

History of the Boyer Family as Written by Mrs. S.B. Boyer Harmony, PA, August 13, 1919

Isaac Boyer was born in Germany as near as we can trace, at Wurttemberg, immigrated to Eastern Pennsylvania in the early 1700's. He settled in Bucks County and raised his family there. From there Rev. John, their oldest son came to Harmony, PA, in 1816. They came over land as there was no R.R. at that time across the mountains. The two families, the Boyers and the Moyers, came across at the same time. John was the oldest son born Jan. 9, 1762; his wife was Susana Bower, born in Douglas Twp., Bucks County Pennsylvania on March the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1767. They were married April 27, 1785. There were born to them 12 children. He was a Mennonite preacher. Soon after he came to Harmony, Pa., he established a Mennonite church; in 1825 they built a little brick church which is still standing, but the membership have all died out; the last one being Henry Moyer, a grandson. He (John) preached the gospel until the end of his life. His death occurred June 12, 1828. He (John) bought 1200 acres of the Mennonite societies' land then owned by Abraham Ziegler and divided it among his children, each one a house, so at one time they were all settled around the parents and were members of the Mennonite faith. After the death of the parents, they drifted apart.

Elizabeth was their oldest child. She was born March 23, 1786. She was married to Jacob Metz before the family came to Harmony and remained in the east with her family.

The next was John, he was born Jan. 9, 1788, was married to Magdalene Lougaker; they were married in the east, but came with the family to Harmony. They were farmers and lived near Harmony, PA.

George was born May 6, 1789, died Sept. 6, 1790.

Susana was born May 17, 1791, married Abraham Bare and after the death of her husband she married Samuel Moyer, Sr. He was a farmer and shoemaker. They lived near Harmony on a parcel of land purchased by the father.

George was born May 18, 1794, married Sarah Moyer. They lived near Harmony until 1838 when he took his family with his stock and household goods and moved to Ashland, Ohio, where he bought the farm now owned by P.O. Boyer, a grandson of his. He farmed until he got too old and feeble, then after that he wove linen and woolen goods for the use of his family and the families of his neighbors.

(1796) Catherine was born Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. She married Jacob Werz. They were farmers and lived near harmony on a part of the land purchased by the father.

Mary was born Feb 17, 1794. She married Benjamin Moyer. He was a farmer and shoemaker. They lived near Harmony on part of the land purchased by the father.

Jacob was born April 3, 1800. He married Sarah Tronsue and was a farmer and lived near Harmony on his home received from the father.

Nancy was born April 15, 1803. She married Abraham Sechler. He was a miller by trade. They lived near Harmony.

Samuel was born July 12, 1805. He married Mary Moyer. They lived near Harmony until the latter part of their lives; he bought a farm near Waterloo, Venango Co., Pa., where they lived until the end of their lives.

Henry was born February 5, 1808 and died Sept. 1808.

Another son named Henry was born Aug. 28, 1809. He married Esther Swartz and lived some years on the father's homestead, then he went to North of Ashland, Ohio, and lived there for a few years, then he went to Medina Co., Ohio and afterwards he lived in the state of Indiana and Olney, Ill., from there he and his wife came to Harmony on visit and she died while they visited at Harmony then he brought his family back to Medina, Ohio, then he was married to Rosan Stiner and they he again came to Ashland, Ohio. He dealt in horses. Bought a carload and took them somewhere in Nebraska and while trying to dispose of them in some way lost his life.