

Boyd Family Notes and Court Records

Patrick [Boyd] and brothers migrated from Pennsylvania to what is now Halifax County, Virginia in the 1730's. John, Patrick, James and Robert BOYD, sons of George BOYD of Lancaster Co., PA, moved to VA and settled in Lunenburg Co. on the Dan River close to where Lawson Creek empties into the river on the south side. In late 1752 the County of Halifax was formed from parts of Lunenburg.

The Boyd and Irvine families ran ferries across Dan River. John Boyd founded and ran the most famous of the ferries. Patrick had a ferry of his own, and according to family lore, he made liquor (on Roger's Island) and floated it in kegs down the river to the ordinaries located at the ferry. The Boyds and Irvines managed the ferries, but did not do the ferrying themselves.

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

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

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

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

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

Halifax Court Records:

1755 Deed from Patrick Boyd to George Boyd, 151 ac so. sd Dan River (the old line).
[Halifax Co. Deed Book 1, Page 134, July 1755]

1757 Will of John Boyd, written on 2 July 1748, was exhibited in court on 19 May 1757 and names his wife, Margaret [Lawson] Boyd; his son, John Boyd [, Jr.]; and his sons, James, George, and William [Irby] Boyd. Halifax County Pleas Book 2, Page 203, 19 May 1757 & Halifax County Will Book 0, Page 34, 19 May 1757 (Note: John had drowned in Lawson Creek in early 1757 at the age of 40. He was married to the former Margaret Lawson, daughter of Captain Francis Lawson]

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

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

1763, Justices present at Halifax Co., Court were: **George Boyd**
http://www.archive.org/stream/halifaxcountyvir00morr/halifaxcountyvir00morr_djvu.txt

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

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

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

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

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

1773 June 15 Deed to George Boyd for 180 ac., Halifax Co., on drafts of Miry Creek and Dan River.

1778 Oct 10 - Certificate of James McCraw at Halifax Co. for **George Boyd, Sheriff of Halifax Co.**, that he impressed Frederick Moss and James Johnson as guards to convey Thomas Potter, Randolph Boush and Robert Williamson to the jail in Williamsburg. He also impressed a horse of John Boram and mare of William Robertson for that purpose.[NEHGS--The Virginia Genealogist]

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

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

1779: George Boyd with Isaac Coles Gent his security came into Court and entered into an acknowledge bond according to law for him the said George keeping a Ferry over Dan River in the county which is established by Act of Assembly and it is ordered that the said George do constantly attend the same with two hands. [Halifax County Pleas Book 10, Page 5, 17 June 1779]

1779 Will of George Boyd, Jr., exhibited.) [NOTE: George Boyd, Jr. was the son of John [Halifax County Pleas Book 10, Page 197, June Court 1779]

1780 Halifax County Deed Book _____, 17 October 1780
The executor of the estate of John Armstrong sold to George Boyd "one certain tract or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the aforesaid County of Halifax on the south side of Dan River known by the name of **Boyd's Ferry**."

Halifax County Pleas Book 10, Page 208, _Court 17__
(Wilmoth Boyd was named the executor of the estate of George Boyd, Jr.)

1781 Will of George Boyd, Jr., was exhibited in court and names his wife, Wilmuth; a daughter, Sarah Hopson, a son, Walter Boyd; a son, Joshua Boyd; a son, Irby Boyd; a son, George Boyd; a son, Edward Boyd; a son, Harrison Boyd; and a daughter Tabitha Boyd. [Halifax County Will Book 1, Pg 357, 21 June 1781]

Halifax County Pleas Book 10, Page 311, November Court 17 ____
(George named administer of estate of Patrick Boyd.)

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

Patrick Boyd; a son, Aaron Boyd; a daughter, Nancy Boyd; a son, Lawson Boyd; and a son, David Boyd. [Halifax County Will Book 2, Page 154, 15 September 1785]

(NOTE: William was a nephew of the John Boyd who started Boyds' Ferry, Patrick Boyd was John's brother.)

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

VA Colonial Soldiers by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck [google books to buy] County Militia Rosters: pg. 200 - Halifax Co.: 1760, **George Boyd, Lt.**, for his pay and that of his company, 22.6.10.1/2
Pg. 196 - 1770, June 21, claim of **George Boyd** rejected.
pg. 19 - 1769, March 16: **Capt. George Boyd**
pg. 18 - 1761, **Lt. George Boyd.....**

Seleted VA Revolutionary War Records, Vol. 1, pg. 218 by Bevin Creel [Goodle Books to buy] Halifax; for **George Boyd** 1636 pounds for his trouble as Commissary of grain tax & for rent of his house for storage of same;