

The John Boyd Family  
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John Boyd was a son of William Boyd and Nancy Wasson Boyd. William Boyd was a son of George Boyd and was born in Virginia. At an early date, the family moved to North Carolina. William served in the Revolutionary War from Orange County, North Carolina. Known children of William and Nancy were John who married Elizabeth Leath, Henry who married Susannah Baumgartner, Elizabeth who married John Lane, Nancy who married John L Young. and Richard who married Rachel Horton. William Boyd died in Roane County, Tennessee, 14 February 1847. He is buried at a place called Double Springs which is on Highway 58 about five miles south of Kingston.

John Boyd was born 7 December 1777 and died 20 August 1837. He served in the War of 1812. On 16 December 1801 he married Elizabeth Leath in Anderson County, Tennessee. Elizabeth was a daughter of Ephraim Leath, Jr. and Nancy Jones. Elizabeth was born 29 August 1785 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and died in 1882. She and John are buried in the Boyd Cemetery near Buffalo Valley, Putnam County, Tennessee.

John and Elizabeth had 14 children, seven girls and seven boys. Judge Ernest Houston Boyd in an historical article, and reprinted in Nuggets of Putnam County History, Volume 1, compiled by Christine Spivey Jones, states that thirteen of their children lived to be grown. He mentions the thirteen but does not mention No.8. Malinda, therefore, I assume that she was the one that died young. Judge Boyd states that 1.William married Polly Johnson of DeKalb County, and that they moved to Texas before the Civil War; that 2.Nancy married William Harvey, and that they moved to Mississippi before the Civil War, in which state they died; that 9.Ruth married Mike Bockman, and that they moved to Texas before the Civil War and died in that state; and that 13.Anna married Ransom Marchbanks This is all the information that I have found on them. The other children were:

3. Mary Boyd born 19 November 1806 and died 1873 in Dade County, Georgia. She married Alford Cross about 1824 in Smith County, Tennessee. Alford Cross was born in Madison County, Kentucky, 19 January 1801 and died in Dade County, Georgia, in 1882. Mary and Alford are buried in Townsend Cemetery, Wildwood, Georgia. Their children were:

Mary Elizabeth Cross born 24 September 1829 and died in 1873. On a visit to her grandparents, John and Elizabeth Boyd, she met and married Louis Temple Leftwich on 12 February 1845 probably in Jackson County, Tennessee.

(Note: they were great grandparents of the author).

Joel Cross married Malinda Janey

Malinda Cross married Hamilton Eller

William D. Cross married Didama Tittle. He once served as

sheriff of Dade County, Georgia, as did his son William Herbert Cross.

Zachariah Jackson Cross married Emma Elizabeth (Lowe) Wilkinson.

Martin Van Buren Cross married Mary Jane Ballard.

James Alford Cross married Mary Ann Amanda Jones.

Thomas Hart Benton Cross married Nancy Caroline Cagle.

4. Elizabeth Boyd born 2 December 1808 and married William Vance, Their children were born in Tennessee, but the family moved to Industry, Illinois, ca 1850 or after. Their children were:

Martha Ann Vance

Mary E. Vance

John B. Vance

James R. Vance

William N. Vance

Margaret E. Vance

Ellis Jane Vance

Caroline M. Vance

Milton A. Vance and Clinton F. Vance

5. Ephram L. Boyd born 1810 married Martha 'Mattie' Johnson. They moved to Georgia about 1839, and in the middle 1840's they moved to Smith County, Texas. They both died in Texas. Their children were:

William Boyd married (1) Ellen \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Mandy Jane Lyons.

Joseph Boyd married (1) Minta Jane Warnell (2) Josephine Steed.

Jefferson Boyd born 27 July 1840. Twin brother of Alexander.

No record of marriage.

Alexander Boyd born 27 July 1840, married Rebecca Perryman

Elizabeth Boyd.

Mary Boyd married (1) William Perryman (2) James Perryman.

Newton Boyd

Jasper Boyd

Francis Boyd

6. Lavina Boyd born 13 May 1812, died after 1870, married Joseph Johnson born ca 1812. Was killed by bushwhackers during or shortly after the Civil War. Their children were:

Elizabeth Johnson born 1833.

Martha Johnson born ca 1834 married Holman Bohannon.

John Johnson born 11 May 1836, married Eliza Jane Merritt.

William C. Johnson born ca 1837, married Sarah A. Boyd.

Sarah Frances Johnson born 13 October 1839, died 23 January 1913, married William Merritt.

Mary E. Johnson born 23 May 1843, died 18 December 1888, married Richard Titsworth.

Gustavus Johnson born 1844, d.n.m.

Matilda J. Johnson born ca 1846, married James Hale.

Joel Whitten Johnson born ca 1849, married Nannie Davis.

Robert E. Johnson born ca 1850, married Almeda Anderson.

7. James Robert Boyd born 22 April 1814, died 18 November 1862 in Cherokee, Texas. Married 7 October 1833 to Martha Ann Selman born 11 January 1819, died 23 April 1862. Their children were:

Benjamin F. Boyd born 18 February 1835, died 15 July 1866, married Laura Ann Selman.

Elizabeth Boyd born 10 April 1837, died 26 November 1902, married John W. Woods.

Sarah J. Boyd born 10 April 1839, died \_\_\_\_\_, married John Hoyt .

Martha Frances Boyd born 21 November 1842, died 15 November 1862, married J.P.Donegan.

John E. Boyd born 7 September 1844, died 12 January 1900, married Sarah Winn.

William Thomas Boyd born 22 September 1846, died 16 November 1915, married Evaline Blanton.

Louise Boyd born 15 December 1849, died 27 May 1921.

married John F. Williams.

James Robert Boyd, Jr. born 6 February 1851, died \_\_\_\_

married Mary Yarborough.

Mary Josephine Boyd born 30 March 1853, died \_\_\_\_, married Frank Fant.

Joseph Calvin Boyd born 11 October 1855, died 1935,

married Amy Ellen Collier.

Claudia Blout Boyd born 3 December 1857, died 17 April 1947,

married Daniel A. Murphy.

Albert Ephraim Boyd born 1 March 1860, died 13 January 1893, married (1) Sallie Watkins, (2) Genie Scott.

Note: The previous information given me by Frances C. Holsomback of Baytown, Texas, and Paul Manning of Callao, Missouri. Both are descendants of James Robert Boyd, Sr.

10. John C. Boyd born 3 September 1820, died 1856, married Martha Holladay born 1819, died 1856. Their children were:

William Boyd born 1841, died 1856.

Sarah Jane Boyd born 1842, died \_\_\_\_\_, married \_\_\_\_\_ Elrod.

James Alexander Boyd born 4 December 1843, died 7 October 1927,

married Rhoda Frances Nichols.

Frances Boyd born 1846, died 1856.

Martha Boyd born 1848, died 1856.

Stephen Boyd born 1849, died 1856.

Thomas Jefferson Boyd born 29 December 1854, died February 1903,

married Malissa Jared. \*See Chapter 8.

Note: John C. and Martha were on their way to Texas with their seven children to visit relatives. Along the way they developed typhoid fever. John C., Martha

William, Frances, Martha and Stephen died. Jefferson W Boyd brother John C., and Joseph Holladay, brother of Martha, went west and brought the three surviving children home.

11. Alexander Boyd born 12 October 1821, died married Aletha Evans. Their children were:

Obediah Boyd born ca 184.1

Sarah Boyd born ca 1842.

James Boyd born ca 1846.

Bransford Boyd born ca 1850.

William Pierce Boyd ca 1853, died —\_\_, married Elizabeth A Butler.

Sidney Boyd born ca 1855.

Robert Boyd born ca 1857.

Aletha Boyd born ca 1859.

Joseph Boyd born ca 1861.

12. Jefferson Wiseman Boyd born 1 December 1823, died 28 April 1891, married 12 July 1846 to Mary Ann 'Polly' Jared born 13 August 1824, died 23 October 1907. Their children were: *\*See Chapters 8 & 9.*

Alvin Whitten Boyd born 3 August 1847, died 25 December 1912.

married Mary Goodpasture. *\*see Chapter 9.*

Malinda J. Boyd born 9 December 1848, died 1 May 1930 d.n.m. *\* See Chapter 9.*

Houston Savage Boyd born 9 December 1851, died 13 January 1881, married Mary Algood. *\* See Chapter 9.*

Mary Elizabeth Boyd born 25 June 1854, died 6 September 1854.

*\* See Chapter 9.*

William Moses Boyd born 22 June 1859, died \_\_\_\_ 1939,

married Martha B. Smith. *\* See Chapter 9.*

John Jefferson Boyd born 10 April 1866, died \_\_\_\_ January 1952 d.n.m.

*\* See Chapter 9.*

14. Bransford Boyd born 13 June 1831, died 1 August 1861 while in Confederate Army, married 2 October 1851 to Eliza Jane Jared born 15 June 1832, died 14 September 1899. *\* See Chapter 9.*

Their children were:

Alexander Lafayette Boyd born 22 July 1852, TN died 29 October 1914, married Nancy Elizabeth Nichols. *\* See Chapter 9.*

Irving Boyd born \_\_ died \_\_, married Amanda Maxwell. *\* See Chapter 9.*

George Washington Boyd born 22 January 1859, Putnam Co., TN died 23 September 1924, TN, married Tennessee Carr. *\*See Chapter 8 & 9.*

Betsy Ann Sissy' Boyd born 17 March 1853, died \_\_\_\_, married

Samuel Maxwell. *\* See Chapter 9.*

Many of the Boyd's in the western part of Putnam County are descendants of John and Elizabeth Boyd.

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Tennessee Vital Records  
Central Services Building  
1st Floor

421 5th Avenue North  
Nashville, Tennessee 37247

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NAME: **Alexander Lafayette Boyd**

DATE OF BIRTH: 22 Jul 1852

DATE OF DEATH: 29 Oct 1914

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

AGE:

SPOUSE:

CEMETERY: Cookeville Cemetery

FATHER: **Bransford Boyd**

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

MOTHER: **Lizzie Jane Jared**

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

CERTIFICATE: 185

COUNTY: Putnam

NAME: **George Washington Boyd**

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 Jan 1859

DATE OF DEATH: 23 Sep 1924

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

AGE:

SPOUSE: *Naomi Tennessee "Tennie" Kerr/Carr*

CEMETERY: W. A. Jared

FATHER: **Jefferson Boyd**

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

MOTHER: **Liza Jane Jared**

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

CERTIFICATE: 381

COUNTY: Putnam

SEX-RACE-MARRIAGE: M-W-M

NAME: **Malinda Jane Boyd**

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 Dec 1848

DATE OF DEATH: 1 May 1930

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

AGE:

SPOUSE:

CEMETERY: Home Cemetery

FATHER: **Jefferson W. Boyd**

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

MOTHER: **Mary Jared**

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

CERTIFICATE: 11688

COUNTY: Putnam

NAME: **Tennie Carr Boyd**

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 Sep 1855

DATE OF DEATH: 18 May 1928

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

AGE:

SPOUSE: **George Washington Boyd**, s/o Bransford Boyd & Elizabeth "Liza" Jane Jared.

CEMETERY: Hine Cemetery

FATHER: **Andrew Carr** Andrew F. "Dick" Carr, s/o Joseph Henry & Naomi (Jared) Carr/Kerr.

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

MOTHER: **Caroline Jared** Caroline Stillman Jared, d/o Joseph & Dorcas (Byrne) Jared.

PLACE OF BIRTH: TN

CERTIFICATE: 12219

COUNTY: Putnam

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