boyd's marriage to Sarah Knott in the First Presbyterian church, New York city, August 12, 1789. One of the children of this couple was Moia Boyd, who lived in Dayton, Ohio, and died there twelve or fifteen years ago. Have you any knowledge of her. She was a famous woman in the town, devoting her whole life to charity and was known to everybody.

Gratefully yours,  
JOHN S. NEILL.  
Southeast corner 6th and Market Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

Philadelphia, Sept. 27, 1899.  
William P. Boyd, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—Your esteemed favor of the 23d inst., reached here yesterday finding me absent in New York city. My sister (Mrs. William H. Wanamaker) says that mother always stated that Ebenezer Boyd was her great uncle—I am one of the firm. If you will loan me your book, you need not fear it not being properly kept and returned in a little while, and of course I will gladly pay your expense in getting it here and prepay the expressage or mail back. I have absolutely no clew to George Boyd. I enclosed what I have collected of his wife's family. The Pennsylvania Historical Society do not permit any books to be taken from the library building. Again thanking you for your many courtesies I am very gratefully yours,

JOHN S. McNEILL.

*A sketch of the Knott family is given in the Historical Sketch Chapter as referred to above.*

North Islesboro, Maine, March 3, 1897.  
William P. Boyd, Esq.,

Kind Sir:—I am much interested in your history of the Boyd family and may I trouble you a little. In my researches, I have not got the book of Kilmarnock, only that the Kilmarnock family was in direct line from Lord Boyd the great Regent of Scotland. What I want to be informed upon is as follows: Were there not some family trouble after the death of William nineteenth in 1692, followed by the death of his son, William twentieth, the same year, and during the term before William twenty-first

came in possession, and during that time, did not the remaining son of William nineteenth leave another son besides the sons, Robert, James and Charles?

We have it that James, son of William nineteenth, left Kilmarnock, 1696, and crossed the Giant's Causway to Ireland and his son, James Boyd came here and also the family of James Boyd, who crossed to Ireland with his brothers in 1696, and married Mary Whiton. James Boyd came to America in 1718 or 20, and married Elizabeth Garland, and James Boyd, born in 1780, married Ruth Ricker and Charles Boyd, born in 1812, married Margaret Davis Boyd. James Boyd, born in 1830, married Mary Cuttings, which makes me the fifth generation on this side. I have heard grandfather tell about Kilmarnock and Giant's Causeway. His father's buildings were all burned in 1869, so we have no scraps of anything. Our ancestor, we are told was a grandson of William nineteenth, who died in 1692. Can you enlighten me? *The Boyd Clan by Arthur S. Boyd Jr., 1924, traces out this Boyd family.* RG Boyd <http://clanboyd.info>

JAMES BOYD.

Kaukauna, Wis., Dec. 17, 1896.  
Mr. William Boyd.,

Dear Sir:—While looking through the Newbury Library in Chicago, yesterday, I came across your book on the Boyds published in 1884. I am very much interested in genealogy in general and especially the Boyds, for I married a Boyd.

I am able to put you in possession of a very interesting line of the Boyds. My wife's ancestors were from Maryland. Colonel George Boyd married a Miss Harriet Johnson, a sister of Mrs. John Quincy Adams. He was in the employ of the United States government all his life. My father-in-law lives with me now (died in 1897) and can tell of many of his ancestors. If you are thinking of getting up a new edition of the work, I would be glad to send you an account of my wife's ancestors.

Yours truly,  
H. B. TANNER, M.D.

*A little over two months after I received this letter of Mr. Tanner's, his father-in-law James Boyd, died, and I was not able to obtain any further information of this family. The sketch of his life found in our "Historical Sketches" in our Historical Chapter, was copied from one of the daily papers of his home place.*

Marietta, Ohio, Oct. 31, 1901.  
Mr. W. P. Boyd,

Dear Sir:—I have just received your letter which gave me great pleasure. I saw last week in an old review of 1884, the notice of your book and I now write to you for a copy of the same. I belong to the Pennsylvania branch. My father was born at Uniontown, Fayette County, Pa., in 1767. His father came to Uniontown from Westmoreland County, Virginia in 1749. I have been rector of the Episcopal church of Marietta, Ohio, for fifty years. In September, of 1900 I had my Semi-Centennial anniversary, which I take the liberty to send you my Jubilee Memorial. In reading your book, may I have the liberty to write and ask you many questions that may enable me to connect my family in the

line. I should not presume to give you trouble or trespass on your time. With many thanks for your prompt and satisfactory reply, I am,

Yours Sincerely,  
JOHN BOYD,  
320 Second St., Marietta, Ohio.

*The request of Mr. Boyd for the privilege of asking me questions, I was too glad to give, and to all other descendants who wrote me, received the same treatment, and I answered them with all the information I had at hand.*

Marietta, Ohio, Nov. 12, 1901.  
Mr. William P. Boyd.,

My Dear Sir:—Many thanks for your history of Conesus, N. Y., and I will read it with pleasure. But at present I am taken up in my spare moments with your History of the Boyd Family. It is above value to me, and I can not thank you enough for it. I am delighted with your description of Dean Castle and the coat of arms. It all must have required immense labor. You were kind enough to promise me any assistance you could give, and for the same I fear I can do little for you at present. Unfortunately, our records were burned and I am trying to reproduce them by items. My father was born at Uniontown, Pa., in 1767. He studied medicine in the University of Philadelphia. About 1797, he came to Ohio, where the city of Columbus now stands. My grandfather's name I do not know. He came from Westmoreland County, Virginia to Fayette County, Pa. in 1749, as I have been told, but I am not certain. In all of your papers, have you any light you can throw on the Boyds of Fayette County, Pa., and on the Boyds of Westmoreland County, Va. My knowledge back of my father is not definite. In 1885, the year after the publication of your book, there appeared a genealogy of the Pennsylvania families of Scotch-Irish and Germans, by William H. Eyle, published at Harrisburgh, Pa., by Louis S. Heart. Do you think the book would give me any light, and can it be had? Among the historians of such facts, do you know Martin Shallenberger, can you give me his address. He has in his possession some facts that would greatly help me. If I can succeed in getting my ancestry satisfactory established, I will take pleasure in telling you anything that you would care to learn.

Yours very cordially,  
JOHN BOYD.

Marietta, Ohio, Nov. 25, 1901.  
Mr. William P. Boyd,

My Very Dear Sir:—You have granted me a very large charter to ask questions. On page 44, of your history of 1884, you say, Alan, the illustrious Lord—was he an Earl or did you mean only "Second High Steward." If he was an Earl or what. You say Alan, son of Fleance, a son of Thome of Scotland. Is Thome here a proper name, or is it a title of a title that was a personal name. If it is his proper name, how do you connect him with the line that leads down from Kenneth. Is Fleance, the Fleance of Shakespeare's Macbeth? If so, the Thome of Scotland would be Banquo. I have the genealogical line from Kenneth down to David I (1124-1152), but I can not find how to connect Alan in the line. That is my only missing link from A. D. 503 to A. D. 1746, and I am very anxious to find that link.

Pardon me for a few other questions, thus—If Alan married Margaret the daughter of Earl of Galloway, might not a son of theirs become Earl? I ask this, for I found that John Bailiol (the King of Scotland, 1292-6) was grandson of Alan, Earl of Galloway and Margaret, oldest daughter of William the Lion, who was king from 1165 to 1214. You say the second child (of Alan) was named Walter, from whom the family of Stewarts descended. I suppose you mean the Royal family. If so can you tell me how that family connects with Walter. Can you give me two or three of his descendants. So I can see the continuous line. Did he take the surname Stewart or does it come from marriage. The eldest son of Lord William who was executed in 1746, became Earl. Can you give me his first name.

In your book, you mention Gross Antiquities of Scotland and Robertson Ayrshire Families, would they help me—are they to be had? If so, where, how and at what price? Do you know anything of Engle Pennsylvania's Genealogy—would it help me? I have failed to find out. Pardon my inquisitiveness, but your book has made me enthusiastic. I cannot tell you what a delight it has been to me. I would have rejoiced as its owner years ago.

JOHN BOYD,  
320 Second St., Marietta, Ohio.

Buffalo, NY., March 15, 1904.  
Mr. Wm. P. Boyd.,

Dear Sir:—I thank you very much for your kind favor of the 12th inst., and regret it is not possible to obtain the Boyd History. I cannot give you much information about my branch of the family. My great grandfather John Boyd came, I think from Kilmarnock, and was an officer in King George's army for more than four years. He married Jane Barclay, daughter of a loyalist in September of 1785. His eldest son John—my grandfather was in the army for a time, but resigned to become a surgeon. His second son Edward, was a grandson of the Duke of Kent, and became Colonel of the Royal Engineers. His third and youngest son, James William, was a Barrister at Law. My father was born at St. John's, New Brunswick. I was born in Portland, Maine, was educated in Boston, Mass., at Chansy Hall School and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. All of our family plate with the Kilmarnock arm, and the records were destroyed by fire, some years ago, but I hope ere long to have the records complete prior to 1785, when my Great grandfather's sword and old memorial ring bearing the name "Alex Boyd, 1626" were destroyed. This ring was given to my ancestors by his cousin John, when leaving Aberdeen. I am the only male representative of our family in this country. There are two sons of James still living, one old bachelor, and the other lost his only son a few months ago. One of my father's brothers is still living, a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the British army. I have but two male cousins, both of whom are in South Africa. So there are only three of us left to carry on the name. Our crest is the hand, Motto, Confido. Coat of arms, the blue shield with "Silon Ud deque." I knew of a Miss Boyd at St. Agnes School, Albany, where my oldest daughter attended for a term, but never had the pleasure of meeting her.

Yours very truly,

HENRY A. BOYD.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1908.  
Mr. William P. Boyd,

My dear Mr. Boyd:—Your esteemed favor of the 14th inst., came to hand yesterday, also the history of Conesus, for which I am greatly obliged, and shall be pleased to give it a place in my library. I note what you say about the coat of arms and have seen the seal of the town of Kilmarnock, as you described. The word "confido" literally, means "I trust." I have seen a Boyd crest with the word "Confidemus" which means "we trust," and I take it the motto and the ground color of the shield are in memory of the faithfulness of the early Boyds in the cause of Scottish independence.

I want to call your attention to something you may not be aware; the coat of arms of the Stewart Clan is identical with that of the Boyds, except the ground color of the shield is gold in the case of the Stewarts. I can get a sample of the Boyd plaid from a Scottish friend of mine and will send you the same. I have considerable about the origin of the name and our connection with the Stewart family, which I shall try to send you during the coming week. I suppose you have seen the history of the Kilmarnock Boyds by Rev. F. W. Boyd. I have that complete in manuscript. I referred in my last letter to Lady Alfred Reynold. Her father was Alfred Boyd, the oldest son of John Boyd, who was baptized at Clackmanan, Scotland, December 10, 1794, and died August of 1854, at Brooklyn, N. Y. Have you ever come across anything about any of the above.

Very truly yours,  
HENRY A. BOYD.

*Mr. Henry A. Boyd, who resided at Buffalo, has been very kind in furnishing much interesting matter, which will be found in our Historical Chapter of Sketches, and has contributed much to this volume of the history of the Boyd family of the Old World, etc.*

Fitzgerald, Ga., July 21, 1908.  
Mr. William P. Boyd.,

My Dear Sir:—Please pardon my delay in answering your very kind letter of the 6th inst. I was waiting for a book which I had ordered from Munsells & Sons of Albany, NY.—Boyds of Pennsylvania, but received a letter, saying they were out of that, but had a later book—Boyds 1905 for \$2.00, and would send me a typewritten chart of the Boyd family of Pennsylvania, for \$7.50. I considered it absurd to pay this amount for information that might be of no benefit to me whatever, so I ordered the Boyd 1905 and was disappointed in not finding anything bearing on my immediate family. Now I am going to look to you to help me out, and shall expect to compensate you for any accurate information, or if you will not accept anything, will be glad to tell you all I know concerning the Boyds of Georgia and Florida, as there are many prominent people by that name in both states, though they are no relation of mine.

I will give you my story as it was told to me as follows: My great grandfather Samuel Talbot Boyd, ran away from his parents in his youth. His father being, we think, a Scotch Presbyterian minister of Pennsylvania, perhaps from Philadelphia. He went to sea and followed the business until he became independent as he thought. As he was returning with a rich cargo, containing some gifts for his mother, he was taken by Pirates on the high sea and robbed of all he had. Mortified over his loss, he would not go home, but came South to the Georgia coast, and there met my grandmother, then a Miss Ashley, near St. Mary's of that State. He never afterwards visited his old home and parents again. There are two small villages near St. Mary's called Scotchville and Kingsland, situated in

Canden County, which he perhaps named. This is merely a conjecture however. There is also a place called Kinlaw. I am not sure how many children they had, but there was one called James Boyd, who was my grandfather; Robert, Jane and one daughter, whose name is unknown to me. My great grandmother's people, the Ashley's are nearly all wealthy and prominent people in this state at present. My grandfather James Boyd married Mary Ann Monroe, and had the following children: Monroe Boyd, Julius Boyd, Warren Boyd, (my father) Thomas Boyd, James Boyd, Robert Boyd (who died young) and Edwin Boyd, named "the short" on account of his diminutive size. The girls were:

Ella Boyd, Jane Boyd and Susan C. Boyd, whose names probably were family names given to these children by my grandfather. My father was First Lieutenant of his company at the beginning of the Civil War and was later promoted to Captaincy. I lost his record and afterwards obtained it from the War Department at Washington, D.C. My mother was Marcilla Smith, daughter of Martha (Babcock) Smith. Her family consisted of eleven children. Three are dead, two in Southern California. My father was elected Senator from the Fifth Senatorial District in 1890 and 1891. He had a very fine education, notwithstanding the ravages of war and the financial depression which overspread the country, this was after his education. It was his children who suffered from that, and it is from want of good educational advantages that my father's oldest brother Monroe Boyd, went to Mexico and died, leaving two fine manly sons, whose names are Frank and Robert. At one time, one of them was a sea captain and I think perhaps the Boyds, you heard from in Key West, was one of their boys. This is all of my story that might interest you. Hoping to hear from you favorably, and at an early date, I am yours very truly,

MRS. HENRY ALONZO DICKEY.

Fitzgerald, Ga., Aug. 1, 1908.  
Mr. William P. Boyd,

Dear Sir:—I have your very kind favor of the 15th inst., and take pleasure in answering the same, giving what information I can, that might aid you in your work. I note you contemplate publishing the fore-part of your book which, was published twenty-four years ago. I certainly trust you may see your way clear to do this. I do not know whether you are aware of the attention your book is attracting, as I found mention of it in a great many books on genealogy, both in the State Library and Carnegie Library at Atlantic, Ga. On a recent visit to that city, I think it is in Volume Six of American Ancestry published by Joel Munsell Sons, Albany, N. Y., when it was first brought to my attention. It was from that firm of whom I ordered the little Boyd book recently, and your book is mentioned in that also. I have a suspicion that plagiarism has been used in the chart, which this firm offered me of the Boyd family of Pennsylvania, for \$7.50. I mean, I believe that you wrote the history of this family first, though perhaps I am mistaken; I would like to have this chart, but would like to know before buying it whether it pertains to my ancestors or not. With reference to the little book, which I paid Munsell Sons \$2.00 recently. This book has one hundred and twelve pages, has the crest of the Boyd family on the outside cover, and on the front page is the name of the publisher as I understand it American Publishers Association, Chicago, 111. Munsell firm is not mentioned, although they sold me the book. With further reference to its contents, I quote from the pages the following:

"Origin and history of the name of Boyd with biographies of all the most noted persons of that name." This book also gives the coat of Arms, crest and motto of England, and crest and motto of Scotland and Ireland. There is nothing pertaining to my first ancestors in Georgia, or Samuel Talbot Boyd, nor any of his descendants. Presuming that you have not Volume VI, American Ancestry, I

quote the following from page 174, omitting several links on account of length: Chas. Harrod Boyd of Portland, Maine, born there in 1833. (See Browning's Americans of Royal descent, Philadelphia in 1835. Omits links back to James Boyd, Newberryport, Mass, born in Kilmarnock, Scotland, May 3, 1732. Died at Boston, Mass., September 30, 1798, came to America in 1756. (Omit much matter of valuable historical nature), son of Robert of Kilmarnock, Scotland, who was born there in 1689, and died there in 1762, and a younger brother of William the tenth Lord Boyd, Earl of Kilmarnock, son of William, ninth Lord Boyd, Earl of Kilmarnock, Scotland, who died 1762, direct descendants from the kings of Scotland, through Lord Robert Boyd, who was regent of Scotland during the minority of James III, etc. If you do not possess this volume, I think you would find it very interesting. There is another family of Boyds, descendants from John, of Irvine, Scotland.

My grandfather James Boyd, named his first son Augustus Monroe Boyd, and the fore name is perhaps a family name. I think I have written you all that pertains to our branch of the family as far back as I could. Our family records have been destroyed, but I learn that my grandfather James Boyd was born in 1812, and died in 1884. Granting his father Samuel Talbot Boyd was twenty-five years of age at his birth, would make the date of his birth in Pennsylvania, about 1787. I do not know what year he came to Georgia, but I may find this out later. I note you have distant relation by the name of James Talbot Boyd. I am anxious to learn the name of Samuel Talbot Boyd's father in Pennsylvania. Then I feel the rest of it would be comparatively easy as the people of that State and section seem to have given more attention to the matter of history and records than most of the people of the South. If you should find this name or anything concerning this run-a-way lad from Pennsylvania, I would certainly be glad to know it.

In a book on genealogy of my husband's family, I found that Mary Dickey, born September 3, 1746, married Robert Boyd and they settled in New Boston, NH., and had no children. Also Martha Boyd Dickey, born May 15, 1813 in Londonderry; N. H. (which is the ancestral home of the Dickeyes, who came from Londonderry, Ireland), married August 20, 1852, Robert Boyd, who was born October 20, 1798 in Londonderry, where he always lived, had been a valuable citizen there, having held nearly every office in the gift of the town, was also an efficient Elder in the Presbyterian church. He married and had five children which they took to their new home in Ravenna, Ohio, where, they afterwards lived. He died April 12, 1871 in Freedom, Ohio, and was buried at Warren, same State. This may give you some information. Hoping to hear from you in the near future, and with best wishes,

I remain very truly,  
ELLEN MAE BOYD DICKEY.

Key West, Florida, Nov. 12, 1889.  
Mr. William P. Boyd,

My Dear Sir:—Will you please inform me the price of your printed book, the Genealogy of the Boyd Family, also does it contain the first name of Mr. Boyd's family of Orange Co., N. Y., who married Elizabeth Nicholson, who was born about 1792, and was the daughter of Lieutenant Thomas Nicholson and his wife was named Experience, a daughter of Nathaniel Chandler? Did Mr. Boyd, by his wife Elizabeth, have any descendants? Please give me his first name and date of marriage, also date of wife's birth and death and the name of his children. In your researches, did you come across any information or clew relative as to what was the first name of the parents of the above mentioned Lieutenant Thomas Nicholson, as to when they were born and where, and date of marriage.

Yours truly,  
HERBERT H. CRAIN,  
P. O. Box 63, Key West, Monroe Co., Florida.

Honolulu, T. H., Aug. 14, 1905.

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Your letter of April 3rd, has remained unanswered, but my interest has not ceased as to my ancestry.

Henry Boyd (1600 and something) with three brothers or more left Scotland. The brothers were David, John and another, James. I think Henry Boyd's sons were David, John and Archibald. I believe David's sons were Robert, John and James, I think. Robert was my grandfather, and his sons were David, James and Robert. Robert was my father. I can give this more accurately later. What I want is to connect, so as to cross back to Scotland, as these records are lost in my branch. Henry lived about the year 1600 to 1650, North of Ireland, as did the rest of the family at that time, when my grandfather came over to New York State. They were Covenanters and no doubt were expelled. My grandfather remembered his father taking him back to Kilmarnock when a very young boy and showing him some things that he remembered. But our history of the family at that time was not kept very well by the Covenanters, as the church at that time considered such things various and unworldly. I hope I may hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,  
CHAS. F. BOYD, Major Fourth Battalion,  
Philippine Scouts.

*The following letter is from the able pen of Rev. Thomas Wallace Boyd, a Presbyterian minister now located at Virginia City, Nevada, giving a sketch of his former home in the Northern part of Ireland and was written to me while he was living in Chicago.*

226 Chestnut St..  
Chicago, 111., July 5, 1909.

My Dear Mr. Boyd:

Your letter came to hand some time ago. I was sorry to know your book had gone out of print. But glad to learn that you intend to bring out a new edition soon. I hope to be able to contribute at least a little more information to you in the work on which you are at present engaged. I will leave you to judge, I do not just exactly know how you are treating the subject.

Now, I am what is called, an Ulster Scotchman or a Scotch-Irishman—having been born, bred and to a large extent educated in what I possess in Ireland. But I have been here a number of years. My brother is a Presbyterian clergyman over here, married and has a family. He has been settled quite a long time out West. We have also two cousins in America—Kennedy Boyd and Richard Boyd. Richard is a professor of classics of one of the American colleges. These are all I know of at present of the family to which I belong, that are in the States. I could not with the sound of a single letter, give you the history of the family just now. I have thought of going over to Ireland this present summer, but circumstances have happened which have prevented me from doing so. But I expect to

be over there for two or three months, next year, when I shall spend some time at home and come back with full account. In the meantime, a little later from now, when I have more time at my command, I shall write you out a short sketch or outline of my ancestry.

The family I belong to came to Ireland a little over two hundred years ago, from a town named Kilmarnock, in the county or shire of Ayr, Scotland, about the time of the Ulster Plantation and own lands near Colerain, County of Londonderry. I think I heard my father say there were two or three young brothers who came at the same time from the old residence in Scotland, called the Dean, but some of them went back again. The ruins of the old stronghold are still to be seen in Scotland. It is not generally known (at least in America) and yet it is a historical fact that the Boyds of Ayrshire took a prominent part in the famous siege of Londonderry against King James II, and his Catholic troops and on behalf of William III, Prince of Orange and the Protestant issue, showing that although transplanted to Ireland, they had not lost the old martial spirits of their ancestors, when truth and -justice was at stake. Our knowledge of them in particular and on account of his extraordinary heroism daring these stormy times of the siege, I cannot refrain from mentioning to you in this letter as I will allude to the Rev. Thomas Boyd, who was the first Presbyterian minister of the congregation of Aghadowey near Colerain, Londonderry. Aghadowey is one of the oldest Presbyterian settlements in Ireland.

Rev. Thomas Boyd had ministered almost from the time of the Plantation. He was the predecessor of Rev. James Gregor, who came out here to America a few days before the siege of Derry commenced. This aged soldier devine (for he must have been seventy or eighty years old at that time) gathered all the members of his congregation on the green or lawn in front of the old church. He held a service and afterwards picked out all the youths and men who were able to carry arms. Mounting a grassy elevation, sword by his side and bible in hand, with his long white waving hair hanging over his shoulders, he addressed the men and aroused them to the highest pitch of religious and patriotic enthusiasm and forming them into a company of soldiers, with himself as chief or commander, marched at the head of them to the walls of Londonderry, where, old as he was, he fought and endured all the privations and horror of that famous and awful siege. He lived for nine or ten years afterwards, and I think he died about 1699. This event occurred over two hundred years ago. To this day, his memory is as green among the people who now live there as though he had

only lived seventy years ago. The spot where he stood and addressed the congregation before the march with his men to Londonderry is still pointed out to the visitor. He was a tall slender old gentleman it is said and had a very commanding appearance.



REV. THOMAS WALLACE BOYD

Now perhaps I am taking up too much of your valuable time with this writing, and so I will draw to a close this time. When I go home next year, I may give you a fair account of the Boyds in Ireland, and as the saying is "holding their own" although perhaps not so prominent in civil history as in their old motherland. Still one of our cleverest judges over there is one of the old stock—Lord Justice Boyd, and a great many of them are in the ministry of the Irish Presbyterian church and in medical circles.

The Armament bearings of the Aghadowey Boyds are (arms) azure, a fesse chequy arquet and gules (rest) a right hand erect perpendicular, having two fingers turned in. Thumb and others pointing up, two squirrels with the motto "Confido" and "Gold-berry".

Sincerely,  
THOMAS WALLACE BOYD.

Paoli, Ind., December 1, 1911.

Dear Sir:—In your letter of November 1, 1911, you state that you would assist me in my effort to trace my Ancestors and if I can trace my Ancestors so as I can connect them with those of your book I shall want one.

My father was born near Ashboro, Randolph County, North Carolina In 1818. His father and mother (Haywood). Grandfather and grandmother (Rhoda Davenport) also resided there, the latter in 1780 or 1790. His father and grandmother died here. His mother and her children. His grandmother, in fact all the Boyd relatives came to Orange County, Indiana, about 1840. His grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier, a full record found in the state of North Carolina office of Colonial Records Vol. 16, Page 1017 as follows: "Boyd, William, private tenth Regiment, Stephenson County, enlisted June, 77. Served three years." There is a record of a will at Ashboro, N. C., made by William to Rhoda his wife. This is supposed to be my great grandfather to his wife. In my father's history, he states they originally came from Scotland and Ireland, and were of Scotch-Irish blood. The ancestors first settled in Pennsylvania, then went South into North Carolina. What I want to know of them is any means by which I can connect my great grandfather with some of the branches of Boyds that you have the history of. I do not know just where my great grandfather's people lived, whether in North Carolina, or he was the first of the family to leave that State. Can you suggest any way by which I might trace his ancestors. Could I trace it through the Revolutionary War records?

Respectfully,  
C. L. BOYD, M. D

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