

BOYKIN of ISLE of WIGHT

Edward Boykin, the first of his family in Virginia, is said to have been born at Caernarvon in Wales, but this is unsupported tradition. Ewen, his "Surmanes" in England, lists among the taxpayers in Huntingdonshire one John Boykyn in 1327 (p. 164). This "Joh'n" abbreviation could be meant for "Johann, and link the origin with Continental Europe. Raadt in his "Armories of BelguirL,- Luxembourg Allenayne," etc. gives the following reference to arms of Boykin.

"Boiken, - Godfridus Boiken echevin de Bruselles, 1286; un chevron accompagne de dix billetes, six in chef, trois (2.1) dans chaque canton, et quatre (1, 2, 1) en pointe. L.: SS Godefrjdi dehuse. (Brux)".

Also, ... "Franco dietus Boijken, echevin illec. 1300: memeeu. L. Franke Boieken."

Translated, this is: "Godfridus Boiken, a gentleman of Bruxelles in 1286 was granted arms of which the shield had a chevron between ten billetes (letters or oblongs in heraldry) and which were arranged on the shield 2 & 1 in each upper corner, and 1, 2 & 1 in the lower portion (en pointe)." "L is for legend and the cross illustrated is the sign used to indicate one in Foreign Service. "Brux" is abbreviation for Bruselles, — or Bruxelles as spelled then. "Franco dixtus Boijken, echevin illec 1300" etc., means this Frank Boijken was also of the same stock, lived in 1300.

Edward Boykin was a land owner in Isle of Wight Co. in 1678, for on July 3, 1678, Nicholas Cobb sold Thomas Tooke land adjacent to James Manning and EDWARD BOYKIN. (17c - 580). He patented 520 acres on the Blackwater in 1685 and Arthur Allen sold him 525 acres at Blackwater Aug. 9, 1692 (Id. - 607). Also Arthur Allen of "Lawnes Creek Parish, Surry Co.", on Feb. 5, 1702, sold to Edward Boykin "of the Upper Parish of Isle of Wight one half of 800 acres of land granted to said Arthur Allen and Wm. Edwarde, late of James City". (Id 649) Edward Boykin held 1100 acres of land in the Quit Rents of 1704 (Id 698). That truth is better than fiction is proven in this case because some early writers gave "Ann Marshall" as his wife without any proof, whereas his wife was evidently a daughter of William Gwaltney, Sr., who made his will in Surry, March 28, 1728, same probated March 2, 1732. (W.B. 8 - 257) (See H. S. F. Vol. II, p. 116) Wm. Gwaltney gave his "GRANDSON EDWARD BOYKIN one cow". This was Edward Boykin, Jr., who returned an account of the estate of his father, Edward Boykin, March 1730 - 31 in Isle of Wight. (C 11 - 51)

William Gwaltney's wife was Alice Flake, daughter of Robert Flake and his wife Margaret Marriott, granddaughter of Thomas Warren, of the famous ^{VI} Warren House¹¹ of Surry. (See V. H.G.)

Edward Boykin I died in Isle of Wight Co., Va. His will, probated in said county on 27th day of May 1728 (date of will 4 January 1725-26). (Book 3, p. 98). The will reads: "I give unto my loving son John Boykin the plantation whereon I now live and all land thereto belonging being five hundred and thirty acres, to my said son and his heirs forever. I give unto my loving wife, Ann Boykin, all the rest of my estate, goods and chattels during her natural life, and at her death it is my wish that it be equally divided among all my children and lastly I do appoint my loving wife, Ann Boykin and my son John Boykin, my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament."

Children of Edward Boykin and his wife Ann Gwaltney:

- I. John, died soon after his father who had given him his plantation of 530 acres "whereon I now live," for John died intestate, as an inventory of his estate, appraised by Frances Williamson, John Dunkley and Edward Harris, was recorded Feb. 23, 1729 (CH - 25). Final account of his estate was presented by his brother Edward Boykin, Jr., March 27, 1730-31. (CH-57) (WB 3- 255). The present printed records do not show his children, but a search of Isle of Wight deeds should show who deeded his land. The children of his brother Edward William and Thomas (shown below) have been ascertained. He is said to have married Ann Williamson, but there is no proof. He left descendants in Isle of Wight (See 17c - 210), Francis Boykin of Northampton, N.C., is very probably his son, as he was not a son of any other of the children of Edward Boykin.
- II. Edward, Jr. m. Judith Wall. (See later).
- HI. William, m. Margaret, daughter of Ralph Vicars, who married secondly Thomas Vaughan. Ralph Vicars died after his son-in-law William Boykin. Ralph's will was dated Feb. 16, 1744, and probated Feb. 1747. He bequeathed to "Grandsons THOMAS AND SIMON BOYKIN tract of land bought of Benjamin Boykin, permission to gr. daughter MARTHA BOYKIN to live on plantation as long as she shall live; to daughter Martha Vaughan, the wife of Thomas Vaughan, one shilling. Brother Abraham Carnall, sole executor.

William Boykin was evidently married twice, as Ralph Vicars only mentioned three of his Boykin grandchildren in his will and they were his sole heirs. William made his will June 19, 1731, probated Sept. 25, 1732, as follows "To wife Margaret Boykin, use of plantation where I live and land below plantation I bought of Thomas Boykin, 120 acres, for life and after death to son SIMON BOYKIN, to son WILLIAM BOYKIN, 240 acres I bought at Roanoke of James Shears and cattle that John Bruce has at FISHING CREEK; to son JOHN, land I bought of my brother Thomas Boykin 140 acres; to son THOMAS all land at Lucke's Swamp. Also patent of 150 acres where John Phillips formerly lived; to daughter MARTHA BOYKIN 20 L. to sons WILLIAM, JOHN,

THOMAS, SIMON, my patent of 500 acres at FISHING CREEK at N.C. Wife extex. Moved to S. C.

Kath Dunkley, will 1758, was a Joyner. She mentions sister Elizabeth wife of John Boykin of So. Carolina, sister Cherry, wife of John Boykin of N. C., names two brothers, mother, and Thomas Joyner.

William Boykin, son of the above William, appears to be the one whose will dated Oct. 26, 1786, was probated in Southampton Co., Feb. 12, 1789. His legatees were: daughters Patience Whitehead and Catharine Harris, son William; residue of estate to be divided between children, Brittain, William, Shadrick, Sarah Williamson, Widow, and Martha Hough. Wits. Edward Neal, Stephen Summerell. (CH - 89).

John Boykin, brother of above William, married Cherry Joyner, who is mentioned in the will of Katrine Joyner Dunkley in 1758 as her sister (Southampton Wills I, Chapman). John made his will in Halifax, N.C., Jan. 10, 1762, probated March Court 1762; legatees sons Benjamin, Joseph, Chaney Boykin; James M. Lane, Wm, Pope, James and Eli Harris. Exrs. wife Cherry and James Harris. (Bk 1-60)

John Boykin made his will Oct. 8, 1794, in Southampton as John Boykin, Sr., same probated April 9, 1795. His legatees were: dau. Cherry, wife of Robert Eley; sons, Mathew, John, Joel, Daniel and Ely; dau. Patience, wife of Jacob Turner; dau. Elizabeth; Dau. Martha, wife of Thomas Vick; dau. Ava, wife of William Branch; dau. Keziah; dau. Sarah, wife of Arthur Sherrod. Exrs., son Ely and Jacob Turner. Wits. Britton Britt, John Cook, Frederick Boykin. (CH- 130).

Simon Boykin, brother of the above William and John Boykin, made his will June 15, 1787, probated Sept. 11, 1788. His legatees were sons Arthur, Simon; daughter Martha Bridger and grandchildren James, William, Patsy and John Bridger; granddaughters Sally Williams Boykin and Charlotte, daughters of Simon Boykin. (CH- 85).

IV. Thomas Boykin, son of Edward Boykin H, is mentioned as a "Brother" in the will of William Boykin, probated in Isle of Wight 1747 (Ante). Thomas and his brother Edward moved to Northampton Co., N.C., where Thomas made his will April 13, 1748, probated Feb. 1750. His legatees were: his wife Mildred; son THOMAS, land and plantation; to Ann Craford, Martha Thornton, Elizabeth Strickland, Patience Strickland, one shilling each. (Probably his daughters, although not named as such). Executor and executrix, wife Mildred and son Thomas. Wits. John Simpson, Joseph Rogers, John Reynolds. (Grimes 43)

Edward Boykin, Jr., son of Edward Boykin I, of Isle of Wight, married Judith, last name unknown, but is said to be a daughter of Richard Wall (Tradition). Richard Wall's daughter Judith married William De Loach (See H. S. F. H - 99). His daughter Sarah Wall married Francis Boykin, which is probably the reason for this confusion in names.

Edward Boykin made his will in Northampton Co.» N.C., June 8, 1743. He bequeathed to son THOMAS lands lying between

RICHARD Wall and Meadow Branch; son **SOLOMON** (see later) lands above Meadow Branch, son **HARDY**, land on Cypress Swamp; son **EDWARD** (see later) and daughter **RACHEL HERON**. Exrs. wife **Jud.th** and son **Solomon**. Grandson **Henry Boykin wits. Charles Campbell, Richard Wall.** (Grimes 43)

Francis? Boykin (**John?**, **Edward**) was born in Isle of Wight, died in Northampton Co., N.C., in 1761. His will dated August 1, 1761, was probated Sept. Court 1761 (W.B. I - 58). He married first, **Millicent Williams**; secondly **Sarah**, daughter of **Lucy** and **Richard Wall**. On May 18, 1748, **Francis Boykin** and **Millicent**, his wife, deeded **John Boykin** 290 acres in Northampton (BK 1 - 340). **Richard Wall**, father of **Sarah Boykin**, made his will in Northampton, Feb. 29, 1752, and mentioned among other children, his daughters **SARAH BOYKIN** and **JUDITH DE LOACH** (See H. S. F. 11-99). **Francis Boykin** moved to North Carolina before 1727, for **James Turner** of Isle of Wight, Va., deeded land to **Francis Boykin** of **Bertie**, in that year. (Bk B - 306).

Children of first wife **Millicent Williams**:

- I. **Francis**, m. **Catharine Bryant**.
- II. **Mary**, m. **Samuel De Loach** (See later).
- III. **John**, made his will in Northampton 1777.
- IV. **Mildred**, m. **Richard Wall, Jr.**
- V. **Ann**, m. **Robert Williams** and moved to **Peedee District, S.C.**

Children of second wife, **Sarah Wall**.

She was the Step-Mother of **Mary Boykin De Loach** and the Aunt of **Samuel De Loach**, who was the husband of **Mary Boykin De Loach** (Mrs. O'Donnell).

- VI. **Sarah** (Selah) m. **William Pace**.
- VII. **Henry**
- VIII. **Charles**
- IX. **Elizabeth**

Francis Boykin made the following transactions in Northampton which was formed from **Bertie Co., N.C.**

Book I, page 340, 18th May, 1748, from **Francis B. Boykin** and **Millicent Boykin**, to **John Boykin**, conveying 290 acres in Northampton County; deed witnessed by **William Boykin** and **Calia Taylor**.

Book 2, page 134, 25th February 1754, from **Francis Boykin** of Northampton County, and wife **Sarah** to **Richard Wall**, containing 175 acres. Deed acknowledged in February Court 1754.

Book 2, page 344, 24th October 1754, grant from **Earl of Granville** to **Francis Boykin**, containing 281 acres, in Northampton County, N.C.

Book 3, page 28, 1st July 1759, from **Francis Boykin** of Northampton County, to **Arthur Wall, Jr.**, conveying 168 acres in **Bertie County**; consideration 20 lbs. Deed witnessed by **MILDRED WALL**; proved October Court 1759.

Book 3, page 119, 4th May 1761, from **Francis Boykin** and **Sarah Boykin**, his wife, to **William Arrington**, conveying

281 acres being grant to Francis Boykin from Lord Gran-
1761* dated ²⁴ October 1754. Acknowledged August Court

Samuel⁴ De Loach, son of Wuliam³ De Loach, married Mary, daughter of Franc is 3 Boykin. Samuel De Loach made his will in Edgecombe Jan. 30, 1764, probated April Court 1764. He left to his wife MARY "land left by my father-in-law, Francis Boykin of Northampton" and all slaves for the raising and schooling of my children for her widowhood or life; son and executor WILLIAM what estate he's already possessed; dau. MOLLY BRASWELL; son JESSE, land; son SAMUEL plantation pur based of John Stinson; dau. SELAH; son JOHN land; dau. MILLIE; son SOLOMON; dau. AVER ILLA RUFFIN. Wits.: John Gasney, Thomas Bryant, John Faulk.

The will of Mary (Boykin) De Loach was probated April 1774. Her legatees were: son WILLIAM; AVER ILLA, wife of RICHARD Ruffin; sons: JESSE; SAMUEL; JOHN; SOLOMON: dau. MILLY BLOODWORTH; gr. son WILLIAM BRASHWELL. William Bloods-worth and Elijah to divide property between JOHN and SOLOMON. (William' Edgecombe Wills, pp. 100-101).

The above William De Loach, son of Mary (Boykin) and Samuel De Loach, moved first to Sumner Co., Tenn., and thence to Logan County, Ky., where in 1810 he issued deeds to his children. (For his descendants, see H.S. F. I, p. 246).

William De Loach married in 1763 Purity Ruffin, daughter of William³ Ruffin and his wife Faith Gray. (See Gray and Ruffin families V. H. G.).

William³ Ruffin was the son of Robert Ruffin (1646-1693) of Surry County, who built the old Ruffin home on "Rich Neck Plantation", some time prior to his death. A photograph of "Rich Neck" is shown herein.

Solomon Boykin, son of Judith and Edward Boykin, Jr. .married his wife Ester before leaving Virginia for Georgia, where he petitioned for a grant of 200 acres in March 1765. He stated at that time that "he had been about eight months in the Province of Georgia from Virginia. Had no land granted him in Georgia and was desirous to obtain land for cultivation, having a wife and eight children, prays for 200 acres of land on South side of Briar Creek". In 1766, he petitioned for 300 acres and the Governor granted him 500 acres in St. George's Parish (Col. Rec. of Ga., Vol. 10, pp. 187, 485). He had previously been granted 120 acres in Brunswick Co., Va., May 9, 1753, on the south side of Fountain Creek by Gov. Dinwiddle.

He made his will in St. George Parish Aug. 25, 1770, probated May 31, 1771, and named the following children:

- I. Solomon, given 300 acres after death of Mother.
- II. Hardy, given 150 acres.
- III. Jesse, given 200 acres on Briar Creek, 150 on Beaver Dam.
- IV. Francis, given 5 L. to buy land.
- V. Byus, given 5 L. to buy land, m. Sarah Peebles, (see later)
- VI. William, given 5 L. to buy land.
- VII. Olive

VIII. Dorcas.

IX. John, unborn child mentioned in father's will, moved to Texas, married a Miss Mason.

Byus (Tobias) Boykin, son of Solomon, born in 1747, died in Sampson Co., N.C., Sept. 18, 1812, at the age of 65. He served in the Georgia Continental Line in the Revolution. M. Knights' "Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers from Ga." the following services are shown: Soldier of the line (pp. 34, 377). Refugee Soldier (p. 484). granted 250 acres for service, certificate of service General John Twiggs, prays for 575 acres (p. 613). After serving in the Continental Line he joined as a private in Capt. Abner Bickham's Company of Militia of Burke Co., Ga.» commanded by Col. Asa Emanuel, service commenced Aug. 15, 1781, ended Feb. 1, 1782. (Records Adj. Genl. Office, Washington, D. C.)

Byus returned to Virginia, where he married his cousin Sarah Peebles about 1782. She died June 1, 1848, aged 65 years. In 1807 he was granted land in Sampson Co., N.C. It is said that while on the way to Georgia, they found this spot in the Coharie River Valley very attractive and decided to settle there. In a few years, he built a large eight room house with a wide center hall and began to add to his plantation. His land stretched from the end of the present Clinton cemetery and ran on both sides of the road beyond Boykins Bridge, seven and one half miles.

He died in 1812, as before stated, and is buried in the cemetery on his plantation where 21 other Boykins are buried. His grave was marked by the D.A.R. chapter of Wilmington, N.C. The inscription is as follows:

"Byus Boykin died May-22, 1812, aged 65 years. He entered the Army of the United States at the age of 18? and faithfully served his country through her struggle for Independence and at the close of the war, he devoted the evening of his life to the rearing and educating a large family of children. He lived long to enjoy the livery he had helped to establish and sunk to rest with the hope of a Glorious Immortality beyond the grave."

Children:

- I. Thomas, b. April 23, 1785, m. Elizabeth Fennell. (See later).
- II. John, b. Feb. 12, 1787, m. Rebecca Wright.
- III. Nancy, b. May 12, 1789, m. Gabriel Hobbs.
- IV. Solomon, b. Aug. 13, 1792, m. Penelope Wright.
- V. Virginia, b. Sept. 8, 1795, m. John Underwood.

Thomas Boykin, son of Sarah Peebles and Byus Boykin, was born April 23, 1785, and died June 9, 1859, in Sampson Co., N.C., married May 10, 1808, Elizabeth Fennell, born April 22, 1788, died Aug. 4, 1884, daughter of Nicholas Fennell. Thomas was Captain of a Militia company from Sampson under the command of Major Cameron in the War of 1812. He drew pay from July 18 through Oct. 19, 1813. After the war he was appointed Brigadier General of the State Militia. He purchased the drum and fife of his regiment in the war Oct. 19, 1827, which Instrument are still in possession of the family. He served in

the House of Commons from his county 1815-21-22-27 and 28 and served in the Senate 1824-25 and 31. (Wheeler Vol. II, p. 402)

Children:

- I. Sarah Jane, b. March 24, 1809, m. William Steven.
- II. George Washington, b. Aug. 29, 1810, unmarried.
- III. John, b. Feb. 24, 1812, m. Maria Rhodes Beaman.
- IV. Louise, b. Feb. 22, 1817, m. Barr Hargrove. (See later)
- V. Margaret, b. March 12, 1814, d. 1820.
- VI. Robinson, b. Feb. 14, 1819, m. Cynthia Ann Hobbs.
- VII. Hayward, b. Jan. 29, 1821, m. (1) Anna Eliza. Wright, (2) Catherine McDougald.
- VIII. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 20, 1824, m. William Parrott Hobbs.
- IX. Ann, b. Jan. 3, 1826, d. 1844.
- X. Thomas, b. Jan. 26, 1828, m. (1) Elizabeth Thompson, (2) Katherine Wentworth Micks.

Robinson Fennell Boykin, b. Feb. 14, 1819, at plantation, Sampson Co., N.C., died Nov. 28, 1898, at Washington, D.C. Buried in North Carolina. He married March 3, 1842, at wife's home, Sampson Co., N.C., Cynthia Ann Hobbs, b. April 18, 1820, at plantation in Sampson Co., N. C., died 1877 at plantation of husband in N.C. She was the daughter of Sarah (Middleton) and Abraham Hobb. Robinson was a farmer and slave owner. He was a Baptist and was educated at County Private Schools. His farm was 700 acres.

Children:

- I. Abraham, b. Jan. 22, 1843, killed at Petersburg, Va., age 21.
- II. Sarah, b. Feb. 4, 1845, m. W. A. Gilliland.
- III. Bias, b. Nov. 29, 1847, m. Julia Augusta Bowden. (See later).
- IV. Maria, b. April 17, 1850, died young.
- V. Ida, died young.
- VI. Owen, b. Oct. 8, 1852, d. Aug. 10, 1876, unmarried.
- VII. John, b. Feb. 25, 1859, m. Ida Stanford. No children.
- VIII. Dora, b. May 10, 1860, m. (1) David S. Burns, (2) William W. Walker.

- IX. Divid, b. Nov. 29, 1863, m. Margaret Jordan.

X. Mary Hobbs, b. Jan. 10, 1868, m. William Wallace Wolf. Bias Franklin Boykin, born Nov. 29, 1847, died March 29, 1900 at Wilmington, N.C., married at Wilmington, N.C., Julia Augusta Bowden, b. Sept. 11, 1859 at Wilmington, N. C., daughter of Mary Jane Florerney Jacobs (Widow King), and Lemuel Henry Bowden. Bias was a lumber merchant and a Methodist. He was educated at private schools in the County and resided at Pender Co., N.C., and Wilmington.

Children:

- I. Mary Lenuel, b. April 17, 1891.
- II. Anne Jacobs, b. Jan. 4, 1893, m. Robert Neal Murphy, (see later)
- III. Augusta Bowden, b. Sept. II, 1894, m. Curtis Wayne Spencer.
- IV. Bias Franklin, b. Jan. 26, 1896, d. July 9, 1918, 22 yrs.

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

A.C.	Alumni of Cambridge by Venn.
A.O.	Alumni of Oxford by Foster.
A. P.R.	Albemarle Parish Register.
B. J.	Journals of the House of Burgesses.
Bell	Old Free State
Boddie	Designations used by others to denote "17th. Century Isle of Wight" or "Colonial Surry".
Brown	Brown's Abstracts of Somerset England Wills in 6 volumes.
	Burgess Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia.
Chapman or Mrs. Blanch Adams Chapman's	Abstracts of Eliza -
C.	both City County, or Isle of Wight.
C. M.	Mrs. Chapman's Marriages of Isle of Wight.
C.S.W. Mrs. Chapman's	Wills of Southampton.
C. P.	Cavaliers and Pioneers (Abstracts of Virginia Land Grants), by Mrs. Nell M. Nugent.
do.	Ditto; meaning the same reference as previously shown.
D. A.B.	Dictionary of American Biography.
D.B.	Deed Book.
dsp.	Died single person.
dvp.	Died before parent.
D. N.B.	Dictionary of National Biography.
E.	Essex.
Foster	Alumni Oxoniensis, by Foster.
Fleet	Abstracts of Virginia County Records, by Beverly Fleet
Q.E.C.	The Complete Peerage by G.E. Cokayne.
G.B.	Grant Book.
Harl.	Harleian Society Publications.
Hasted	Hasted's History of Kent County, England.
Hathaway	North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register.
Hayden	Virginia Genealogies, by Hayden.
Heitman	Historic Register of Officers, American Revolution, by F. B. Heitman.
Hotten	Original Lists of Immigrants to America, by Hotten.
I. P.M.	Inquests Post Mortem.
J. H.B.	Journals of the House of Burgesses.
K. G.	King George County, Virginia.
L. B.	Land Book at Virginia State Library.
M. C.B.	Magna Carta Baron.
M.C.G.C.	Minutes of Court and Council.
M.	do.

N.N.	Northern Neck Land Grants.
N. E.G.R-	New England Genealogical and Historical Register.
Nash	Nash's History of Worcestershire.
O.	Orders.
O. B.	Order Book.
P. B.	Patent Book.
P.C.C.	Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, England.
P.G.	Prince George County.
P.R.	Patent Rolls of England.
P.W.	Prince William County.
R.or Reg.	Register of Parish.
R. B.	Record Book.
S.	Stafford County.
17C.	Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County.
S.P.	St. Paul's Parish or Parish Register of Stafford County.
sp.	Single person.
8.P.R.	St. Paul's Parish Register, Stafford County.
S.P.	Calendar of State Papers of England.
S.P.Col.	Calendar of State Papers, Colonial.
S. V.F.	Southside Virginia Families, Vol. I or II.
Sweeney	Abstract of Rappahannock Wills, by Sweeney.
T.	Tylers Magazine
Tylers	do.
V.B.	Vestry Book.
Vic. His.	Victorian Histories of the Counties of England.
V. or V. M.	Virginia Historical Society Magazine.
W.	William and Mary College Quarterly.
W.M.	do.
W.B.	Will Book.

Abbreviations are not ftuniform because some chapters were written before Dr. Swem's Index was published using W. and V. to designate the above magazines. Also, other persons contributing used other forms of abbreviations which were not changed.