

Patrick Boyd 1711 – 1762

My 6th Great Grandfather – David Arthur

PATRICK BOYD son of (GEORGE1) was born 1711 in Ireland, and died 1762 in Halifax Co., VA. He married (1) RACHEL GRIMSON July 25, 1732 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chester Co. Pennsylvania. He married (2) ANN DOUGLASS Abt. 1751 in present day Halifax Co. VA

Notes for PATRICK BOYD:

September 29, 1731 Letter from James Logan, representing William Penn, to London, Logan states "Patr. Boyd who was as good credit as any young man in the trade is actually gone off and run away with about 140 pounds in debt in my books."

Note this was the same year Patrick's father died (1731)

Will dated January 26, 1762. Probated February 18, 1762 in Halifax County, Virginia. A copy of the oral will from Will Book 0, page 140 : Halifax Court House, Virginia.

Geo. Boyd the younger and Silvestor James being first sworn before William Stokes on of his Majestys Justices for the county of Halifax do declare that they heard Patrick on the day he departed this life in his own house express words to this purpose. My will and desire is that all my stock of cattle, hogs and sheep be sold and also my personal estate besides be also sold and the money arising by such sale after paying my just debts be equally divided between my wife Ann and her two children Richard and Henry and that 80 acres of land belonging to my lying on the north side of Dan River be rented out until the two children above mentioned come to the age of 21 years and then be sold and the money arising by such sale be equally divided between my two sons above mentioned.

Certified under my hand the 26th day of January 1762.

William Stokes

More About PATRICK BOYD:

Fact 1: Abt. Late 1740s, Moved to Halifax County, Virginia

Fact 2: 1762, Died, Halifax County, Virginia

Fact 3: August 05, 1729, Contract to deliver pelts to James Logan

Fact 4: September 29, 1731, Letter from James Logan to London Merchant (See Notes)

Fact 5: January 26, 1762, Will

Children of PATRICK BOYD and RACHEL GRIMSON are:

- i. GEORGE3 BOYD, b. Abt. 1740, Lancaster Co., PA Colony; d. 1802.
- ii. JAMES BOYD, b. Abt. 1741, Lancaster Co., PA Colony.
- iii. WILLIAM BOYD, b. Abt. 1742, Lancaster Co., PA Colony; d. 1782.

iv. MARY BOYD, b. Abt. 1743, Lancaster Co., PA Colony; m. (1) THOMAS TINDALL; m. (2) MARY'S HUSBAND1 WADE.

v. SARAH BOYD, b. Abt. 1744, Lancaster Co., PA Colony.

vi. RACHEL BOYD, b. Abt. 1745, Lancaster Co., PA Colony.

vii. JOHN BOYD, b. 1746, Lancaster Co., PA Colony; d. Unknown, Unknown Co., TN.

viii. HENRY PATRICK BOYD, b. 1748, Lancaster Co., PA Colony; d. Bef. 1782.

Children of PATRICK BOYD and ANN DOUGLASS are:

ix. RICHARD COLEMAN BOYD, b. 1753, Halifax County, VA; d. September 28, 1823, Jasper Co., GA.

x. HENRY BOYD, b. 1755, Lancaster Co., PA Colony.

Boyd Family Notes and Court Records

Patrick [Boyd] and brothers migrated from Pennsylvania to what is now Halifax County, Virginia in the 1740's. John, Patrick, James and Robert BOYD, sons of George BOYD of Lancaster Co., PA, moved to VA and settled in Lunenburg Co. on the Dan River close to where Lawson Creek empties into the river on the south side. In late 1752 the County of Halifax was formed from parts of Lunenburg.

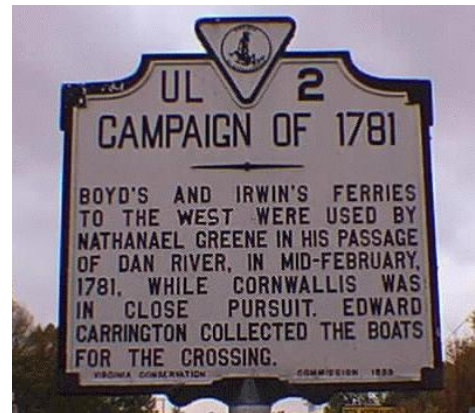
The Boyd and Irvine families ran ferries across Dan River.

Patrick had a ferry of his own, and according to family lore, he made liquor (on Roger's Island) and floated it in kegs down the river to the ordinaries located at the ferry.

Boyd's Ferry was one of the earliest river crossings established in Halifax County. The ferry crossed about where the Norfolk-Southern Railway bridge crosses the river today. The ferry's importance lay in part in the fact that over it passed the road from the south to Charlotte and Prince Edward Counties, Petersburg and Richmond.



Boyd's Tavern, only remainder of original South Boston.



Boyd's Ferry was the original town on the site of present day South Boston, VA. Patrick Boyd immigrated to PA from Ulster, Northern Ireland with his father George ca. 1713. They were of the group sometimes referred to as Scotch-Irish. Patrick and several of his brothers moved from PA to the Halifax area in 1731 while this area was still a part of Lunenburg County. These Boyds are not to be confused with Alexander Boyd who came from Scotland and established Boyd's Tavern, in present day Boydton, VA.

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At the first Court in 1727 at Donegal [PA] the following men of Donegal were given licenses to trade with the Indians including a license "to sell Liquor by the Small": John Lawrence, Jonas Davenport, Oliver Wallis, Patrick Boyd.....

1729, 5 Aug: Licensed as a fur trader, Lancaster Co., PA. Patrick Boyd was under contract to deliver pelts to James LOGAN, a fur dealer who represented William PENN in the Philadelphia area.

1730, Nov: At Lancaster Co., PA court, the following-named persons petitioned the court to recommend them to the Governor (who issued licenses) to trade with the Indians, viz.: Patrick BOYD

1731, 29 Sep: James LOGAN wrote a London fur merchant telling about difficulties he was having with fur traders. "Patr. BOYD who was a good credit as any young man in the trade is actually gone off and run away about 140 pounds in debt in my books."

1748, 2 Jul: Patrick BOYD witnessed the will of John BOYD of Lunenburg Co., VA. Halifax Court Records:

1757 Will of John Boyd, written on 2 July 1748, was exhibited in court on 19 May 1757 and names his wife, Margaret [Lawson] Boyd; his son, John Boyd [, Jr.]; and his sons, James, George, and William [Irby] Boyd. Halifax County Pleas Book 2, Page 203, 19

May 1757 & Halifax County Will Book 0, Page 34, 19 May 1757 (Note: John had drowned in Lawson Creek in early 1757 at the age of 40. He was married to the former Margaret Lawson, daughter of Captain Francis Lawson

1757 June Patrick Boyd Sr., was granted a license for him to keep a ferry from his landing on Dan River on the north side there of to his own landing on the South side of Dan River.

1761 January 29, Patrick Boyd, Sr., gave to his sons, William Boyd and Patrick Boyd Jr., 480 acres on the north side of Dan River on Silvester Juniel's corner and John Douglas. On the same day Patrick Boyd Sr., gave to his sons, James and John Boyd, 202 acres south side Dan River at Hampton Wade's corner on the river and George Boyd's corner

1763, Justices present at Halifax Co., Court were: George Boyd

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1763 Oct, Halifax Court: Thomas DOUGLASS is appointed Surveyor of the Road from Pole Bridge on Mirey Ck. and said Thomas and his male laboring tithables and those belonging to:....Patrick Boyd, George Boyd, et al.....do clear and keep the road in repair.

1764 March, Halifax Court: Jeremiah PATE is appointed Surveyor of the Road from Mirey Ck. to Green Bridge over Bannister River, he and his male laboring tithables and those of.....George BOYD, et al

1764 June Court - Partick Boyd is appointed Surveyor from Boyds Ferry to David Walls Ford on Bannister River; also George Boyd (son of Patrick) is appointed Surveyor from Boyds Ck to Hico Ck. down the River Dan

1773 May Court, Pg. 97, Halifax Co. Pleas Bk. 8: Justices were George Boyd, Thomas Yuille, Radford Maxey, and James Turner, Jun.

1773 May James Irvin comes into Court and with George Boyd, Gentleman, his security and entered into acknowledged bond with condition according to law for the said James keeping a Ferry over Dan River lately established by act of Assembly; and it is ordered that the said James attend constantly with two hands.

1785 Will of William Boyd, son of Patrick Boyd was exhibited in court and names his wife, Mary; a daughter, Frances Boyd, a son; Lemerel Boyd; a son, William Boyd; a son,

1777 John Boyd came into court and with Andrew W. Cool his security entered into and acknowledged bond with condition according to law, for the said John's keeping a Ferry over Dan River, established by Acts of Assembly, and it is ordered that the said John attend constantly with two hands. [Halifax County Pleas Book 9, Page 200, March Court 1777]

1779 John Boyd with John Irvin his security came into Court and entered into and acknowledged bond according to law for him the said Boyd keeping a ferry over Dan River in this county which is established by Act of Assembly. And it is ordered that the said John Boyd do attend the same constantly with two hands. [Halifax County Pleas Book 10, Page 3, 17 June 1779]

1788 Will of John Boyd was exhibited in court and names his brother, David Boyd; his brother, William Boyd; and his nephew and William Boyd's son, William Boyd. [Halifax County Will Book 2, Page 302, 27 October 1788]