

ROBERT H. BOYD

1830 Monroe Co., Tennessee Census

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Boyd, Margaret

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 male under 5 (Robert) | 1 female aged 5-10 |
| 1 male aged 10-15 | 1 female aged 10-15 |
| | 1 female aged 15-20 |
| | 1 female aged 30-40 (Margaret) |

NOTE: This Margaret Boyd is the only Boyd in McMinn or Monroe Co., Tennessee on the census with a son the right age to be Robert H. Boyd with the exception of a Levi Boyd. Levi had a son named Robert that is not mine. Robert also named his first child, Margaret. So, she is likely the mother of Robert Boyd but definite proof is lacking. I believe that Margaret remarried during the 1830's thus Robert can't be located on the 1840 census.

Monroe Co., Tennessee Marriage Records

Book 3, pp. 34-35

Robert H. Boyd md. Susan Bain 30 Oct. 1847

1850 Monroe Co., Tennessee Census

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| 1338 | Boyd, Robert | 23 | Miner | -- | TN | Could Not R/W |
| | , Susan | 21 | | | TN | Could R/W |
| | , Margaret | 1/12 | | | TN | |

Dade Co., Missouri Deed Book

Book 5, page 198

29 Nov. 1856 -- Absolem Renfro and wife, Mary, sold forty acres to Robert H. Boyd for \$200.00. Location of land: SW4 SW 4 in Sect. 5, Twp. 30, Range 26. Warranty Deed. Robert H. Boyd lived in Dade County.

Book 6, page 621

23 Feb. 1858, Recorded 13 Oct. 1859 -- Jacob Paris and wife, Mary E., sold twenty acres to Robert H. Boyd for \$80.00. Location of land: S2 of NW 4 of SW 4 in Sect. 5, Twp., 30, Range 26. Warranty Deed.

Book 6, page 622 -- Robert H. Boyd and wife, Susan A., sold 60 acres to Newton H. McClure for \$200.00. Location of land: SW 4 SW 4 and S2 of NW 4 of SW 4 in Sect. 5, Twp., 30, Range 26. Warranty Deed.

Robert H. Boyd – Land Patent Details

Patent Description

Patentee: Robert H. Boyd

Issue Date: 10/1/1858

Survey: State of Missouri; 40 acres

Legal Description: N ½ of lot 1 NW 1/4 of Sect. 30 Twp. 30 Range 25

County: Dade
Land Office: Springfield, Missouri

1860 Dade Co., Missouri Census

Smith Twp.

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|---------|---------------|----|---|--------|-----------|----------------|
| 214-214 | Boyd, Robert | 33 | m | farmer | -- \$100. | Tenn |
| | , Susan | 28 | f | | | Tenn |
| | , Margaret L. | 9 | f | | | Tenn In school |
| | , Sarah J. | 7 | f | | | MO In school |
| | , Mary A. | 5 | f | | | MO In school |
| | , Josephine | 2 | f | | | MO |

NOTE: Robert could not read and write.

Muster Roll of Illinois Adjutant General's Office

Name: Robert H. Boyd Age: 36 Occupation: Farmer
Eyes: Dark Height: 5'11" Hair: Black Complexion: Dark
Marital Status: Married Unit: Co. H, 91 Infantry Rank: Private
Nativity: McMinn Co., Tennessee
Joined for Service and Enrolled:
When: 22 Aug. 1862 Where: Wilmington, Illinois
By Whom: Jordan Larkin Term: Three Years
Mustered Into Service:
When: 8 Sept. 1862 Where: Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois
By Whom: Lieut. Boies
Residence: Carrolton, Green Co., Illinois
Remarks: Deserted 24 June 1863 at Benton Barracks, Missouri

Civil War Company Muster-in Roll of Robert H. Boyd

Co. B Regt. 91 Ill. Infantry
Robert H. Boyd
Pvt, Capt. Lakin's Co., 91 Reg't. Ill. Inf.
Age 36 years

Appears on the Company Muster-in Roll in the organization named above. Roll dated Camp Butler, Springfield, Ill. Sept. 8, 1862. Muster-in to date Sept. 8 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:
When: Aug. 22, 1862
Where: Wilmington, Ill.
Period: 3 years
Burnham (Copyist)

Civil War Company Muster Roll of Robert H. Boyd

B Regt. 91 Ill. Infantry
Robert H. Boyd
Pvt, Co. H, 91 Reg't. Ill. Inf.
Appears on the Company Muster Roll for Sept. 8 to Oct 31, 1862.
Present or absent: Present

Burnham (Copyist)

B Regt. 91 Ill. Infantry

Robert H. Boyd

Pvt, Co. H, 91 Reg't. Ill. Inf.

Appears on the Company Muster Roll for Oct 31, 1862 to Feb. 28, 1863.

Present or absent: Present

Burnham (Copyist)

B Regt. 91 Ill. Infantry

Robert H. Boyd

Pvt, Co. H, 91 Reg't. Ill. Inf.

Appears on the Company Muster Roll for March & April, 1863

Present or absent: Absent

Remarks: Absent without leave from April 9, 1863 to April 30, 1863

Burnham (Copyist)

B Regt. 91 Ill. Infantry

Robert H. Boyd

Pvt, Co. H, 91 Reg't. Ill. Inf.

Appears on the Company Muster Roll for April 10, 1863.

Present or absent: Present

Remarks: Absent without leave

Burnham (Copyist)

B Regt. 91 Ill. Infantry

Robert H. Boyd

Pvt, Co. H, 91 Reg't. Ill. Inf.

Appears on the Company Muster Roll for May & June, 1863.

Present or absent: Deserted Benton Barracks, Mo. June 24, 1863

Burnham (Copyist)

Civil War Company Muster-out Roll of Robert H. Boyd

Co. B Regt. 91 Ill. Infantry

Robert H. Boyd

Pvt, Co. H, 91 Reg't. Illinois Inf.

Age 36 years

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated Mobile, Ala. July 12, 1865.

Last paid to Feb. 28, 1863.

Remarks: Deserted June 24, 1863 Benton Barracks, Mo.

O. Taylor (Copyist)

U.S. Civil War Draft Registration Record of Robert H. Boyd – Carrollton, Illinois

List of all persons of Class II, subject to do military duty in the 4th Sub-district of the 10th Congressional District, consisting of the Counties of Green in the State of Illinois, enumerated by me during July 1863. Capt. Wm. M. Fry, Provost Marshall Third Class

Residence: *Carrollton*
Name: *Boyd, Robert H.*
Age, 1st July 1863: *36*
White or Colored: *White*
Occupation: *Farmer*
Place of Birth: *Tennessee*
Former Military Service: *Co. H, 91st Illinois Infantry*

Christian Co., Missouri Marriage Records

This is to certify that I did Solemnized the rites of Matrimony between Mr. R. H. Boyd and Mrs. Melvina Melton on the 16 day of Nov. 1869. both of Christian County Mo the 30 of Dec. 1869.

M. J. Mapes M.G.

Filed and Recorded Nov. 18 1869.

Thomas J. Gideon
Clerk

State of Missouri

County of Christian

I Thomas J. Gideon Circuit Clerk within and for the County of Christian and State of Missouri do hereby Certify that the above and foregoing is a full and correct copy of the marriage Certificate of R. H. Boyd and M. Melton as fully as appears on record in my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office at Ozark - this 5 day of Feb. 1874

T. J. Gideon Clerk

1870 Christian Co., Missouri Census

Porter Twp., P.O. Ozark, p. 20

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|---------|------------------|----|---|-------------|---------|----|
| 157-157 | Boyed, Robert H. | 43 | m | farmer | 800-300 | TN |
| | , Manda M. | 30 | f | md. In Dec. | | IL |
| | , Joseph | 12 | m | | | MO |
| | , Elisabeth | 9 | f | | | MO |

NOTE: Robert and Manda were md. in Dec. -- I wonder where Florence and Thomas Boyd were as well as their older sisters, Margaret, Sarah and Mary. The Joseph is undoubtedly Josephine.

Civil War Pension Papers of Greenberry Melton

Application of Guardian of Minor Children

In Order to Obtain Army Pension, Act July 14, 1862

State of Missouri

County of Missouri

On this 1st day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred and Seventy three personally appeared before the Clerk of the Christian of the County Court, Robert Boyd a resident of Ozark, in the County of Christian, and State of Missouri, aged forty five, who, being duly sworn according to law, doth on oath make the following Declaration as Guardian of the minor children of Green B. Melton, deceased, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress approved July 14, 1862, granting Pensions to minor children, under sixteen years of

John McGinnis

1873 Personal Property Tax Book -- Christian Co., Missouri

| Boyd, R. | Value | | | | | |
|----------------|--------|-----------|------------|-----------|------|--|
| 2 horses | \$105. | | | | | |
| 4 cattle | \$84. | | | | | |
| 18 hogs | \$20. | | | | | |
| Other property | \$65. | State Tax | County Tax | Total Tax | Paid | |
| | \$224. | \$1.01 | \$1.12 | \$2.13 | 17 | |

Dec. 1873

U.S. Land Sales, Vol. 23

30 Jan. 1873 #1070

Robert H. Boyd SE4 NW4 NE4 SW4 NW4 SE4 120 acres
Sect. 5, Twp. 26, Range 20 in Christian Co., Missouri

Homestead Papers of Robert H. Boyd

“Final Certificate No. 1070”

Homestead Application No. 1067

Springfield, Mo.

January 30, 1873

Sec. 5, Town. 26, Range 20

Patented May 10, 1873

Recorded Vol. 3, Page 66

“Homestead”

Land Office at Springfield, Mo

January 30, 1873

Certificate No. 1070

Application No. 1067

It is hereby certified, That pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress, approved May 20, 1862, entitled “An act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain,” Robert H. Boyd of Christian Co. Mo -- has made payment in full for SE4 NW4, NE4 SW4 & NW4 SE4 of Section Five in Township Twenty six of Range Twenty containing 120 acres.

Now, therefore, be it known, That on presentation of this Certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the said Robert H. Boyd shall be entitled to a Patent for the Tract of Land above described.

Wm. J. Teed, Register

“Proof Required Under Homestead Acts May 20, 1862, and June 21, 1866”

We, Arren Duncan & Josiah McGwire do solemnly swear that we have known Robert H. Boyd for over 6 years last past; that he is the head of a family consisting of wife and 3 children & is a citizen of the United States; that he is an inhabitant of the SE NW NE SW & NW SE of section No. 5 in Township No. 26 of Range No. 20 and that no other person resided upon the said land entitled to the right of Homestead or Pre-emption.

That the said Robert H. Boyd entered upon and made settlement on said land on the 18th day of June, 1868, and has built a house thereon ?Huord Up 18 ft. by 24 ft. Boud with ??? from Stick

& clay chimney 2 doors and has lived in the said house and made it his exclusive home from the 18th day of June 1868 to the present time, and that he has, since said settlement, plowed, fenced, and cultivated about 20 acres of said land, and has made the following improvements, to wit: built a by stable 14 ft. By 28 ft.

Arren Duncan
Josiah McGwire

I, Wm. J. Teed do hereby certify that the above affidavit was taken and subscribed before me this 30th day of January, 1873.

Wm. J. Teed, Register

We certify that Arren Duncan & Josiah McGuire whose names are subscribed to the foregoing affidavit, are persons of respectability.

Wm. J. Teed, Register
__ J. Bodenhamer, Receiver

“Affidavit Required of Homestead Claimants”

Acts of May 20, 1862, and June 21, 1866.

I, Robert H. Boyd, having made a Homestead entry of the SE4 NW4 NE4 SW4 & NW4 SE4 section No. 5 in township No. 26, of range No. 20, subject to entry at Springfield Mo., under the first section of the Homestead Act of May 20, 1862, do now apply to perfect my claim thereto by virtue of the first proviso to the second section of said act; and for that purpose do solemnly swear that I am the head of a family & a citizen of the United States; that I have made actual settlement upon and have cultivated said land, having resided thereon since 18th day of June, 1868, to the present time; that no part of said land has been alienated, but that I am the sole bona fide owner as an actual settler; and that I have borne true allegiance to the Government of the United States. & that I had not before had the benefit of the Homestead law.

Robert H (X) Boyd

I, Wm. J. Teed Register, of the Land Office at Springfield, Mo., do hereby certify that the above affidavit was taken and subscribed before me this 30 day of January, 1873.

Wm. J. Teed, Register.

P.O. Ozark
Christian Co. Mo.

“Homestead”

Receiver’s Office, Springfield, Mo.

Receiver’s Receipt
No. 1067
1070

Dec. 26th 1867

Application
No. 1067

Received of R. H. Boyd the sum of Thirteen dollars -- cents; being the amount of fee and compensaion of Register and Receiver for the entry of SE4 NW4 & NE4 SW4 & NW4 SE4 of Section Five (5) in Township Twenty six (26) of Range Twenty (20) under the acts of Congress approved May 20, 1862, and March 21, 1864; entitled “An act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain.” Containing 120 acres.

\$13.00

John E. Phelps, Receiver.

“Homestead Affidavit”

Land Office at Springfield Mo.

Dec. 26th 1867

I, R. H. Boyd of Christian Co. Mo. having filed my Application No. 1067, for an entry under the provisions of the act of Congress approved May 20, 1862, entitled "An act to secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain, do solemnly swear that do solomly swear that I am the head of a family and a citizen of the United States and that I have never borne arms against the Government of the United States, or given aid or assistance to any enemies thereof and that said application 1067 is made for his exclusive use and benefit and that said entry is made for actual settlement and cultivation and not for the use and benefit of any other person or persons whatsoever.

Attest: J. J. Gideon

R. H. (X) Boyd

Sworn to and subscribed this 17th day of Dec. A.D. 1867 before

Thomas J. Gideon, County Clerk

"Homestead"

Final Receiver's Receipt, No. 1070
Receiver's Office, Springfield, Mo.
January 30th, 1873

Application No. 1067

Received of R. H. Boyd of Christian Co., Mo. The sum of three dollars being the second half of compensation of Register and Receiver, and balance of payment required by law for the entry of SE4 NW4 & NE4 SW4 and NW4 SE4 of Section 5 in Township 26 of Range 20 containing 120 acres, under the acts of Congress approved May 20, 1862, and March 21, 1864, entitled "An act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain."

\$3.00

_ J. Bodenhamer, Receiver.

Christian Co., Missouri Deed Book

Book 15, Page 128

Deed was dated 10 May 1873 and was recorded 10 Jan. 1884. Homestead Certificate #1070, Application 1067. The United States to Robert H. Boyd, 120 acres. Location of land: SE4 NW4 and NE4 SW4 and NW4 SE4 of Sect. 5, Twp., 26, Range 20.

Christian CO., Missouri Land Patents

| Name | Twp./Range/Sec. | Date | Doc # Access/SRL # |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Boyd, Robert H. | NESW 26N 20W Sec 05 | 1873 May 10 | 1070 MO5830__.066 |
| Boyd, Robert H. | NWSE 26N 20W Sec 05 | 1873 May 10 | 1070 MO5830__.066 |
| Boyd, Robert H. | SE4 NW4 | 1873 May 10 | 1070 MO5830__.066 |

1875 Christian Co., Missouri Real Estate Tax Records

Robert Boyd paid tax on:

| | | |
|---------|----------|----------------------------|
| SE4 NW4 | 40 acres | Sect. 5, Twp. 26, Range 20 |
| NE4 SW4 | 40 acres | Sect. 5, Twp. 26, Range 20 |
| NW4 SE4 | 40 acres | Sect. 5, Twp. 26, Range 20 |

Christian Co., Missouri Deed Books

Trust or Mortgage Deed. George A. and Lucinda R. Clapp to Robert H. Boyd. Deed was dated 11 Sept. 1875. Selling price was \$500.00 and consisted of 160 acres. Land location: SE4 of SE4 and the NE4 of the SE4 and the W2 of lot number 1 of the NE4, all in Sect. 6, Twp. 26, Range 20.

1876 Christian Co., Missouri Personal Property Tax List

Linden Township

R. H. Boyd, Guardian and Curator for Jas. Melton, \$20 Cash. Tax of 32 cents paid.

1876 Christian Co., Missouri State Census

Linden Twp.

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|----------|-----|--|
| Boyd, R.H. (Robert) | m | over 45 | | |
| , M.M. (Mandy Melvina) | f | 21-45 | R&W | |
| , E.F. (Elizabeth Francis) | f | 10-18 | | |
| , F.B. (Florence Belle) | f | 10-18 | | |
| , T.J. (Thomas J.) | m | 10-18 | | |
| , P.W. (Perry William) | m | under 10 | | |
| , M.M. Jr. (Mandy Melvina) | f | under 10 | | |
| James Melton | m | 10-18 | R&W | |
| M.W. Cox (Marion Washington) | m | 10-18 | R&W | |

1876 Agricultural Census, Christian Co., Missouri

Robert H. Boyd

| | | |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 3 horses | 1 cow | 2 sheep |
| 10 hogs | 100 bu. wheat | 800 bu. corn |
| 200 lbs. tobacco | 4 lbs. wool | 165 gallons of molasses |

Christian Co., Missouri Probate Court Settlement Records, Vol. III 1873-1882

Pages 327-336

Cox Minors, R. H. Boyd

Pages 6, 57, 107, 167

R. H. Boyd guardian of Melton Minors -- John S. and James Melton, heirs of Greenberry Melton.

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R. H. Boyd guardian of Melton Minors -- 5th Annual Settlement, Feb. 1877

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R. H. Boyd guardian of Melton Minors -- ??Final Settlement of Melton Heirs, Feb. 1878

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R. H. Boyd guardian of Cox Minors -- 1st annual Settlement of Jesse and Marion Cox, March 1876

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R. H. Boyd guardian of Cox Minors -- 2nd annual Settlement of Jesse and Marion Cox, Feb. 1877

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R. H. Boyd guardian of Cox Minors -- 3rd annual Settlement of Jesse and Marion Cox, Feb. 1878

Pages 327, 336

R. H. Boyd guardian of Cox Minors -- 4th annual Settlement of Jesse and Marion Cox, Feb. 1879

From an Old Store Ledger Book Located in Christian Co., Missouri Library

Robert Boyd

| | | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 3 Sept. 1878 | Books | \$2.15 | |
| 17 Sept. 1878 | Paid Cash | | \$2.15 |
| 26 Oct. 1878 | Carbolic Acid | .15 | |
| 24 March 1879 | Dictionary | .80 | |
| 19 April 1879 | Paid Cash | | .95 |
| | | \$3.10 | \$3.10 |

Christian Co., Missouri Probate Court Records

Box 16 -- 23 Oct. 1871: Cox minors, David Haslip the Guardian -- First Annual Settlement for Jesse N., Thomas, and Marion Cox.

Box 16 -- 28 Oct. 1872: Cox minors, David Haslip the Guardian -- Final Settlement for Thomas, Marion, and Jesse N. Cox

Box 16 -- Robert H. Boyd guardian of Cox minors

Settlement Dates:

Marion Cox -- 7 Feb. 1876
 Jesse Cox -- 7 Feb. 1876
 Marion Cox -- 5 Feb. 1877
 Jesse Cox -- 22 Feb. 1877
 Marion Cox -- 11 Feb. 1878
 Jesse Cox -- 11 Feb. 1878
 Marion Cox -- 10 Feb. 1879
 Jesse Cox -- 10 Feb. 1879
 Marion Cox -- 9 Feb. 1880
 Jesse Cox -- 9 Feb. 1880
 Jesse Cox -- 14 Feb. 1881
 Marion Cox -- 13 Feb. 1882
 Jesse Cox -- 13 Feb. 1882

(NOTE: These records reveal that both Jesse & Marion received pensions from the U.S. Government).

Christian Co., Missouri Probate Court Settlement Records -- Vol. IV, 1882-1899

R. H. Boyd guardian of Marion Cox -- Final Settlement, May 1882

Christian Co., Missouri -- Clerk of Probate Court, Guardian Bonds

Vol. A, 1873-1890

R.H. Boyd, p. 23 -- August 1879 -- R.H. Boyd became the guardian of James M. Melton

Christian Co., Missouri Deed Book

Book 2, Page 157

Mortgage -- Robert H. and Amanda M. Boyd, both of Christian County to Christian County. Amount of money involved: \$100.00 at 10% interest. Amount of acreage: 120 acres. Land location: SE4 of NW4 NE4 of SW4 NW4 of SE4 in Sect. 5, Twp. 26, Range 20. Deed is dated 1 March 1880.

First Minute Book of Prospect Baptist Church, (1846-1891)

Robert Boyd admitted as a member of Prospect based on "experience."

Page 174 - 27 March 1880

Robert Boyd was excluded from church membership after being “charged with drinking too much intoxicating liquor.”

1880 Christian Co., Missouri Census

Linden Twp., p. 17 - 8 June 1880

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|---------|--------------|---|----|----------|----------|----|----|----|-------|
| 125-154 | Boyd, Robert | m | 53 | farmer | TN | TN | TN | | |
| | , Amanda | | f | 39 | wife | IL | -- | TN | R&W |
| | , Francis | | f | 19 | daughter | IL | TN | IL | R |
| | , Florence | f | 17 | daughter | IL | TN | IL | R | |
| | , Thomas | | m | 15 | son | IL | TN | IL | R |
| | , Perry | m | 6 | son | MO | TN | IL | | |
| | , Amanda M. | | f | 4 | daughter | MO | TN | IL | |
| | James Melton | | m | 20 | stepson | | | MO | -- IL |
| R&W | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jesse Cox | | m | 17 | nephew | | | MO | MO MO |
| RW | | | | | | | | | |

Christian Co., Missouri Civil Court Index

1882 - Bk. 1, #173

Boyd et al Amanda Vina the plaintiff. Greene B. Melton the defendant. Cause: action for ejection. Box: 322. Disagreement over who owned land that R.H. Boyd claimed. Land had supposedly passed from Reuben Melton to G.B. Melton to his heirs. G.B. Melton had placed land in his name when it should have been put in his father's name.

Oct. 1882 - Bk. 1, #191

Box: 322. D.J. Brumley sued R.H. Boyd for \$10.72. Non payment for threshing wheat. Work was done in 1880 and note written by Brumley was witnessed. There were 268 bushels and he charged 4 cents a bushel.

Christian Co., Missouri Index to Circuit Court, Vol. 5, 1883-1891

Case #191, April 1883

Brumley, D.J. (Plaintiff) vs. R.H. Boyd (Defendant) pp. 80, 82, 83, 88, 92
p. 88 -- Judgement for the plaintiff (A jury trial) for \$10.72.
P. 92 -- Defendant filed motion for a new trial.

Christian Co., Missouri Index to Circuit Court, Vol. 5, 1883-1891

Case #173 - 8 March 1883

Boyd, A.V., et al. (Plaintiff) vs. G.B. Melton (Defendant) pp. 12, 28, 64, 71, 80, 81, 93, 94, 95
p. 28 -- Defendant was John Melton et al (probably heirs of G.B. Melton)
p. 93 -- Plaintiffs: A.V. Boyd and her husband, R.H. Boyd, James & John Melton vs. Green B. Melton, Defendant. Judgement for defendant. (NOTE: This is interesting. Make copy if possible.)
p. 94 -- Plaintiffs filed motion for a new trial but motion was overruled.
p. 95 -- Plaintiffs filed for an “appeal from the judgement rendered in this cause, to the Supreme

Court of State of Missouri.” Appeal was granted.

Christian Co., Missouri Deed Books

Book 13, Page 537

R. H. & Amanda M. Boyd, both of Christian County, sold land to Samuel Harris who also lived in Christian County. Deed was dated 20 June 1883 and recorded 13 June 1884. Selling price was \$50. Land location: All of NE4 of SW4 of Sect. 5, Twp. 25, Range 20. Witnesses were J.S. Melton and J. Mapes. Robert signed with an “X,” Amanda signed her name.

Christian Co., Missouri Deed Books

Book 13, p. 391

Deed is dated 19 Oct. 1883 and was recorded on that date. Robert H. Boyd, and wife Amanda, sold land to J.F. Dixon. All parties of Christian Co., Missouri. 120 acres sold for \$800.00. Lands location: SE4 of NW4 and NE4 of SW4 and NW4 of SE4 all in Sect. 5, Twp., 26, Range 20.

1884 Christian Co., Missouri Personal Property Tax Book

R.H. Boyd - Linden Twp.

1 horse, 2 cattle, 11 hogs. Total tax was \$1.63. No record of payment. Most people paid in late 1884 or early 1885 so Robert Boyd had apparently moved from the area by this time.

Thomas J. Boyd - Linden Twp.

1 horse and his tax was .91 cents. No record of payment.

Harper Co., Kansas Deed Books

1883 -- R. H. Boyd contracted to buy 160 acres from the U.S. Government in their office in Wichita.

11 July 1884 -- Robert H. Boyd made a \$50. payment.

31 July 1884 -- Robert H. Boyd made a \$150. payment.

July 1884 -- Robert H. Boyd mortgaged his farm.

1885 Harper Co., Kansas State Census

Post Office, Okaw -- Twp. 31N 8W - Sec. 21

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|------------------------|------------|---|---|-----|--------|-------|---------|
| Page 10 -- Boyd, R. H. | 58 | m | w | md. | Farmer | b. TN | from MO |
| | , A. M. 44 | f | w | md. | | b. IL | from MO |
| | , P. W. 11 | m | w | | | b. MO | from MO |
| | , A. M. 9 | f | w | | | b. MO | from MO |

Robert H. Boyd owned a 160 acre farm that was fenced. Farm's value was \$1,500. And the value of his equipment was \$100.

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| He had: 3 tons of Prairie Hay | 1 Mulch Cow |
| 100 lbs. of Butter | 3 Hogs |
| 2 Horses | 2 Dogs |
| Value of Animals was \$20. | |

Harper Co., Kansas Deed Books

10 Oct. 1888 -- Robert H. Boyd sold his 160 acre farm in Harper County to Clarence Parks of Jackson Co., Missouri. It was a Quit Claim Deed. Robert and Amanda signed by their mark "X". NOTE: Ron Stewart said the farm was very rough and not really fit to cultivate. There was an agriculture crash in 1887-1888.

-- In the section south of R. H. Boyd was Thomas Boyd who had purchased from the U.S. Government a 160 acre farm in Section 28, Twp. 31N 9W on 27 Aug. 1887. He mortgaged it in Aug. 1887. On 10 Oct. 1888, Thomas sold the farm to Clarence Parks of Jackson Co., Missouri. He signed his name and it was a Quit Claim Deed.

1890 Special Military Census, Baylor Co., Texas

P.O. Address: Precinct 1, Seymour Dist., Baylor Co., Texas

212-235 Boyd, Robert H.

-- None of the military information is given.

-- No disabilities.

"Salt Pork to Sirloin: The History of Baylor County, Texas from 1879 to 1930"

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Boyd, Amanda p. 189

Boyd, Perry p. 189

1952, 1955 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – City Directory

Drew, Amanda M. (wid. Lucious W.) home 136 NE 11th

Interview With Opal Melton - Feb. 1979

Opal said that Old Joe Stewart, when a kid, knew Robert H. Boyd as they lived in the same vicinity. He once told Opal that "Bob Boyd was just an old sop drunkard."

Frances Boyd married James Melton and they moved to Oklahoma. Opal has a picture of Florence and Frances Boyd. They had a brother named Thomas.

Family Bible Record of Lucious and Amanda (Boyd) Drew --The Bible is in possession of Mrs. Austin Myers of Lakewood, Colorado

L. W. Drew & Manda M. Boyd were united by Rev. Aulbrite at Seymour, Texas on the 23 day of March, 1890 in presence of Mr. V. W. Drew & Miss Bettie Kenedy. Certificate was signed by Rev. Aulbrite and dated 14 April 1890.

Births

L. W. Drew was born in 1857 July the 7

Manda M. Boyd was born March 21 in the year of 1876

Cloud O. Drew was born August the 4 in the year of 1891

Lalar Bell Drew was Born Oct 10 in the year of 1893

Clio Tempest Drew was Born November 28 1898

Bee Attrass Drew was Born Sep 25 a.d. 1899

Virgil Jackson Drew was Born March 11 a.d. 1901

Flossie Drew was born Feb. 25 1904

Marriages

J.J. Drew & Mary A. Glover was married Sep the 25 1856

V.W. Drew & Ada Little was married 1906

Deaths

Mary An Drew departed from this earth September the 9 the year of 1888
Robert Drew departed from this Earth Mar 18 1897 NOTE: This entry is repeated.
J.J. Drew Departed from this earth May 8 1912
Robert Boyd Departed from this Earth April the 26 the year of 1893
Amanda M. Boyd Departed Feb 3 the year of 1896
Mantie Drew Trent departed Aug. 31, 1935
Flossie Drew departed June 19, 1937
L.W. Drew departed July 27, 1937
Amanda M. Drew departed Feb. 18, 1962
Virgil Jackson Drew departed this earth Aug. 11, 1967
Cloud Oswald Drew departed this earth Aug 25, 1971
Beatrice Drew Cole departed this earth Feb. 20, 1972
Lalar Drew Wilkerson departed this earth June 23, 1974

Ron Stewart Interview with Meade (Stewart) Hinds in 1975

Meade was a daughter of Josephine (Boyd) Stewart. She said Josephine was raised by a step-mother (Amanda Cox Boyd) that “made her work out. Later she (Josephine) wouldn’t let her kids work out but sure made us work at home.” Meade recommended an interview with Mandy Boyd’s daughter.

Information Obtained from Material Compiled by Steve Stewart and in Possession of Roy Stewart 8 Dec. 1979

Josephine Boyd’s mother died in Missouri. Josephine had a brother, William, who ran away from home.

James Melton (Green Berry and Amanda’s son) had a son named Bob who was a friend and cousin of Earl Stewart.

Amanda (Cox) Boyd is buried in the Steven Stewart Cemetery West of Moore, Oklahoma.

Josephine Boyd’s brothers were Thomas and Bill. She had a sister named Amanda (Mandy). Mandy was 16 years old and Earl Stewart was five years old at the time of the 1889 Oklahoma land rush.

Josephine died of head injuries received when jumping from a car. Wiring under the dash had shorted and caught fire scaring her.

Steven J. Stewart was born 6 March 1855. He is buried at Kellerby Cemetery. He died 11 April 1901. Steven and several relatives went from Missouri to Kansas. Brother, Luther Stewart, probably went on to Colorado. Steve’s family, Robert (Bob), Dora (Stewart) Oliver’s family, Tom Boyd, Grandma Boyd, and Mandy Boyd went into Oklahoma for the land run. Steve purchased a fast horse before the run, April 22, 1889. He settled on what became the Delman? Kelly farm before moving to Arlington, Oklahoma in the 1890’s. On the original homestead were buried Steve’s sister, Dora; his son, William M.; his step-mother-in-law, Amanda (Cox) Boyd; and one other person. The family burial plot is located next to the Will Rogers Airport. Dora married Johnny Oliver. He remarried after her death. They had a child, Gertie, who lives in Reeds Springs, Missouri. Gertie is in her 90’s. NOTE: I contacted Gertie in 1980 but she knew nothing of the Boyd Family and wasn’t at all cooperative.

Telephone Conversation with Manford Royce Stewart of Moore, Oklahoma -- Dec. 1979

Manford is a grandson of Josephine (Boyd) Stewart

Manford said that Willie Stewart died when a horse fell on him and he is also buried on the Steve Stewart homestead. Dora, the mother of Gertie Bass, is buried on the homestead as is Amanda Cox Melton Boyd.

Telephone Interview With Ron Stewart of Marion, Kansas -- 12 Jan. 1980

Ron is a g-g-grandson of Robert H. Boyd

Ron didn't know where Robert Boyd died. Several family members moved to Kansas for about a year before making the run into Oklahoma.

Amanda Cox Melton Boyd is buried on the Steve Stewart homestead near Moore, Oklahoma. After the death of Robert, Amanda apparently lived with the James Melton Family and they returned to Oklahoma after living for a while in Baylor Co., Texas. Francis (Boyd) Melton had a son named Bob. Bob may have had a ranch near Tuttle, Oklahoma. Bob had an ear torn off by a steer. It was sewn back on but scars remained. Bob Melton died during the 1960's. The Meltons moved on to Montana.

Thomas Boyd homesteaded. He sold the land to Manford Stewart (NOTE: That is incorrect) and Manford sold it to the Will Rogers airport for about a half million dollars. Tom Boyd then moved to Norman, OK and is buried in that vicinity.

The Steve Stewart Cemetery has no markers and has been plowed through several times. It is near a runway of the Will Rogers Airport. Amanda Cox Melton Boyd, William Stewart (Steve's son), and Dora Bass (Gertie's mother) are among the few people buried there.

Amanda Boyd's daughter, also named Amanda (Mandy), was a schoolteacher. She lived in Texas and died around 1960. She had at least two daughters. One named Beatrice lived near Gainesville, Texas.

One of Ron's uncles, or perhaps it grandfather, told him that Robert H. Boyd rode with Quantrill's Raiders.

NOTE: I am very skeptical of some of the information obtained in this interview. I believe much of it is just speculation on Ron's part.

Interview With Manford Stewart of Moore, Oklahoma 28 Dec. 1985 - Manford is a grandson of Steven Stewart and Josephine (Boyd)

Manford has no knowledge whatsoever of Thomas Boyd. He said that his father mentioned Tom Boyd. The only member of his grandmother's family that he knew was Amanda (Boyd) Drew. Amanda had a son named Virgil and a daughter who was about Manford's age that passed away a long time ago. Manford said that Virgil worked for the Avery Implement Company at Clinton, Oklahoma at one time. It was a farm implement company. Virgil was older than Manford. When Manford was a teenager, Virgil was a married man.

Manford said that he could also remember Amanda's husband. He was a very large man. Amanda lived in Oklahoma City for a long time after the death of her husband. Amanda didn't die in Oklahoma City. Manford thinks she may have been at Virgil's but didn't really know. Anyway, her body was returned to Oklahoma City for burial. Manford remembers going to her funeral.

Manford later said that Amanda's husband also lived for a while in Oklahoma City. Even while living here, they still owned a farm near the Texas panhandle. He said near

Seymour, Texas but this would not be correct. The farm would have been in Roger Mills County, Oklahoma. But Amanda's husband was sickly and didn't feel up to working the farm. Manford recalls a time when Mr. Drew got his son, Virgil, to take him back to the farm to look around. Virgil had a Model-T. The trip really gave Mr. Drew some spark. He had been going to a chiropractor without much success. Upon his return he said that the old Model-T could rub in spots that the chiropractor just couldn't reach. He was quite a bit older than Amanda but Manford can remember him when Manford was about a teenager.

Manford said that Amanda is buried in a large cemetery on the north edge of Oklahoma City. It is located on Memorial Road just south of Edmonton. Manford said that she was buried during the 1930's. He said that he was married in 1934 and that he was married at the time. (MY NOTE: THIS IS INCORRECT. SHE DIED DURING THE EARLY 1960'S.)

Manford said that Amanda had daughters named Beatrice and Dolly. Dolly died when she was a teenager. He said that Dolly was younger than Beatrice. He recalls Dolly coming out to his father's farm and spending the night there once. Beatrice was a school teacher. Dolly was a heavy set girl and was a year or two older than Manford. Manford never heard of Lola Belle. He said she may have been married and living in Texas when he was growing up. Manford didn't know the oldest son, Cloud..

Manford was born near Prague, Oklahoma. His family moved to Oklahoma City when he was 13 years old in 1922. Josephine (Boyd) Stewart knew that she had this half-sister, Amanda, living in Oklahoma City. So, they visited some after the move. But, Josephine didn't move. She stayed in Prague.

Manford remembers meeting Bob Melton. He was the only one of the Meltons that he knew. Bob came through and stayed a week or two one time. He lived in Wyoming. Bob Melton was a cowboy. Manford said he told some very entertaining stories. Manford has heard of Silas Melton. Manford said that his father, Earl Stewart, told him the following story: Bob Melton was a big husky boy and his father, Jim Melton, was a little man. Nevertheless, Jim still whipped Bob when he got out of line. The last time he tried it, Bob grabbed Jim by both shoulders and said, "Pop I don't want you to whip me." Jim just stood there jumping up and down and big old Bob just held him. Bob got on his horse, rode off to the northwest and never did come back to this country.

Manford has not heard from Virgil or Beatrice since their mother's funeral. At that time they were both living out west of Oklahoma City. From looking at the phone book listing of cemeteries, Manford told me that Amanda was buried at Memorial Park Cemetery which is located at Memorial and Kelly Streets.

Manford said that when he first moved to Oklahoma City that Virgil Drew lived there and worked for the Avery Implement Company. He later bought the one at Clinton and moved out there. At the time of Amanda's funeral, Virgil still lived at Clinton. Beatrice lived in the area of Seymour, Texas and was teaching school the last that Manford heard. Manford seemed to think that Beatrice was divorced. Anyway, nothing was said about a husband although she did have a married name.

Phone Interview With Arvella Bounds of Nesbit, Pennsylvania -- 28 December 1985

Arvella is a step-granddaughter of Francis (Boyd) Melton.

Robert M. Melton was married just the one time to Lula Helen (Little) Apple. Both are buried in Yakima, Washington. Robert's two oldest sons are dead. Jim is buried in Yakima and Everett is buried in McCleary, Washington.

Robert and Lula Melton were probably married in Lewistown, Montana. If not there, then in Forsyth, Montana. They were married Jan. 10th. About 1909 or 1910. Arvilla was born in 1907 and she was two years old when they were married.

Robert Melton was called Bob Melton. He moved to Montana when his parents moved there.

Arvilla didn't really know when the Melton's moved to Montana. Some of the Melton kids that died young are buried there but she doesn't know which ones.

Arvilla said that Frank was dead when she came along. She never heard of Walter.

Julie died in childbirth and is buried somewhere in Montana but Arvilla doesn't know where or when. Arvilla can remember them talking about Julie and her funeral. So, Julie probably died after Arvilla was born.

Henry left a family of six children. They are of the Mormon faith so there should be a family record in Salt Lake City. Henry's wife was named Mamie. Henry died during the late 1930's. Henry Melton died at and is buried in Hamilton, Montana.

Silas died in and is buried in California. Silas had five children and they are all dead. Three daughters and two sons. One daughter was killed in a car wreck and the other two died of cancer in a short span of time. (I believe she said that the sons were alcoholics but it was difficult to understand her.)

Julie's husband was named Walter Gore. They had three daughters. Vera, Nadine, and Hazel.

Ralph Melton was married twice. His last wife was his brother Henry's widow. Her name was Mamie. Ralph married first as a young kid but the marriage didn't last.

Maude was married three or four times. Her first husband, Willie Roebuck, was a Cherokee Indian and lived in Oklahoma. Aunt Maude's son went to Oklahoma one time to visit his father. According to Arvilla, the son was almost shot to death during the visit. He wasn't as strong as the other Roebuck Indians. He never went back for another visit. Willie Roebuck didn't move to Montana with Maude. Maude moved there with her folks after she and Roebuck didn't get along. She moved into town and went to work and raised her two kids. Maude lived in Billings, Montana. Arvilla couldn't remember the names of any of Maude's other husbands.

Robert M. Melton died 26 April 1969. His wife died 20 Dec. 1969.

Ralph is buried in St. Regis, Montana. Maude is buried in Billings.

Arvilla never knew any of Francis (Boyd) Melton's family. She recalled that one time a sister from Oklahoma visited with a daughter but Arvilla was living in Wyoming at the time and didn't get up to see them. This was Aunt Amanda Drew.

Arvilla is very friendly and bright and doesn't seem like a 78 year old.

Phone Interview With Robert Melton of Yakima, Washington - 7 Sept. 1985. (Phone 1-509-966-0675). Robert is a great-grandson of Robert H. Boyd. His address: Robert Melton, 610 Willow Lawn Rd., Yakima, WA 98908

His father was Robert M. Melton who was a son of James Melton and Francis (Boyd) Melton.

He said that his older half-sister had done some family history research and quit after a couple of years. She did live in Arkansas and her husband passed away and she has now moved with her daughter-in-law to Pennsylvania. His father was born in December 1881 in Missouri. All of his father's brothers and sisters have died. Robert Sr. had brothers

named Silas, Ralph, Rex, and Henry. He had sisters named Maude, Julia, and Ora.

Robert can remember his Melton grandparents, James and Francis. They are both buried in McCammon, Idaho. It is right next to Pocatello.

Robert's grandparents moved to Montana from Oklahoma. That is where Robert was born. They settled on the Crow Reservation near Harden, Montana. (MY NOTE: This is very close to the Little Big Horn Battlefield). Robert thought that his grandfather, James Melton, and his father, Robert Melton, homesteaded some land. Then they moved to King Hill, Idaho. (MY NOTE: This is about 60 miles southeast of Boise). From King Hill they moved to McCammon, Idaho.

Robert's brother was driving a car and James Melton was a passenger. A train hit the car and killed James Melton. He was buried at McCammon. A few years later, Francis (Boyd) Melton went to Portland to visit her daughter, Ora, and a blood vessel ruptured in her brain causing her death. Her body was also brought back to McCammon for burial. Robert said his grandmother, Francis, died about 1925 or 1926. James died a few years earlier. Robert couldn't remember his grandmother's first name. He said he had a picture of her with her name written on it.

Robert said the Meltons lived in Texas before moving to Montana. He said that his parents had lots of old pictures and they offered them to him before they died. When they died, Robert was away and he never got any of the pictures. He said that a brother got most of them and took them to his home on the coast. He then passed away. Robert said that he recently asked another brother what had happened to them and the brother said that he never got any either.

Robert said that he knew the maiden name of Francis was Boyd. He said that he never knew any of her brothers or sisters.

Robert said he had always heard that five Melton brothers came to America from Ireland. He said that his ancestors settled in the Ozark, Missouri area.

Robert can recall his family talking about Amanda Drew.

Robert said his grandmother Melton was almost deaf. When he was little he used to go visit them and stay with them for a while. People would have to shout when speaking to her in order for her to hear what was being said.

Robert's Uncle Silas Melton had a wife and several kids in Oklahoma. When James Melton moved to Montana, Silas left his family and went with his father. He never got back with his wife. Silas later moved to Twin Falls, Idaho and lived there for many years. He eventually moved to California and died there. Robert said it was his understanding that some of his children later moved to California. Robert said that one of Silas's sons came to Idaho for a visit right at the end of World War II. Robert got acquainted with him but never saw him again.

Robert's Aunt Maude was married several times. He thought she had two children. Glenn Robock(sp). and ???. She later married Swan Carlson. Maude's husband lived in Billings, Montana. Maude lived in Portland for a while. Maude was married to an Indian whose name was Robock (sp). Robert said that he worked for a while at a mental hospital in Warm Springs, Montana. Maude lived most of her life in Portland, Oregon.

Robert's half-sister has done some limited research on the family. Her address:

Arvella Bounds

Box 18

Nisbet, PA
17759

Robert said he had heard his father speak very favorably of the Stewarts. Anyway, he talked about the Stewarts an awfully lot. Robert said he has heard the names of Steven and Josephine Stewart.

Robert said he knew that he had an Aunt Julia but she was never around the family. He didn't know anything about her. She must have lived in another state.

Robert's Uncle Ralph died just a few years ago. He has a son, Lester, who lives at St. Regis, Montana. Robert said that Lester should know quite a bit about the family because he was raised by his Melton grandparents after his own parents separated. Robert said that Lester would be about 70 years old. Robert said that he (Robert) was 65. Robert said that Ralph lived in Montana, Idaho, and near Portland, Oregon. He thought that Ralph would probably be buried at St. Regis but wasn't sure. Robert thought that Ralph died at Portland.

Uncle Rex Melton was killed in Montana around 1910. He was bucked off a horse and one of his feet got caught in the stirrup and he was dragged and died from the injuries. Robert couldn't remember Rex but thought the accident happened about the time he was born.

Aunt Ora passed away not too long ago. Her youngest daughter is still living there. Aunt Ora was married to a Kittelson???. She lived in Portland for years. She owned a hotel there and became quite wealthy. She also owned a lot of real estate.

Uncle Henry Melton was killed by lightning in Montana. He and another fellow were hauling hay when the lightning struck. Robert said that this accident happened about 1934-1935. Henry couldn't see very well.

Robert's father, Robert M. Melton, died around 1970. He was in his late 80's when he died.

Aunt Ora's youngest daughter is named Ellen Drinkwater and she lives in Portland, Oregon. Robert said his half-sister would have her address and phone number.

Robert was very friendly and offered to help all that he could.

Telephone Interview With Richard Drew Wilkerson of Pampa, Texas - 28 Dec. 1985 - Phone 1-806-665-5123

Richard is a grandson of Amanda (Boyd) Drew. He goes by the name of Drew Wilkerson.

Jack Drew of Lubbock, Texas has the family history that Lalor (Drew) Wilkerson put together. Richard did have it but Jack borrowed it and has failed to return it. Jack Drew is a son of Virgil Drew. His address is 2702 61st Street, Lubbock, Texas. Jack is about 60 years old. The family book compiled by Lalor Wilkerson is mostly pictures. Jack borrowed the book about 8 or 9 years ago to make copies of some of it and has not returned it.

Richard said the work compiled by his mother was totally on the Drew Family as best he can recall. He doesn't remember anything about the Boyd family being mentioned except for the marriage of Amanda to Lucious Drew.

Richard does not remember ever meeting any of his grandmother's family although he may have when he was a child. He remembers his Aunt Beatrice mentioning visiting some relatives that lived away but he has no idea of their names or even where they lived. Beatrice

was more interested in family history than most people.

The Drew family came from Americus, Georgia. The father of Lucious Drew was James (Jimmy) Drew. James had a son named James and also a son named Virgil. The Drews moved from Americus to Baylor Co., Texas. They filed on some land there. Later, some of them moved to the Berlin, Oklahoma area and filed on land there when it was opened up for settlement. The sons filed and daughters filed etc. They lived there and sort of looked after each other. Richard didn't know who the wife of James Drew was.

Some of the Drews are buried in the Henson Cemetery in Baylor Co., Texas. Lucious Drew is buried there. Amanda Drew and her daughter, Beatrice, are buried in Oklahoma City. Amanda Drew enjoyed living in Oklahoma City. She disliked living on the farm. Lucious and Amanda lived in Oklahoma City for a while during the early 1900's. They then moved to a farm in Baylor Co., Texas and Amanda disliked living there in Baylor County on the farm. Lucious and Amanda Drew also lived in Clarendon, Texas for a while and Lucious operated a wagon yard there. This would have been around 1920. They moved from McLain, Texas to Clarendon. They operated some kind of a boarding house while living in McLain.

Richard was born in 1917. They had already made the move from McLain to Clarendon by this time. From Clarendon, Lucious and Amanda moved to Oklahoma City and lived for a while. Richard visited them there a couple of times when he was a child. Richard has some pictures of him and his grandparents at Clarendon. He was about 2 or 3 yrs. old at the time. The Drews lived in Oklahoma City until about 1923. They next moved outside Seymour, Texas where they lived until Lucious Drew died. After Lucious died, Amanda moved back to Oklahoma City and lived there until shortly before her death when she was put in a nursing home at Elk City.

Richard's father was named Richard P. Wilkerson. His father disliked his middle name. Richard said he thought his middle name was Pigg and he was named after an evangelist that was working in the area at the time he was born. Anyway, he never used the middle name.

Richard's wife is named Virginia.

Richard's sister has the Drew Family Bible. The Bible belonged to Lucious and Amanda Drew. Mrs. Austin Myers is her name and she lives at 2115 Routt, Lakewood, Colorado 80215. Lakewood is a suburb of Denver. Her phone number: 303-233-0052 Richard said that his grandmother, Amanda, wore a hole in the family Bible changing her date of birth. He said that the older she got the younger she got in the Bible.

Richard said that he lived with Lucious and Amanda Drew for a portion of his childhood. When they lived on the farm in Baylor County, things were pretty tough. They could barely make ends meet. Richard said that every year, the day after school was dismissed, he went to their farm in Baylor County and worked hard all summer up until the day before school started. At that time he would return to his home and live with his parents.

Richard said that Amanda was a stern woman and quick tempered. When she told you to do something she meant for you to do it then and not poke around. Richard said he has seen her throw a stove iron all the way across the kitchen.

Richard said that as a youngster he would often stand on his ankles. She told him a time or two to stop doing that. Afterwards, if he stood on his ankles, she kicked his ankles. He said she didn't go around mad all the time but she meant what she said.

Amanda had naturally curly hair. It was grey for as long as he can remember. He said that she had a mind of her own. He said she kept lots of things inside of her such as she could hardly stand living on the farm. When she became senile, she was very, very difficult to deal with. She became senile about 1958.

Richard said that he is a plumber. He can remember his grandmother and his Aunt Beatrice driving out to the west coast for a visit with some relatives out there.

Lolar (Drew) Wilkerson died June 14, 1974.

Richard said that Amanda was below average in size. She was smaller than all of her children.

Richard said he always had the feeling that Amanda's marriage was not acceptable to the Boyd clan. He thought this may have been the reason for her isolation from the rest of the Boyd family. Amanda was only 14 when she married Lucious Drew, who was 35.

Richard's address: 2324 Christine St., Pampa, Texas 79065

Telephone Interview With Jack Drew of Lubbock, Texas - 11 Jan. 1986 - Phone 1-806-794-5406

Address: Jack Drew, 4807 78th St., Lubbock, TX 79424

Jack said that he has the research compiled by Lalor Belle Wilkerson but it is not exactly correct. He said that she didn't do very much. Jack said that his wife has done genealogy research especially on her side of the family.

Jack seemed very interested in my research and offered to exchange information. He took my phone number.

His father, Virgil Drew, was buried in Pampa, Texas. Virgil was born 11 March 1903 and he died 25 Aug. 1967. Jack's mother, Oma Griggs, is still living. She will be 83 next month (Feb.).

Jack had an Aunt Mantie who was married to Charles Trent.

Jack said he thought that Cloud Drew's wife was about 87 years old. She is from Muskogee, Oklahoma. She is still very active. She doesn't like to reveal her age.

The middle name of Lucious Drew was Winchester.

Jack said Amanda Drew was buried the date that John Glynn made his first orbit of the Earth. Jack said he never knew any of her brothers or sisters.

Phone Conversation with Mrs. Gordon Drinkwater of Portland, Oregon - 16 Nov. 1985 - Ellen is a daughter of Ora Melton.

Arvella Bounds had written to her and told her that I would probably be getting in touch. She said that she had written to about five cousins in Tacoma to try to find out some information on where and when her Melton grandparents were buried. She has a copy of the letter that I mailed to Mrs. Bounds.

She said that she has the family Bible of James Melton. She has had some copies made of one page, the birth page is the only one that has any information. It tells when James and Francis were born as well as their children's birth dates. No deaths or marriage dates.

She said that she couldn't remember her grandfather Melton. She can barely remember her grandmother Melton. She was about 4 ½ years old when Francis (Boyd) Melton died. She is now 59 years old. So, Francis Melton died about 1930. Francis was living in Portland with Mrs. Drinkwater and her sister at the time of death.

She said she knew most of the children of James and Francis Melton. Ralph, Silas,

Bob, and Maude. She said that Aunt Maude, who lived in Portland, was her favorite. Maude had one son, Glen Robuck, who lived in Billings, Montana but he is now dead. Maude also had a daughter that died as a teenager. I believe those are the only two children that Maude had. She said she went to Maude's funeral with her daughter who was about 12 years old at the time. The daughter, Mrs. Drinkwater's, is 39 years old now. So, Maude died about 1959. Maude died in a little town just out of Billings, Montana. Maude is buried in Billings with her daughter.

She said Uncle Silas lived in California. She said she could remember seeing him only one time.

She knew that she had an Aunt Julia but she was dead before Mrs. Drinkwater was born. She said that Julia had a daughter living who now lives in Canby, Oregon. Her name is Nadine Maloney. MY NOTE: There are no Maloneys in Canby.

She also had an Uncle Henry who was a little younger than her mother and who was also her mother's favorite brother. She doesn't remember ever seeing him but she did say she remembered her mother going to his funeral.

She knew that she had an Uncle Rex. She said he was dead long before she was born. She said that she has some report cards that belonged to Rex. She said that her mother said that Rex was killed by a horse when he was young. She said that her mother has a card with Rex's death date on it and she might be able to find it.

She said that her grandmother didn't know how to write. The Bible information was written by James Melton. Mrs. Bounds told her that information.

She said that she met Aunt Amanda (Drew) and her daughter one time when they visited Oregon. She seemed to think that Amanda lived in Oklahoma City at the time. She wasn't sure but thought this was probably during the 1950's. Amanda stayed with D's aunt and then they all went to Tacoma to visit Robert Melton.

She asked that I send her some information. She said that she was really interested in what I might have.

She said that she got a letter from Mrs. Bounds today. A few weeks back, Mrs. Bounds sent her the information that I had written. She and her husband had copies made and mailed to some cousins in Tacoma.

Mrs. Drinkwater's mother died in March, 1979. She was married twice. Mrs. Drinkwater's father was Nells Lindholm. Mrs. Drinkwater's stepfather was a Fleming.

I asked that she send me a copy of the Bible page and she said she would. MY NOTE: She didn't seem particularly bright and I don't really know if she can be depended on. She was very friendly.

She kept saying that she thought it was awfully nice that I called.

She never heard of Robert H. Boyd. She never heard of Florence Boyd. She said she would like to have a copy of the Florence and Francis Boyd picture that I have.

Phone Interview With Mrs. Cloud (Mary) Drew of Pampa, Texas, 28 Dec. 1985 Phone 1-806-665-1943 - Amanda (Boyd) Drew was her mother-in-law.

Virgil Drew lived in Pampa, Texas when he died. His family has since moved to Lubbock, Texas. Virgil's wife lives there as does a son. The son is named Jackson Virgil Drew. He is named after his father. Virgil only had the one brother, Cloud, who died in 1971. Virgil died about 1965 or 1966. All of their sisters are also dead.

M said that Virgil's sister, Lalor Wilkerson, did some family history work and put

it together in a book. M said that Lalor's son, who lives in Pampa probably has the book. If he doesn't have it then his sister has it. The son's name is Richard Drew Wilkerson. Everyone calls him Drew. L-A-L-O-R was the way that she spelled her named - pronounced like Laylah. Drew has a sister, Mrs. Austin Meyers/Myers who lives in Denver, Colorado. She may have the book. Richard Drew Wilkerson has a son named Richard Drew II and a grandson named Richard Drew III. All three lives in Pampa. Drew Sr. has a plumbing shop in Pampa called Builders Plumbing and Supply. His home number is 1-806-665-5123. Drew Sr. has another sister that lives in Pampa. Her name is Margaret. Lalor Wilkerson only had the three children. Drew Sr. is about 67, Margaret is about 65, and Lalor Belle is the youngest at age 61. Drew Sr. has the one son. Lalor Belle had two children but one was killed in an accident a few years ago. Margaret is not married and lives alone in pampa.

M's husband was named C-L-O-U-D (like a rain cloud). Cloud Oswald Drew was his full name. He really didn't care for his name.

Virgil Drew has two children: A son in Lubbock and a married daughter also living in Lubbock. Her name is Mrs. Charles -?- and she has two children.

M said that Beatrice (Drew) Cole died in March of 1972. MY NOTE: SHE ACTUALLY DIED IN FEBRUARY, 1972. Cloud Drew died 4 Aug. 1971. Cloud died in Pampa but was taken back to Muskogee, Oklahoma for burial. M said that her family had a plot there. That is where she is from. M said that she plans to move back to Muskogee before long. Virgil Drew is buried in Pampa, Texas. Virgil also bought a plot for his wife as it was thought she would continue to live in Pampa. But she decided to move to Lubbock where her two children live.

Lalor Drew was married to R.P. Wilkerson in Clarendon, Texas. They had the three children: Richard, Margaret, and Lalor. Virgil had the two children: Jack and -?-. Those were the only grandchildren that Amanda Drew had. Lalor (Drew) Wilkerson is buried in Clarendon as is her husband. The Wilkersons were from Clarendon.

Two other children of Amanda (Boyd) Drew were Mantie and Florence. Florence was called Dolly and she was the youngest. Mantie married Charles Trent down at Clarendon, Texas. She died about 1933. M said that she and her husband, Cloud, moved to Pampa in 1931. Dolly died a couple of years later. Dolly never married. M said the Trents were prominent people in Clarendon. Mantie had no children. Charles Trent's mother and father owned the ice factory in Clarendon.

M knew that the Drews were from Georgia. M and her husband lived in Tulsa after marrying but moved to Texas in 1931. M said that Amanda and Lucious Drew were living in Seymour, Texas when the move was made in 1931. Lucious Drew is buried in Seymour as is Dolly, who is buried next to her father. Actually the cemetery is out from Seymour a little ways. Beatrice (Drew) Cole and Amanda Drew are buried in Oklahoma City. Lalor Belle and Mantie are both buried in Clarendon, Texas. So, they are really scattered out. Virgil is buried in pampa, Texas.

Lucious Drew was an Irishman. He had red-sandy hair and a red-sandy moustache. Amanda Drew was very dark complexioned. She had very black hair and dark eyes. All of the children but Virgil looked like their mother. They were dark. Lucious Drew died at Seymour, Texas. M said that she and her husband were holding his hand when he died. M thought that Lucious died in 1937 but Amanda's obituary said 1939. M knew for sure that the date was July 27 because that is her niece's birthday. M was supposed to go the niece's birthday

party but couldn't because Mr. Drew was so ill. Lucious Drew was 20 years older than Amanda, his wife. M didn't think that Lucious had been married before. He had a farm near Seymour, Texas and Amanda was in the area on a visit. They met and were married shortly thereafter.

M said that she and Cloud Drew were married 19 Nov. 1927 at Bartelsville, Oklahoma. Cloud was working with a rig company in Tulsa at the time. They lived in Tulsa for a few years and then Cloud went into the lumber business with a man. Cloud then went on his home and they ended up at Pampa, Texas. He established the Builder's Supply Company in Pampas around 1940. It is a rather large business in Pampa. A nephew has now taken it over.

M's maiden name was Mary Nelle Wilkinson and she was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

M said she didn't know much about Amanda Drew's family. She said she heard something about a brother of Amandas that may have been killed in a war but just didn't know.

M said the Drews used to visit them a lot. M said she thought a lot of Amanda Drew. M said that Mr. Drew was a lot of fun. He was always telling a story. He kidded M about her being a city girl. She thought an awfully lot of him.

Cloud Drew was a big man -- about 6'2" and weighed around 225 pounds. When he died he had lost a lot of weight and was about 6'1" tall. Virgil wasn't as tall as Cloud. Lalor was also tall for a woman.

Deaths in the Drew family came in this order: Mantie was first, Dolly was next, then Mr. Drew, then Mrs. Drew, then Virgil, then Cloud, then Beatrice, and then Lalor. Lalor died about July 1975.

There were two sets of Drew children separated by about four years in age: Cloud, Lalor, and Mantie; Beatrice, Virgil, and Dolly.

Beatrice was married twice. Her second husband was E.E. Cole. Bea and her first husband were not together for very long. Bea was a school teacher. Beatrice met Mr. Cole while teaching school not far from Pampa. Beatrice did not have any children. Beatrice, Mantie, Dolly, and Cloud did not have any children. Only two of Amanda's kids had children.

Beatrice married her first husband during the 1920's. M never met him. Beatrice was living in Texas at the time. M remembers hearing about Bea being married. This was about the time that M and Cloud were married. M thinks that the man Bea was first married to later died but she isn't sure about that.

Virgil's wife was named Oma Griggs and she was from Clarendon.

M said that Richard Drew Wilkerson Sr. is named after his father and grandfather. He will be at work during the day time. He owns Wilkerson Lumber Company in Pampa. I believe M said that she sold out to him. Cloud actually started the company.

M knew that Amanda Drew's maiden name was Boyd. M didn't know that Amanda had any brothers and sisters. M seemed to think that she may have had a brother but she said she had never heard reference to any of Amanda's people.

M said that Beatrice Drew took her mother on a trip to Washington or someplace in the northwest to visit some cousins a couple of years before Amanda's death. They also visited the old homestead where Beatrice was born. It was a log cabin. MY NOTE: THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN IN ROGER MILLS COUNTY.

M said she doubted that Drew Wilkerson would know as much about the family as she does. But his mother did do some work on family history. M said that she hinted to Drew that she would like to have the book but Drew said that it should remain in the family.

M said (I believe) that Drew's sister, Margaret was married at one time but divorced. M was very friendly and asked that I come see her if ever down that way.

Interview With Opal Melton of Ponce de Leon, Missouri -- 1979

"Florence Boyd's family lived about three miles south of Ozark in the Elk Valley community."

Phone Interview With Lester Melton of St. Regis, Montana, 8 Sept. 1985 - Lester is a grandson of James and Francis Melton.

Lester is hard of hearing. He has a cousin named Jimmy Melton. He said his grandfather was John Melton but this is incorrect. He couldn't remember his grandmother's name. He said he lived with his grandparents for some time when he was just a little kid growing up. Lester has a half-sister living in Tacoma, Washington. Lester said that he has an aunt living in a nursing home that lived with them about that time too. Her name is Mamie Melton. Lester's wife is named Lilah. Mamie was Uncle Henry Melton's wife. Henry is buried in the Bitter Root Valley in Montana. (MY NOTE: There is a Bitter Root River in Western Montana). Henry was struck by lightning.

Lester's Aunt Julia Melton died when she was quite young during childbirth. Lester can't remember ever seeing her. If he did, he was so small that he couldn't remember. He thought she probably died before he was born. Lester guessed that she was probably buried at Billings or Harden, Montana. But she may have been buried at Colstrip as the Meltons first homesteaded land in that area.

Lester's Uncle Silas Melton died at the age of 83 in California.

Lester's father, Ralph Melton, died in 1965.

Lester's Uncle Rex died when he was a young fellow. He was dragged to death by a horse when his foot caught in the stirrup. Lester said that Rex was dead before he was born. Anyway, he couldn't remember him.

Both of Lester's grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. James Melton, are buried in McCammon, Idaho. Lester was already grown and away from home when this happened. James Melton was killed when a train hit the car in which he was riding. Lester and his father went down for the funeral. He remembers helping to get his grandmother moved into town. They had been living on a farm near McCammon. The railroad company paid her quite a bit of money for the accident because the train crossing signal was not operating properly. She then moved to Portland, Oregon to live with her daughter, Ora Fleming. She lived with Ora for the rest of her life. Francis (Boyd) Melton died in Portland, Oregon but Ora had the body taken to McCammon, Idaho for burial beside her husband.

Lester estimated that his grandfather was killed around 1930. His grandmother lived a few more years.

Ora died about three years ago. She lived to be into her eighties. Lester said Ora only had one child, a daughter. The daughter had two female grandchildren that are now living in California. Lester has lost contact with them and has no idea where they may now be living. Lester said he saw the two grandchildren when they were little. Lester's wife said that Ora's daughter was now in a nursing home some place. Lester said that his

half-sister would know where Ora's daughter is living. The name of his half sister is: Mrs. Don Shjerven and her phone number is 1-206-474-5663. She lives in Tacoma, Washington. She is several years younger than Lester. He said she would be about 48 years old. Her mother, Mamie, is in the nursing home. Lester was aware of no one that has done any research on the Melton family. Lester knew his grandmother Melton's maiden name was Boyd.

Lester said his grandparents were very good to him when he was little and needed it. He lived with them until he was about seven years old. He moved in with them when he was about four or five. Lester said that he was about 14 when his grandfather Melton was killed. Since Lester was born around 1915, James would have died about 1930. Lester said his grandmother lived with Ora in Portland for about five years before dying.

Lester never knew any of his grandmother's family. He never heard of Amanda Drew. He never heard of Thomas Boyd.

Lester said the Meltons moved to Montana from Purcell, Oklahoma.

Lester said that I should be sure to call his half-sister as she has kept much better track of the family than he has.

Lester was very friendly but didn't know much about the family.

Letter From Ron Stewart, 211 N. 1st St., Marion, Kansas -- 3 Jan. 1986

"With regard to the children of Robert H. Boyd -- I think Thomas J. Boyd was born in Missouri instead of Illinois. On early census records, Ill. is given, but on the 1900, he gives Missouri. After deserting, I'd think Robert got the family out of Illinois as fast as possible. Tom homesteaded the 160 acre farm across the road from Steve Stewart's place. He sold it prior to 1895 and moved south of out Cleveland Co., Oklahoma Territory into what is now McClain County, but then was Indian Territory (which was south of the South Canadian River). Birdie D. And William S. Were both born in Indian Territory. It is about 4 1/2 miles from Tom's homestead to the river. During the land run of 1889, the river was the southern starting line. Steve Stewart and Tom Boyd both rode north on horseback to stake their claims. Years later, in the early 1940's (I believe it was 1940) my Uncle Manford purchased the farm Tom had homesteaded and Manford lived there until 1968 or 1969."

"The Steve Stewart cemetery was right across the road and about 1/4 mile south of Manford's house. My grandfather told me there were four graves there between two cedar trees -- which were the only landmarks, in later years. The graves were fenced for many years, but in the war years (World War II) my grandfather, Earl Stewart, told Delmar Kelley, who owned the farm the cemetery is on, he could take the fence down and mow the land there, but he didn't want the trees removed because they were the landmark. About 1955 one of the cedars was cut down for a Christmas tree at the Antioch Christian Church and it caused a few ripples. The other tree is still there."

"Granddad said Grandma Boyd, his brother, William M. Stewart, and his Aunt, Dora Stewart Oliver, were buried there along with a child that was not in the family, but had died and Steve let the parents bury the child there."

"Tom Boyd lived south of highway 9, about half way between the Canadian River Bridge at Norman and highway 62 which runs from Newcastle and Blanchard. Tom is buried in a cemetery in that area because Granddad often said he'd like to look for his grave. Uncle Tom was one of the uncles Granddad visited."

“Uncle Jim Melton was another of the uncles he visited. Granddad and Cy & Bob were very close. Jim Melton returned to Indian Territory before 1892 when Ralph was born. He didn't move to Noble until after 1900 since Noble was in Oklahoma Territory. Jim Melton lived near Newcastle. Bob worked on a ranch that is along highway 37 between Tuttle & Newcastle & got his ear torn off working cattle when a steer hooked his ear with a horn. The ear was sown back on but left a bad scar that Bob showed us boys in 1950 when he visited granddad from Montana. Jim Melton may have worked on that ranch, but I don't know for sure. The ranch was managed by Ed Copeland, who was a 3rd cousin to my mother's father. In the old Chickasaw Nation, white men could not own land -- they had to rent and live there on permit.”

“The brother, William Boyd, that ran away was probably Perry William. I didn't know William was Perry's middle name. My grandfather and my great-aunt Meddie said he had a fight with his mother. Granddad thought he may have gone to Denver. I'm sure that's what Steve Stewart must have thought for Granddad to think it. At the time the Stewarts & Meltons left Kansas, Steve's youngest brother, Luther Stewart, went to Denver and didn't go to Indian Territory. I don't know if they were close or not. They were within 5 or 6 years of the same age. I always thought he was an older brother to Josephine. Granddad called him William.”

“When the wagons left Kansas, they must have included James Melton & family, Amanda Boyd & Mandy & Tom Boyd, Robert Stewart (who was single like Tom), Steve Stewart and family, John R. Oliver (married to Dora Sewart -- Dora died in September of 1889) and family. Also traveling with them was the family of Ed Hisel. Ed was granddad's age. This might be a clue as to what part of Kansas they left from. Harden's death certificate didn't show where he was born, but Ed Hisel's might. If you know where Silas Melton or Maude died, their death certificates might indicate their birthplace in Kansas. Ed Hisel is buried in Oklahoma City.”

“I believe the answer to Robert's parents could be found with DAR records on Boyd histories, but it's been over 3 years since I had that great gestalt, and I'll have to re-strategize that plan. In my notes I wrote Margaret wasn't his mother, but don't no why I wrote it.”

“My dad told me Aunt Many Drew had 3 children -- Manchild, Dolly and Beatrice. I met Aunt Mandy several times in the 40's and 50's. She visited Granddad a lot, and we were at her house once that I remember. I only met Beatrice of her children.”

“P.S. -- After sleeping on this, Bessie's death certificate may have the Kansas location of her birth. Bessie married J. E. (Ern) Ferguson and she died young. The older children in the family were still living and Jose may have been still living.”

“On the 1880 census for Christian County, Etta Frances -- Eddie F. 9/12 yrs. Old is enumerated as Stephen Stewart's step-dtr. Etta Frances may have been a daughter of one of the older Boyd sisters. I know she was not a daughter of Steve's brother's or sisters -- I have the Stewart family complete. Etta Frances was called Ettie. She died at 3 years of age and Grandma Boyd kept her shoes and would show them to the other kids, including my grandfather, when they would find them in the closet.”

Letter From Ron Stewart, 211 N. 1st St., Marion, Kansas -- 18 Feb. 1986

“I was surprised that Robert Boyd died in 1893 . . . also relieved. I was afraid we would never get him located here in Kansas. The further west people lived in Kansas in 1885, the less the records that are available.”

“He may well be buried with Mandy's husband at Seymour, Texas. The records there may not be great, but would have to be better than Oklahoma records for the 1890's.”

“The search goes on. We checked McClain Co., Oklahoma tombstones -- Tom Boyd doesn't have one. We also checked Cotton County tombstones -- none there either for him. I'm sure he was buried in McClain County. His wife being remarried and at Walters would indicate that her new husband went there in 1906 when that part of Oklahoma was opened by sealed bid in December of that year.”

“Bessie Stewart Ferguson died Feb. 22, 1920 and my daughter, Billye, is to check this week for an obituary hoping it will disclose the Kansas birthplace . . . an maybe an older Boyd sister.”

“Steve Stewart moved to Lincoln Co., in 1894 or 1895, but we can't tie down the exact date . . . but the abstract company at Chandler, Oklahoma could tell us. It will be late March before I can get there.”

“James Melton was perhaps the family member that made the run of 1889 that didn't get any land. It was either him or Robert Stewart. We all heard the story & no one can remember who it was. Dad thinks it was not the plan for Many & the Meltons to stay in Oklahoma. Since Robert Boyd was still alive, there would be motivation for him to go on to Texas if one of the older daughters was already there. I had assumed it was Meltons who were already there.”

“One thing that stands out in my mind, after Robert Boyd deserted the army, I would think he would want out of Illinois. Those folks were shot for that. Amnesty wasn't given until December 25th, 1868. I don't think they would have stayed there.”

Letter From Ron Stewart, 211 N. 1st St., Marion, Kansas -- 14 Feb. 1986

“In the early 1920's, Josephine Boyd Stewart visited Missouri with Vernie (her daughter). In 1975, I interviewed Gertrude Oliver Gatton (the daughter of Dora Stewart Oliver -- Dora is buried in the Steve Stewart Cemetery). Gertie is dead now, I have been told, but she told me that when Josie and Vernie visited her at Reeds Spring, she was going on her next stop to visit some of her relatives named Majors and they were in that area -- I assumed at that time between there and Springfield.”

Letter from Ron Stewart of Marion, Kansas -- 2 Sept. 1996

I went through the remainder of the Harper Co., Kansas census for 1885. Much to my surprise, I didn't find Thomas J. Boyd, James Melton, Robert Stewart, or Luther Stewart. In thinking about this, I have to assume they were probably in Barber County or maybe in Kingman County. We know that Silas and Maude Melton were born in Kansas. Robert Boyd's old place is only a couple of miles from the Barber and Kingman County lines. From the Boyd farm it was about 20 miles to the town of Kingman.

The other thing that seems to be reflected is that the older children of Robert Boyd did have to work out as my great-aunt Med related to me. I'll try to check out the census of Barber County later this month.

When the Steve Stewart family left Kansas, Robert Boyd and the Melton's were with them in a small group of five wagons. The Hisel family was in one wagon and perhaps Tom had a wagon. My grandfather was standing near the campfire and his pants caught on fire. He ran and only Mandy Boyd could catch him and roll him in the dirt to put the fire out.

I had an original print of Perry Boyd that was in the possession of Luther Stewart when Luther died in 1913. It was sent from Denver, were Luther went after the families left Kansas, back to his family in Missouri. I didn't know who was in the picture. When my cousin Mary sent the print of him, then I knew who the photo was. Perry may have been in Colorado for Luther to

have had the picture. I have other old photo's taken at the same studio and they all say Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Terr., before 1907 when Oklahoma became a state. After that they just read Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, so Perry was in Ok. City after 1907. Granddad always said his mother had a brother named William who ran away. He didn't say if he ran away as a boy or as a man. I'm sure Perry William had to be that brother.

Robert H. Boyd may have been a drunkard, I don't know, but it seems likely. In 1976, when Judi and I were in Missouri, we visited with Gertrude Oliver, the daughter of Steve Stewart's sister Dora, who was buried on the Steve Stewart place along with Amanda Boyd and Willie Stewart and someone else. Gertrude was two when her mother died, and after returning to Missouri, her father died. Gertie was raised by the Oliver's but spent the summer's with the Stewart's. She loved most of her Uncle's and her Grandmother Stewart, but she said Joe Stewart Jr. was big and lazy and a blowhard and didn't do nothing and she didn't like to stay with him. So he may have been a little hard on your Grandmother while being himself.

In regard to the Melton's, after they returned from Texas, they settled on the south side of the South Canadian River in what is now McClain County. That is why the census shows part of the kids being born in Indian Territory. It was the Chickasaw Nation back then. Jim worked on a large ranch between Newcastle and Tuttle. From there they moved south of Norman and Northwest of Noble in Cleveland Co., Oklahoma Territory. They had a good bottom farm that is near an old cemetery. I haven't seen it since I was a kid, when my Granddad took me down there. I grew up in Cleveland Co., about five miles from the Steve Stewart homestead.

I loved the pictures, especially of Aunt Mandy. I'd have known that face anywhere, but never realized that she was ever young. I used to see her in the late forties and fifties. She was thin and as straight as a board and never stopped talking. Sometimes I felt she was talking at me instead of with me. She had a beautiful sense of humor.

Tom Boyd homesteaded the place across the road from Steve Stewart in 1889, in the next section. They had to prove the farms up which took five years. They sold their farms in Cleveland Co. and in 1895, on May 23, the Kickapoo lands were opened by run over in Lincoln Co. Steve Stewart got a place, but Tom didn't. Tom returned to where the Melton's were in Indian Territory, which was only about six or seven miles from where he had homesteaded in Cleveland County, on the south side of the river. He is buried in a church yard that is in McClain Co., south of highway nine, west of Norman and south of the river. Granddad and I looked for his grave in the late fifties, but didn't find it.

I've written my cousin, Mary, and asked her to make you a better copy of the Melton picture. Also, I think the picture that she wrote under asking if we where related to the James is of the Melton boy's. Granddad always said Silas was built like him, about 5'10" and that Bob was tall. I met Bob in the late fifties when he came to visit Granddad. He was about 6'2" the best I remember. Granddad was close to his Uncle Jim and his family. After Steve Stewart's family moved to Arlington, in Lincoln Co., Granddad and his brother Harden would go back to visit with the Melton's and to see Tom and their Uncle Bob Stewart before he was killed. Granddad always said Bob Stewart drowned while crossing the Canadian River. Joe Stewart Jr. told his son Roy that Bob had bullet holes in him before he hit the water. I don't know, but I trusted Granddad and Gertie.

The picture of Julia sure fits with the girl in the middle of the group picture. I would think the boy with James and Frances would have to be one of the younger boys, Rex or Ralph, but don't really know. James looks older in that picture than he does in the picture with Frances and the girl I assume was Maude.

Enclosed is a picture of Josephine Boyd Stewart that was taken about 1919. These are the mothers of my Grandparents Earl and Mary Stewart.

Stewart Family Reunion, "Christian County Republican" Mid-Dec. 1898

"It was at this pleasant home that occurred a reunion of the family of Joseph Stewart of which I wish to write.

It was the first reunion ever held by this family and the members had scattered to the four quarters of earth, and of course this reunion was a notable event in its history.

The date set for the meeting of those who had been long separated, 'twas well chosen being the day set apart by President McKinley, as a day of Thanksgiving.

Those present and enjoying the pleasure of the day and occasion were Mrs. Margaret Stewart, widow of Joseph Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Dishman, Springfield, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Nelson V. Stewart, Reno, Mo., Mrs. Lizzie Clark and son Ernest, Ozark, Mo., Steven J. Stewart, Arlington, Okla., Geo. C. Stewart Garber, Mo., and Percy and Ferdie Dishman.

The time passed rapidly and pleasantly but the most enjoyable part of it all was to hear Steve Stewart relate his experience as a Christian. His old friends to Christian county will remember him as a wild, wreckless, drinking young man while he lived among them. Now all is changed and his greatest delight is in telling to others the goodness of God in renewing him from the "gall of bitterness and the boads of impurity."

Steve Stewart married Josie, daughter of Bob Boyd, who lived for many years in the Clapp settlement some 5 or 6 miles south of Ozark.

When the Oklahoma lands were opened for settlement, Steve made the "run" and seared 160 acres of fine land and is now one of the substantial farmers of that county.

Of 11 children born to Joseph and Margaret Stewart, 8 are now living.

The aged mother of these children greatly enjoyed having them with her on this occasion and hopes to again meet them in reunion."

It was regretted that John Stewart of Louisiana, Mo., and Joseph of Reno, could not attend this gathering of the family. Nelson Stewart is a prosperous and respected merchant at Reno."

Stephen J. Stewart Biography posted on Ancestry.com by bettyjudy – 4 December 2010

Stephen J. Stewart was quite a "scrapper". One of the popular sports, or passtimes of his day was to wrestle and show your strength. Stephen seemed to be one of the strongest and stoutest men in the area where he lived. This caused him to have a "reputation" that he had to live up to, or defend. He tired of that way of life and it is rumored that this was the reason he moved his family to a different area. He, along with his in-laws and some of the other Stewarts and Boyds, moved from Christian County, Missouri to Harper County, Kansas. They stayed there a while and then heard about the Indian Lands of Oklahoma being opened to settlers. They then packed up their families and moved down to Oklahoma Territory and waited for the Land Run. On the morning of 22 April, 1889, Stephen Stewart picked his fastest horse and was at the starting line for the gunshot that would open up the lands. After what was probably the race of a lifetime, he ended up staking a claim on 160 acres that would later become 119th and South Meridian in Oklahoma City. They stayed there for about 4 years and then sold the property and moved to Arlington, in Lincoln County, Oklahoma. During the time that they lived on the "homestead" there were 4 family members buried on the property. The property was sold a couple of times later and it is now owned by the Will Rogers World Airport. Sadly, the graves have "blended" into the airport

runways and land.