

# Benjamin Franklin Boyer

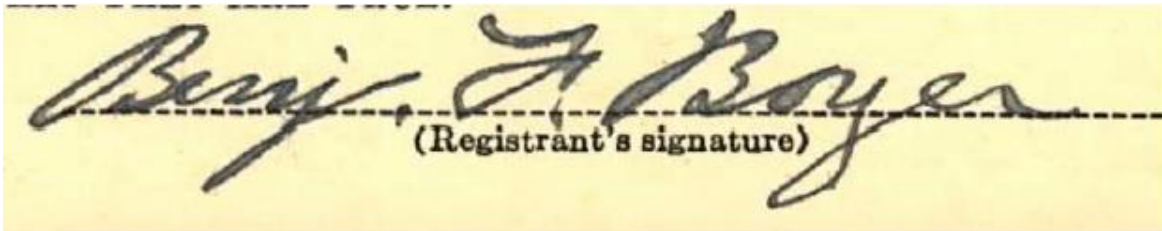
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Benjamin Franklin Boyer was born 24 July 1890 in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.<sup>1</sup> He was the fifth of six children of William Boyer and Melissa Jane Dodge. The family had lived in Silver Reef since 1881, with five of the children born there. Benjamin's father had leased the Stormy King mine in 1881.<sup>2</sup> The family lived in Silver Reef until at least 1890.<sup>3</sup> By 1898, they were living in Mammoth, Juab, Utah.<sup>4</sup>

On the 1900 census, Benjamin was attending school, living with his family in Silver City, Juab, Utah. His father was a carpenter and his oldest brother worked as a quartz miner.<sup>5</sup> His father died in 1907<sup>6</sup>, and in 1910, Benjamin was a miner, living with his mother, siblings, and brother-in-law, in Silver City.<sup>7</sup> Benjamin married Eva Killian in 1914 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.<sup>8</sup> They had two sons. In 1917, Benjamin was working for the Dragon Consolidated Mining Company in Silver City. He was described as tall, stout, with gray eyes and light brown hair.<sup>9</sup>

On the 1920 and 1930 censuses, Benjamin was an ore/metal miner, living with his wife and two sons in Silver City.<sup>10</sup> In 1934, he ran for the school board in Silver City, but lost with the fewest votes of the four men running.<sup>11</sup> By 1942, he had moved to Salt Lake City, where he worked in mosquito abatement.<sup>12</sup> He and Eva must have divorced, because he married widow Mrs Phillis Lucile Vowles Bankhead in 1955 in Tooele, Tooele, Utah.<sup>13</sup> Eva died in 1960 in Salt Lake City and was buried in the Lake Hills Cemetery in Sandy, Utah.<sup>14</sup>

Benjamin died 17 January 1968 in Tooele and was buried in the Tooele City Cemetery.<sup>15</sup> Phillis died in 1980 in Tooele and was buried in the Tooele City Cemetery.<sup>16</sup>



Signature on his WWII draft registration card (image from *Ancestry.com*)

<sup>1</sup> US World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942; Utah Cemetery Inventory, 1847-2000.

<sup>2</sup> *Salt Lake Herald*, 16 July 1881, p. 5.

<sup>3</sup> US Census of Union Veterans and Widows of the Civil War, 1890; US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.

<sup>4</sup> *Familysearch.org*

<sup>5</sup> United States Census, 1900.

<sup>6</sup> Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

<sup>7</sup> United States Census, 1910.

<sup>8</sup> Utah Marriages, 1887-1935; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940.

<sup>9</sup> US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.

<sup>10</sup> United States Census, 1920, 1930.

<sup>11</sup> *Salt Lake Tribune*, 6 December 1934, p. 20.

<sup>12</sup> US World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942.

<sup>13</sup> *Familysearch.org*

<sup>14</sup> Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964; US Social Security Death Index.

<sup>15</sup> *Ogden Standard-Examiner*, 18 January 1968, p. 40; Utah Cemetery Inventory, 1847-2000.

<sup>16</sup> US Social Security Death Index; Findagave.com



Children of William and Melissa Boyer: Lyman, William, Samuel, Rachel, Benjamin (image from *Ancestry.com*)



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