

William Augustus Boyer

William Augustus Boyer was born 22 August 1881 at Leeds Mill (probably Silver Reef), Washington, Utah Territory.¹ He was the oldest of six children of William Boyer and Melissa Jane Dodge. Benjamin's father had leased the Stormy King mine in Silver Reef in 1881.² The family lived in Silver Reef until at least 1890.³ By 1898, they were living in Mammoth, Juab, Utah.⁴

On the 1900 census, William was a quartz miner, living with his family in Silver City, Juab, Utah.⁵ In 1906, he married Geneva Adelaide Kirkman in 1906 in Santaquin, Utah, Utah.⁶ They had seven children. In 1910, Geneva and two of their daughters were living with her mother in Santaquin, Utah, Utah.⁷ It is not known where William was living. In 1917, he was working as a pumpman at the Chief Consolidated Mining Company in Eureka, Juab, Utah. He was described as tall, of medium build, with brown eyes and brown hair.⁸

On the 1920 census, William was the night watchman for Eureka City, living with his wife and five children in Eureka.⁹ He continued to work as a metal miner in Eureka through 1940.¹⁰ In 1942, he working at the Tintic Standard Mining Company in Eureka.¹¹ He lost the election as a four-year commissioner in the State Senate.¹² He served as secretary of the Tintic District Miners Union from 1942-1948. He served as a Eureka city judge from 1946-1948.¹³ In 1944, he was named as successor when Herbert Hopes resigned as Justice of the Peace in Eureka.¹⁴

William died of silicosis on 11 February 1948 in Eureka, where he had lived for fifty years. He was buried in the Santaquin City Cemetery.¹⁵ Geneva lived in Provo and then Salt Lake City.¹⁶ She died in 1966 in California and was buried in Santaquin.¹⁷

¹ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

² *Salt Lake Herald*, 16 July 1881, p. 5.

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

⁴ *Familysearch.org*

⁵ United States Census, 1900.

⁶ *Deseret Evening News*, 16 June 1906, p. 23; Utah Select County Marriages, 1887-1937.

⁷ United States Census, 1910.

⁸ US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.

⁹ United States Census, 1920.

¹⁰ United States Census, 1920, 1940.

¹¹ US World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942.

¹² *Salt Lake Tribune*, 5 November 1942, p. 4.

¹³ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 12 February 1948, p. 24.

¹⁴ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 12 November 1944, p. 6.

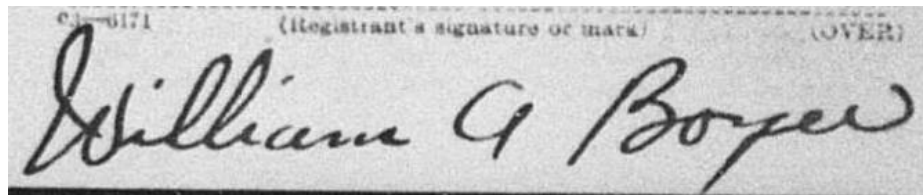
¹⁵ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964; Utah County, Utah Cemetery Index; Utah Death Registers, 1847-1966; *Salt Lake Tribune*, 13 February 1948, p. 24.

¹⁶ US City Directories, 1822-1995.

¹⁷ California Death Index, 1940-1997; Utah County, Utah Cemetery Index.



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



Signature of WWI draft registration card (image from *Familysearch.org*)



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