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Dear Lorraine,

Am so glad you still had a copy of LaVerne Evergreen Cemetery ... left. It gave some data new to me on Barnhisers, and some bits also on Grossnickles. Now I plan to donate it to Denver Public Lib's Genealogy Division, as I try to avoid building up a personal genealogical lib other than a few standard reference things. Your book was beautifully done—it helps to have graves in location order, so one can see who else is buried in the near vicinity. And the index is most helpful in its full info offered for every name. If you have a lot of copies left, might I suggest that you send flyers to libraries all over the place? I think a lot of them would buy, for I don't think another such collection of data for LaVerne has been published.

No, I don't have any copies left of my Grossnickle book. I have only made copies to sell of three of my family histories, and for all three I printed only enough to fill pre-publication orders. Two other family books in 1990 & 1994 I donated a printer's copy to the family society, for them to make & sell copies as a source of revenue for the society. For all the other histories (I did 10 or 12 in all) I just printed up 15 or 20 copies, enough to donate to genealogy libs across the country. Many libs are not allowed to spend scarce funds on family histories, as not pertaining to enough people. Instead, they are required to spend on research materials such as all kinds of vital records, area histories, area biographical works, tax lists, etc. That is why I am sure many libs would be interested in your cemetery record book—be sure to indicate on the flyer that LaVerne is in California, and give the county also, as their purchase lists often go by area. (I was a cataloger—librarian for 18 yrs. for Denver Pub. Lib.)

Your Frantz book, or rather set, sounds like a monumental work. Since our lib here is not allowed to spend public funds for family histories, several of us in the state genealogical society make a practice of ourselves donating and encouraging others to donate any family histories that we buy or write, and our lib here has the second-best genealogy collection between the Mississippi & California—the best is of course the LDS Lib at St. Lake.

As you mentioned, I looked up in one book I did, whether any Frantz names occurred, and the few pages enclosed are from my Boyer history, though I imagine you already have that particular info. In my very early family histories, I did carry out the women's lines, but for some years now I have carried the daughter lines out only to one full generation. I prefer to keep a particular book mostly on that particular family, and I figure that anyone who gets back far enough to know he has a Boyer or a Younker or whatever, in his ancestry, will be able to find that ancestor in my book. Further research is then up to him; since family histories are not usually considered proof of ancestry, the researcher will in any case need to work up his proof on his own. Do I sound too hard-nosed? I don't mean to be but have just found, for myself, that I can't hadle all the married-in lines if I hope to do a good job on the book's main family. I suppose I could do the female lines, too, if I worked with a whole group, Actually, I did work with a sort of committee on one early book, and it was pretty frustrating, as no one could agree on organization of lines or anything else.

I am sorry you had no answer from your previous letter to me. I try to be very conscientious in answering all mail, but as you say, the letter may not have arrived here or my answer may have gotten lost. I do remember that a few years back we had a housesitter when we were gone some time out of the country—that time a large bunch of our mail was lost behind some furniture but we thought we had finally located it all.

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You are right on the button about the rise in printing costs! Am not sure whether I will be doing any more family histories or not. Actually, I've done most of those I wanted to—I tried to develop into books those of our lines for which some ancestor had done some significant work but never printed it or even passed out copies. One was a 10-page chart done by Max's uncle in 1932 or so, and there were only three copies known, all unavailable to the public. Another was a three-page closely-written chart done by Max's dad at a Barnhiser reunion in the 1930's, and Max had the only copy. There were some other like that, which I was able to research and develop into books of 115 to 710 pages. I feelt so fortunate to have finherited those scraps.

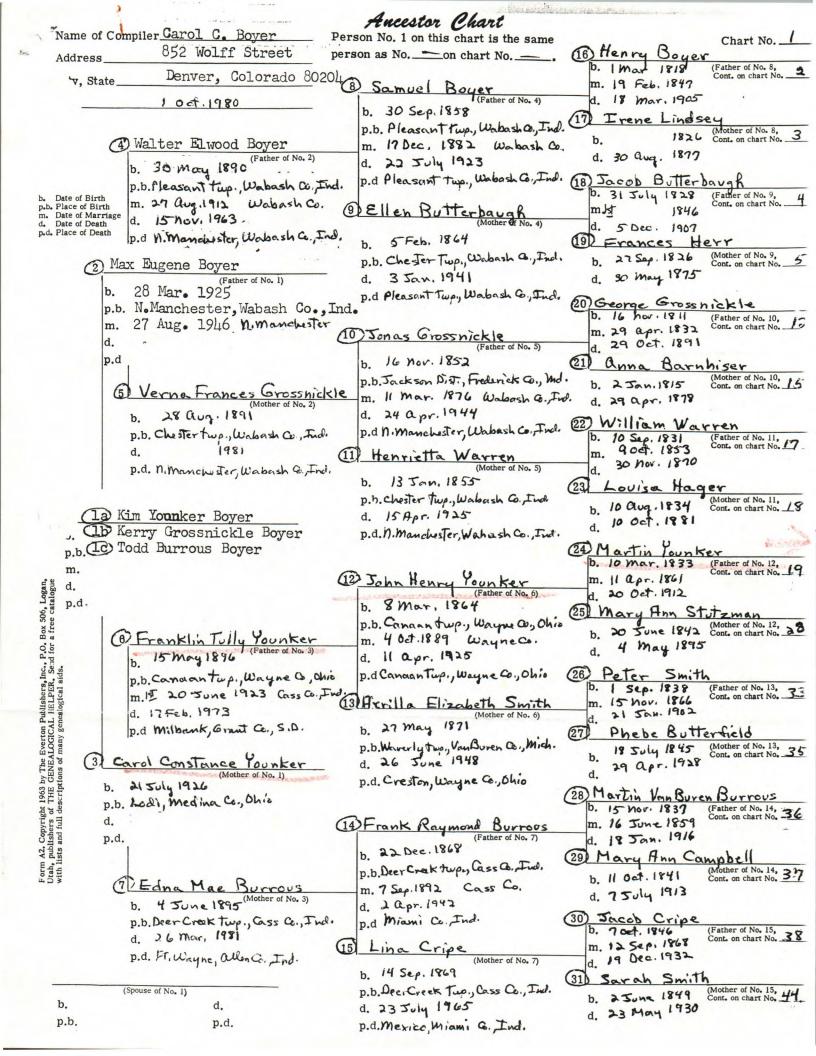
I would be very interested to know which Younker line you have. Enclosed are two pages of ancestor charts showing my line. If you can send me the earliest generation in this country of your Younker line, maybe I can search more. My line had very few males, so at one time nearly died out. But there is a larger Younker line in Ohio and later Iowa, that owns a well-known department store in Iowa, I think it is. One Younker correspondent wrote that family may be Jewish. There is also a small batch records about another Younker line in Maryland & Ohio. So I can try.

I know what you mean about the Brethren family having so many interrelationships. I found that my husband Λ^{T} are are related in Misher, Studebaker, Stauffer, and one other which I can't remember right now. \S h, the other one is Ullery.

I am glad we got in touch, and if you want to pursue the Younkers, I will look forward to hearing again.

Sincerely,

Carol Constance (Younker) Boyer



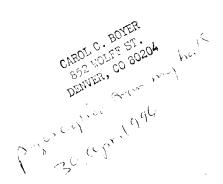
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BOYER FAMILY IN MARYLAND-OHIO-INDIANA

by Carol Constance Younker Boyer

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1-1-5--6-1
             (s/o Samuel & Ellen)
                     (called "Cal")
Calvin Esta Boyer
   Born 26 Sep. 1883 N. Manchester, Wabash Co., Ind.
        In 1900 census with parents in Pleasant Twp., Wabash Co.; "farmer" in
          1910 in Chester Twp., Wabash Co.
        Shipping clerk, trucker, filling station owner & operator in Elkhart,
          Elkhart Co., Ind.; there in 1928 record; then lost his Elkhart home in
          1930's Depression. To California 1938 after daughters moved there,
          & lived several places; 1959 to trailer park in LaVerne, Los Angeles
          Co., Calif.
        Church of Brethren member.
   Died 10 Apr. 1960 at Riverside Hospital in LaVerna?, of diabetes; buried
        Mountain View Mausoleum, Pasadena, Los Angeles Co. (obit.).
   Married 19 Aug. 1906 Wabash? Co. to Sarah E. Miller,
                     1884 Ind.; died 13 Oct. 1970 Pomona, Los Angeles Co. of
        stroke; buried Mountain View Mausoleum (funeral rec.).
    BOYER children (2)
       +1. Vevah (1907-
                           ) Hoffman
       +2. Freda (1909-
                           ) Davis
              (d/o Samuel & Ellen)
1-1-5--6-2
Mary Alice Boyer
    Born 10 Jan. 1885 Pleasant Twp., Wabash Co., Ind.
        Lived Logansport, Cass Co., Ind., in 1928 (father's obit.); later
          Ft. Wayne, Allen Co., Ind.
        Church of Brethren member. Family historian. Crippled by hunched
          back from collapsed vertebrae in later years; had cancer also.
    Died 14 Sep. 1962 at College Hill Hospital, Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio,
        hear daughter Ruthanne's home, of stroke; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery,
        Pleasant Twp. (obit.).
    Married 19 Mar. 1910 N. Manchester, Chester Twp., Wabash Co. to Ellis
        Butterbaugh, s/o Noah & Minerva (Frantz) Butterbaugh; born 30 June 1885
        Kosciusko Co., Ind.; died 19 July 1969 Ft. Wayne, of stroke; buried
        Pleasant Hill Cemetery; 3rd cousin of wife; General Electric Co.
        factory worker & later Watkins Products dealer; reputed to have
        "water-witching" ability.
    BUTTERBAUGH children (3)
       -1. (dau.) (unnamed; stillborn 19 Jan.1911; bur. Pleasant Hill Cem.)
       +2. Bernice (1914-1983) DeWitt
       +3. Ruthanne (1923-
                              ) Miller
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1-1-5--6-10
               (s/o Samuel & Ellen)
Ralph Leroy Boyer
    Born 15 July 1899 Wabash Co., Ind.
          Crippled by severe scoliosis from childhood polio.
        B.A. in Latin?
                            1925 Manchester College, N. Manchester, Chester Twp.,
          Wabash Co.
        High school teacher 45 yrs. chiefly in Laketon & N. Manchester area
          schools; also farmer near Laketon, Wabash Co.; retired 1965 to
          N. Manchester.
        Church of Brethren district board member.
    Died 18 Oct. 1969 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Allen Co., Ind., of
        heart-lung failure; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Two..
        Wabash Co. (obit.).
    Married 20 Aug. 1935 Decatur, Adams Co., Ind., to Edith Rebecca Frantz,
        d/o Cyrus & Laura (Ivins) Frantz; born 18 Aug. 1898 Roann, Wabash? Co.;
        died 28 Feb. 1973 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne, of breast cander;
        buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery (obit.); teacher 22 yrs. at Disko.
        Nappanee, Laketon, & Roann schools to 196-? retirement.
   BOYER child
       +1. Charles Lowell (1937-
1-1-5--6-11
               (s/o Samuel & Ellen)
Ernest Harold Boyer
   Born 25 Apr. 1903 Wabash Co., Ind.
       8.A. in music & English 1930 Manchester College, N. Manchester, Chester
          Twp., Wabash Co.
        High school music & English teacher 5 yrs. at Elkhart, Elkhart Co.,
          Ind.; 11 yrs. at Royerton, Delaware Co., Ind.; 26 yrs. at Muncis
          schools, Delaware Co.; retired 1969 after 42 yrs. of teaching.
          Also director of several choral groups & music director of Friends
          Memorial Church 40 yrs. in Muncie.
        Methodist Church member. He & wife had 21 yrs. volunteer service with
          Meals on Wheels & other charities (news articles, 1992?). Spent many
          summers at Michigan summer home.
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Died 4 Mar. 1994 at hospital in Muncie, of heart failure & throat infection; buried Gardens of Memory, Muncie (obit.).

Married 14 Aug. 1930 Battle Creek, Calhoun Co, Mich., to Vera Mae Chambers,

attended 3 yrs. betw.1922-1927 Manchester College; Ind. librarian certification 1958; library employee in Grand Rapids, Kent Co., Mich., 1921-1923, then clerk & librarian 2 yrs. at Elkhart & 19 yrs. at Muncie Public Library 1947 to 1966 retirement (interview, 1992?); moved to retirement home after husband's death.

BOYER child

+1. Patricia Ann (1938-) McKay

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(d/o: Elias & Mary Anna)
1-1-5--7-6
Flora Edith Boyer
                1902 Huntington? Co., Ind.
        Lived N. Manchester, Wabash Co., Ind., in 1970 record.
    Died
   Married
                    192-?
                                     to William Gahl,
                    190-?
       born
    No GAHL children?
1-1-5--7-7
                 (d/o Elias & Mary Anna)
Laura Jane Boyer
    Born 27 Feb. 1904 Huntington Co., Ind.
        Lived Liberty Mills, Wabash Co., Ind.; then N. Manchester, Wabash Co., in
          1966 record.
    Died 28 July 1969 N. Manchester; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant
        Twp., Wabash Co.
                    192-?
    Married
                                     to Millard Schaaf, son of William &
        Lucinda (Kinsey) Schaaf; born 3 Apr. 1894 Collamer, Ind.; died 28
        June 1945 at Veterans! Hospital in Indianapolis, Marion Co., Ind.;
        buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery; World War I service as pvt. at Camp
        Taylor, Ky.
    No SCHAAF children.
                 (d/o Elias & Mary Anna)
1-1-5--7-8
Edna Lucille Boyer
    Born 19 Sep. 1906 Wabash Co., Ind.
        Retired employee of Bryant Manufacturing Co.
        Lived N. Manchester, Wabash Co., in 1966 record; Wabash, Wabash Co., in
           1970 record.
    Died 15 June 1980 Wabash Co. Hospital, Wabash; buried Pleasant Hill
        Cemetery, Pleasant Twp., Wabash Co.
    Married 18 Dec. 1929 Wabash? Co. to Harry Betten, son of George & Anna
        (Boomgarden) Betten; born 28 Oct. 1897 Peoria, Peoria Co., Ill.;
        died 22 Feb. 1968 N. Manchester; buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery; foundry
                                             ; 4 BETTEN children.
        laborer; ?married lst
                                  to
    BETTEN children (2)
        1. Arlene (m.to Robert Pattee)
        2. Phyllis (m.to Jack Frantz; lived Wabash in 1980 record)
                (5/0 Elias & Mary Anna)
1-1-5--7-9
                   (used Clyde)
Leo Clyde Boyer
    Born
                 1909 Wabash? Co., Ind.
                                  in munitions factory explosion.
                 194-?
    Died
    Married
                                      to Edna Easterday,
                     194-? in same munitions factory explosion that killed
        died
        husband.
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No BOYER children.