

Evidence Gathered for Alfred Waller Boyd
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Alfred Waller Boyd was born on the 8th of January 1868 in Boydton, Mecklenburg county Virginia. He was the son of Thomas Harvey Boyd and Henrietta Wice Goode.

1870 Census of Mecklenburg county Virginia; Boydton
Thomas H Boyd; 31 (1839)
Henrietta W Boyd; 28 (1842)
John B Boyd; 5 (1865)
Wm G Boyd; 3 (1867)
Alfred Boyd; 2 (1868)
Eliza Puryear; 21 (1849)

Alfred Boyd was the great, great grandson of Alexander Boyd and Ann Swep(t)son, who established the Boyd Tavern of Mecklenburg county Virginia in the late 18th century. Alexander Boyd emigrated from Ayreshire Scotland, settling in Virginia in 1764. The Boyd Tavern in Mecklenburg county Virginia has been recently restored by descendants of Alexander Boyd. There are a number of histories of Boyd Tavern and the Boyd family to be found on the internet. You can read more about Boyd Tavern at the Family Stories blog.

As a young man, Alfred W Boyd moved from Virginia to Fort Smith Arkansas. He was married to Annie Preston Clarkson on the 19th of October 1893. They lived in Fort Smith Arkansas during the early years of their marriage and their two daughters, Elizabeth and Henrietta, were born there. The 1900 census of Sebastian county Arkansas gives his occupation as bookkeeper.

About 1900 the Boyd family moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where Alfred Boyd was instrumental in establishing Oklahoma Hardware Company. Further details of his life are given in his obituary, published in the Daily Oklahoman (Oklahoma City), 14th of November 1930.

*Pioneer Hardware Man Dies; Funeral Is Set for Saturday
Rites to Be Conducted For Former President of City Chamber*

Funeral services for AW Boyd, veteran city business man; who died Thursday following an extended illness, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Street and Draper, funeral home, 920 North Robinson avenue. The services will be under the direction of Rev Forney Hutchinson, pastor of St Luke's Methodist church, with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Dies in City Hospital

Boyd, 62 years old, died in the Poly-clinic hospital after being taken there Wednesday when his condition showed a change for the worse.

Boyd had been an important factor in the development of the business life of Oklahoma City during the last 25 years. He was first vice-president of the Oklahoma City Hardware Co. which with SE Clarkson he organized with a capital stock of \$40,000 in 1900. The company has grown to a present capitalization of \$400,000 with yearly sales of \$2,000,000.

Former Chamber Head

Boyd was born Jan 8, 1868, in Boydton, Va where his father was also a merchant. He was president of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce in 1920-21, president of the Jobbers and Manufacturers' club for a year and head of the Oklahoma Traffic association for a similar term. He was a member of the Oklahoma club, and of the Masonic lodge, being a Shriner and Knight Templar.

The former business man is survived by two daughters, Mrs Norman E Reynolds of Muskogee and Mrs Carl S Dalbey of Oklahoma City. The family home is at 79 ½ East Seventeenth street.

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