

BOYD FAMILY NEWSLETTER

COME ONE COME ALL

ALL COUSINS ARE NEEDED

BOYD FAMILY REUNION

SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2019

THE BOYD TAVERN

BOYDTON, VIRGINIA





**To All The Descendants of
Alexander Boyd, The Elder
and
Ann Swepson Boyd**



FAMILY REUNION

Saturday, September 29, 2019

This year there are several different activities planned for Saturday. In a limited time, we have arranged them so you can participate in more than one.

10:30 A.M. Meet at the Boyd Tavern
449 Washington Street
Boydton, Va. 23917
From the Boyd Tavern, we will caravan to
Spring Bank.

1:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served at
“Aegypt”, the home of Lt. Col. and Mrs.
Harold Gielow USMC (ret.)
3006 Trottinridge Rd
Clarksville, Va. 23927
434-917-5761

6:00 P.M. Social Hour at the Boyd Tavern

7:00 P.M. Dinner served at the Boyd
Tavern.

7:45 P.M. Jim Beckwith, guest speaker.



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Josh Jeziarski, Christian Spalding and Devin Toney will be roasting a pig all day Saturday. Feel free to join the guys anytime during the day behind the Boyd Tavern. We will also have oysters and all the trimmings.

Sunday, September 30, 2019

9:30 A.M. Doughnuts and coffee at the Boyd Tavern.

11:00 A.M. Church service at Boydton Presbyterian Church with Rev. Russell Burchard.

12:30 P.M. Group photo on the lawn at Boyd Tavern followed by catered lunch.

Reunion Worship

Reverend Russell Church Burchard will be leading our reunion worship service again this year. Russell has been attending our reunion for 7 years. He is a retired Episcopal priest who now devotes his time to writing and leading Bible studies, as well as preaching in various churches. Spirit and Fire, Understanding the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is one of his publications. Don't miss his inspiring message this year!

VISIT OUR NEW FAMILY WEBSITE!

Welcome to the Boyd Family Memorial Foundation website!
www.ABoydFamily.org

You'll find historical information about Alexander Boyd and the town of Boydton, as well as genealogy references and dozens of photos taken at Boyd Family reunions over the years. (You may even be in some of the photos!)

Be sure to register when you visit the website. You'll be added to our Boyd Family online database. Our goal is to build the database so we can email you the annual Boyd Family newsletter and other information throughout the year.

You can "bookmark" the Boyd Family website on your internet explorer so you can easily check out the website now and then. We'll be adding more photos after this year's reunion!

Also, after the reunion, please email any suggestions on how we can make the annual Boyd Family Reunion even better in the future!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friends and family,

Our 2019 Boyd Family Reunion is fast approaching. I say this every year, but, truly, this year is stacking up to be even better than years past! Highlights include a private tour of historic Spring Bank in neighboring Lunenburg County and a presentation by Jim Beckwith on the history of horses and horse racing in Mecklenburg County and surrounding areas. Cousins Harold and Liz Gielow have graciously offered to host us on Saturday afternoon for refreshments at their home, Aegypt. To close out such an exciting day, Josh Jezierski, Christian Spaulding, and Devin Toney will be barbecuing a pig for us. Thank you from all of us, Josh, Christian, and Devin! Sunday, look forward to Rev. Russell Burchard's return to lead us in worship. We are grateful to Rev. Burchard for his longstanding commitment to our organization.

Spring Bank

Spring Bank is a late-Georgian style home built in 1793 for Bishop John Stark Ravenscroft and his wife Anne Spotswood Burwell. Bishop Ravenscroft, a nephew of Lady Jean Skipwith of Prestwoud Plantation, served as the first Bishop of the Episcopal Church in North Carolina. Both Richard and Alexander Boyd the Younger

married sisters of Anne Spotswood Burwell, and succeeding generations continued to marry into the Burwell family. Current owner Randolph Hooks will speak to us about the construction, history and restoration of the house.

A native of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Mr. Hooks attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill followed by law school at Georgetown University. He recently retired as Managing Director and Associate General Counsel at JP Morgan Chase & Co. in New York.

We are excited to see Spring Bank and are very appreciative of Mr. Hooks for his hospitality and willingness to share his home with us.

All in the Family: Diomed, Sir Archie, and Henry, from the 1780 Epsom Derby to the Great Match Race of 1823

Jim Beckwith

In May of 1823, Congress briefly adjourned, the stock market closed and sixty thousand people gathered on Long Island for the greatest sporting event of the 19th century. Pitting North against South, the Great Match Race captivated the nation. In honor of the

late Nat Hutcheson, who dedicated himself to preserving the history of Southside Virginia, Jim Beckwith will speak to us about this fantastic event and horse racing in Southern Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina. At the end of this great saga, Mr. Beckwith will tell us how the story leads back to our beloved hometown of Boydton.

Mr. Beckwith graduated from Episcopal High School, UNC Chapel Hill and the University of Chicago Law School. He recently retired from North Carolina Central University School of Law where he taught commercial law.

We are both honored and appreciative that Mr. Beckwith has offered to share his great story with us.

As you can see, this will not be a year to miss. We thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you on September 28th and 29th.

Fondly,

Alexander B. Rawles

President, Boyd Family Memorial Foundation



Spring Bank, Saturday's tour

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Unfortunately, the Boyd Tavern Foundation's annual Christmas Open House with Santa at the Boyd Tavern had to be cancelled this year due to ice and snow. Many thanks to Robin Boyd Rawles for heading up this wonderful event every year. We also thank Joyce and Mike Kight for their commitment to this event. It is a joyous and festive occasion for many of our local families. We look forward to our next Christmas Open House in December, 2019.

CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you, everyone, who contributed to the Boyd Family Memorial Foundation and The Boyd Tavern Foundation. Your donations made in memory or honor of our loved ones help to keep their memory alive. These donations are used to support the tavern, its furnishings, and the printing and mailing of the yearly newsletter. Your gifts are tax deductible.

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Generous contributions gratefully received by the Boyd Family Memorial Foundation between July 1, 2018 and June 15, 2019:

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Boyd Family Memorial Foundation would like to thank the family of Dr. and Mrs. Richard A. Boyd for the generous donation.

Dr and Mrs. Boyd set up a Charitable Remainder Trust from which the Boyd Family Memorial Foundation received a generous donation.

NAME TAGS

For many years, family members have been able to order color-coded, genealogical name tags. These name tags are once again available for purchase. To order, please send \$5.00 per name tag along with your genealogy to Liz Rader, P. O. Box 1115, Mooresville, NC 28115. Please make all checks payable to the Boyd Family Memorial Foundation. Please submit all requests for name tags by August 30th. Name tags will be available for pick up at the 2019 Boyd Family Reunion.

Please submit your genealogy in the following format:

1. Hello, my name is name you go by
2. Your full name, husband/wife of full name
3. Son/Daughter of full name of Boyd or Swepson relation and full name of spouse
4. Son/Daughter of full name of Boyd or Swepson relation and full name of spouse
5. Son/Daughter of full name of Boyd or Swepson relation and full name of spouse
6. Son/Daughter of full name of Boyd or Swepson relation and full name of spouse
7. Son/Daughter of Alexander Boyd and Ann Swepson

OBITUARIES

Boyd, Elizabeth Stimson

Elizabeth (Betty) Stimson Boyd was born November 17, 1930, and passed away on October 10, 2018. Betty, daughter of Benjamin Alston and Elizabeth Anderson Stimson was reared in Statesville, NC. She married Richard A. (Dick) Boyd, M.D., in 1954, and they spent 51 happy years together before his death in 2005.

Betty is survived by her children, Elizabeth Boyd Rader of Mooresville, NC, Richard A. Boyd, Jr., of Statesville, and Martin A. Boyd (Lilia) of Sterling, VA. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Ellie Rader, Christopher Boyd, Ashlon Boyd, Alston Boyd (Daisy), one great-grandchild, Daniel F. Boyd, and a sister Nancy Hall of Chicago. She was predeceased by her brother, Ben A. Stimson, Jr.

Educated in Statesville City Schools, Mrs. Boyd continued her studies at Women's College (UNC –Greensboro) and Watts Hospital School of Technology in Durham.

She was registered with the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and was employed in the Serology Laboratory at UNC- Chapel Hill. While living in Atlanta, she was chief medical technologist of the Serology and Blood Bank Department at Emory University Hospital.

Relocating back to Statesville, Mrs. Boyd devoted her many talents to her family, church, and community. Mrs. Boyd was a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and also the NC state chapter, holding many positions through the years.

A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Statesville Oct. 13, 2018.

Boyd, Hubert Porter 93

Herbert Boyd, a McMinnville resident and native, was the son of the late F.C. Boyd and Sarah Jane Maxwell Boyd. He was born on August 4, 1925, and passed away September 5, 2018, at St. Thomas River Park Hospital.

He was married to Billie Gray Tittle Brock Boyd who survives. He is also survived by stepchildren and spouses, Greg and Jill Brock, Becky and Grant Major, Brad and Melanie Brock and Brent and Jean Brock; grandchildren, Lauren Bowen, Ralston Major, John Woody Major, Georgia Mignon Ray, Barrett Brock, Andrew Brock, Graylin Brock, Liam Brock, Bunker Brock, and Bailey Brock; eight great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia Wilson Boyd; brothers Henry, Austin, Clark, Tallman, Bill, Fred, Robert, and F.C. Boyd, Jr.; sisters Roberta Boyd, Lorena Boyd, Margaret Simon Northcutt, Ruth Boyd Ramsey, and an infant sibling.

Mr. Boyd was a decorated WW II veteran, honored with two Purple Heart Service Medals, a National Defense Medal and WW II Combat Medal. He was a 60-year plus member of the Warren Masonic Lodge and life member of Al Menal Shrine. He was the retired owner and operator of McMinnville Stone Company, and a founding member of Westwood Church of Christ.

Funeral services were held September 7, 2018, at Westwood Church of Christ with interment at Mt. View Cemetery with military grave rites.

Dickens, Nora Gray Russell

Nora Gray Russell Dickens, wife, mother, grandmother, "Auntie", and friend entered the presence of the Lord on January 13, 2019. She was born in Bracey, Va., on May 5, 1925, the daughter of James Hendricks and Nora Meredith (Orgain) Russell.

Due to the early death of her father, Nora grew up living a farm life and staying with various family members. She earned a BS from Mary Washington College and went to work in Raleigh. Nora got married in 1948 and moved to Wake Forest, which became her home for 70+ years. She said her hobby was spending time with and visiting family: siblings, children, extended family across the country and even in Japan, Wake Forest Baptist Church family, and community family friends. She loved and shared with these friends, and they loved her back. Maintaining contact with her extended family was particularly important to her. She enjoyed her bridge club, the DAR, Book Club STUDIOSA, WFBC Sunday School class, S. Laneau circle, and spending time at the lake and the beach.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Dr. Paul T. Harrell and Dr. Carl W. Dickens, six brothers, and one sister.

She is survived and loved by son Paul T. Harrell, Jr. (Kathy deceased, Peggy Hannan), daughter Nora Ellen Hoffman (Kent), four grandchildren, five great-grands, and many nieces and nephews.

Easley, Joan Rockefeller Boyd

Joan Rockefeller Boyd Easley, wife of Frank Brooks Easley, passed away February 16, 2019, at age 85. She was born July 8, 1933, to the late Lelia Crowder Boyd and the late Shelton Goode Boyd.

Joan graduated from Clarksville High School and Smithdeal-Massey Business College and also attended Danville Community College. She was a member of Ephesus United Methodist Church and attended Clarksville Presbyterian Church. Joan worked in Richmond for television station WTVR and later for Mecklenburg County in the Treasurer's office. Joan and her husband owned and operated the former Big Orange Convenience Store in Clarksville.

She is survived by her sisters, Mary Anne Boyd Oettinger and Beth Boyd Baker, a step-daughter, Frankie Easley, as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a son, Daniel Gibson Easley, II, a twin sister, Jean Roosevelt Boyd; brothers, Judge Robert R. Boyd, Sr., and Otis B. Boyd; and step-daughters Bobbie Stanley and Molly Easley.

Funeral services were held at Ephesus United Methodist Church on Trottnridge Rd. in Clarksville, Virginia.

ACCOMODATIONS:

Magnuson Motel on the Lake
103 Second St.
Clarksville, Va.
866-904-1309 (call first)
434-374-5023

Southern Heritage B&B
Jefferson St.
Boydton, Va.
434-738-0177

Lake Motel
101 Virginia Ave.
Clarksville, Va.
434-374-8107

Cooper's Landing
801 Virginia Ave.
Clarksville, Va.
434-374-2866

Bayview Efficiencies
405 Fourth St.
Clarksville, Va.
434-374-9216

Sheldon's Motel
Hwy. 15
Keysville, Va.
434-736-8434

Social News

Birth



Michael Rhett Jezierski was born to Dade Oettinger Jezierski and Michael Joshua Jezierski on July 9, 2018, weighing 6 lbs, 14 oz and 19 inches long. Rhett is the grandson of Frederic N. Oettinger, III, and Kimberly McDade Oettinger and the great-grandson of Mary Anne Boyd Oettinger and the Late Lt. Col. Frederic N. Oettinger, Jr.

Family On the Move



Dr. James W. Rawles, III, has completed a two year fellowship in Vascular Surgery at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. He and his wife, Kelsey, and son, James, will be returning to Virginia Beach where he will be joining Atlantic Vein and Vascular

Associates in private practice. Dr. Rawles is the son of James W. and Robin Boyd Rawles.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, BOYD TAVERN FOUNDATION

Dear Boyd family,

The past year has been quite busy and productive. We contracted for and completed building upkeep and repair, replacing fascia beneath gutters, porch and handicap ramp posts and railing, repaired multiple roof leaks and the damage therefrom, insulated the floor of the business rental space, and replaced a failed HVAC. Old, historic structures such as ours require constant attention, and we attempt to address needed repairs as funds become available.

We were also most fortunate to have a Boyd cousin, Sambo Lewis, rent the business space, thus providing greatly needed income. Mr. Lewis is descended from Frances Boyd Lewis, daughter of James Boyd, son of Alexander Boyd the Elder. He and his lovely wife, Meagan, have recently moved back to Mecklenburg County.

Additionally, we held a fundraiser for the Boyd Tavern, A Taste of Southside at the Boyd Tavern, featuring local restaurateurs, Rosemont Winery, and Buggs Island Brewery. We hosted approximately 120 guests, some newcomers to the area. In addition to the food and wine and beer tasting, the park service provided a talk about the history of Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

On June 29th, the tavern became a stage. In cooperation with the Town of Boynton, the Dan Tyminski Band kicked off the first annual Bluegrass in Boynton music festival.

Approximately 700 people came to enjoy our beautiful town and bluegrass music, all centered on Washington Street and at the tavern. The series of music festivals continues through July and August, with July 27th featuring Russel Moore and IIIrd Tyme Out, with Appalachian Express, and August 24th featuring Summer Brooke and Mountain Faith Band, with our own Tobacco Road Band, a descendant of Alexander Boyd, Bill Baker, providing lead and rhythm guitar and vocals.

These small steps are progress towards a vision of Boydton, Virginia, and the Boyd Tavern, becoming an attraction for tourists. To facilitate that goal, the Tavern Foundation is seeking to acquire property behind the tavern to convert to a detached commercial kitchen and public restroom facility. The kitchen will facilitate greater use of the tavern for events. The public facilities will accommodate the increased public traffic for events such as Bluegrass at Boydton, a great need. In addition to what has been mentioned, we

are looking to increase awareness of the tavern and Boydton events by scheduling more public venues at the tavern. Plans center primarily on presentations focused on the history of Virginia and Southside. In addition to the public value of recounting our history, we hope therewith to increase awareness and appreciation of Southside, Boydton, the tavern, and all of the above's unique history.

As you can see, we have ambitious plans. Such plans require support. We hope this update encourages you to provide that support as we continue the tradition of the Boyd Tavern as a center of public gathering, amusement, entertainment, culture, and historical education for our beloved Southside, Virginia.

Sincerely,

Harold R. Gielow

President, Boyd Tavern Foundation



**Welcome to the
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Foundation
Boydton, Virginia**

**Next Boyd Family Reunion
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REPLY SLIP FOR REUNION WEEKEND

Saturday, September 28, 2019

Participating in tour of Spring Bank:
Yes ___ No ___ Undecided ___

6:00 P.M. Social hour and Evening Meal at
Boyd Tavern

Costs of Meals - \$25 for Adults

Young Adults Ages 13-20, \$15

Children 12 and under Free

___ Adults for Evening Meal

___ Young Adults for Evening Meal

___ Children for Evening Meal

Mail reservations by September 15, 2019, to:

Elizabeth Gielow

3006 Trottnridge Rd.

Clarksville, VA 23927

434-917-5761

Sunday, September 29, 2019

12:30 P.M. Lunch at Boyd Tavern

Cost of Meal - Children 12 & under Free

All others - \$20.00

___ Adults for Lunch

___ Children for Lunch

Total Enclosed: _____

Checks written to: **Boyd Family Memorial
Foundation**

Name: _____

Cell Phone No: _____

E-mail Address: _____