

SIMPSON COUNTY KENTUCKY:
FAMILIES PAST AND PRESENT

BOYD-STINSON FAMILY
By Lillian (Boyd) Whitfield

Ira Hill Boyd, (b. Feb. 10, 1883, d. Feb. 22, 1919), was the son of Ervin and Amanda Maxwell Boyd. After Ervin died in Buffalo Valley, TN, in 1886, Amanda and her children came to Simpson County to be near relatives. She contracted tuberculosis, and being unable to care for her children took them to live with the Shakers at South Union. In the Shaker ledger is this entry: "Amanda Boyd, May 28, 1891. Died qt. After three – about 34 years old". She was buried in the Shaker Cemetery.

After Amanda's death Ira was reared by Tom and Molly Gilbert in the Hickory Flat Community. His brothers, Henry and Houston Boyd, and sister, Bessie Boyd Mayes, lived with other families in this county.

Ira married Lellie Stinson, (b. Sept. 14, 1885, d. July 3, 1967), on Dec. 20, 1902. She was the daughter of George and Louisa Stinson. Her brothers were Herschel, Will, Spencer, and Edwin Stinson. Her sisters were Beulah Stinson Dobbs, Ethel Stinson Ramsey, Grace Stinson Finn, Bessie, Esma, Delma, and Pauline Stinson. Grace, the only living child, lives in Portland, TN.

Ira died in 1919. Lellie married John Howard in 1926, and after his death she married W. M. Lamb. She died in 1967.

Ira and Lellie Boyd had four children. Burvin, Robert, Leona Mae, and Lillian.

Burvin Boyd, (b. Jan. 10, 1904, d. Apr. 16, 1982), married Mamie Huffines, in 1923. They had four children: Dorothy (July 28-31, 1925), Bob Boyd, Doris Boyd Hales and Brenda Boyd Blessing. Their grandchildren are Vicki Boyd Johnson, Steve Boyd, Todd, Terry, Timmy (died in infancy) Hales, Tammie Hales Chrisman, Laura and Brian Blessing and Marsha Boyd Linhart. There are eight great grandchildren. Burvin and Mamie lived in Simpson County and Bob and Doris were born here. Later they were farmers in Ohio. Burvin died Apr. 16, 1982. Mamie lives near Marion, OH.

Robert was born Nov. 26, 1906. He graduated from Franklin High School, Western Kentucky University and University of Kentucky. He was a teacher in Simpson County and was principal of Barnes High School. He was dean at Troy State College for several years. He married Lucille King, daughter of Ed and Mary King in 1931. They have one daughter, Bobbie Boyd Lubker, Chapel Hill, NC. Robert and Lucille are retired teachers and live in Lexington, KY.

Leona Mae was born May 20, 1911, and died Sept. 26, 1924.

Lillian was born Oct. 13, 1917. She graduated from Barnes High School and Western Kentucky University. She married Lloyd Whitfield, son of Edgar and Georgia Whitfield, Hopkins Co., KY, in 1946. Lloyd taught in the veteran farm training program and in the high school and elementary schools. Lillian was a teacher and elementary school supervisor. She was bookmobile librarian in 1954-55, the first year the bookmobile was in operation.

Lillian and Lloyd are retired and live on a farm near Rapids. They have two children, Marcella Whitfield Adamson, Bowling Green, KY and Donald Whitfield, Murfreesboro, TN, and four grandchildren, Zachary and Amanda Maxwell (Max) Adamson and John and Katherine Whitfield.

Notes:

Lillian (Boyd) Whitfield was the daughter of Ira Hill Boyd & Lellie Stinson. Ira Hill Boyd was the son of Ervin Boyd & Amanda Maxwell. Lellie Stinson was the daughter of George & Louisa Stinson. Lillian Boyd md Lloyd Whitfield, son of Edgar & Georgia Whitfield. Children of Ira Hill Boyd & Lillian Stinson are: Burvin, Robert, Leona Mae & Lillian Boyd.

William Ervin Boyd is the son of Bransford Boyd & Eliza Jane Jared. Bransford Boyd is buried in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville TN. Eliza Jane (Jared) Boyd & her son William Ervin Boyd are buried in the John and Ann Carr Jared Cemetery located east of Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN.

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