



The Yoder Newsletter Loses Our Senior Editor



Rachel Kreider, age 103, in interview with "LarryinBristol", July 30, 2012 (Photo used with permission)

For the first time in many years, an issue of the Yoder Newsletter is being published without having been subjected to the eagle-eyed proofing of our Senior Editor and co-founder Rachel Weaver Kreider. Rachel passed away quietly with her family around her on Oct. 30, 2015, being half way through her 107th year of life.

For decades, Rachel was a well-recognized student of the Yoder family history, writing articles about the St. Joder Chapel, for the Mennonite Life in 1968 and 1971. Around the winter of 1982, Chris Yoder, then living in Battle Creek, MI, wrote her about the Yoder family, and learned that two of her great-grandmothers were sisters of his own great-great grandfather Reuben Yoder. At the time of first contact, Rachel and her husband Leonard were in the process of moving from Ohio to their new retirement home in the Greencroft community of Goshen, Indiana (only a couple hours drive from Battle Creek). A "Yoder family history" book had been recently published which consisted of little more than collected mailing addresses for Yoders gathered from telephone data bases. It provided little "history" but offered the opportunity to contact Yoders across the country to gather information. Rachel knew of another enthused Yoder, retired teacher and school principal Ben Yoder, living in Goshen, who would be interested in such a project, and not long after she and Leonard had settled in to their new home, the three sat around Rachel's kitchen table to "mock up" what was to become the first edition of the Yoder Newsletter.

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YNL Mail Manager Emeritus Dies Suddenly

Esther Louise (Eash) Yoder, 89, died Tuesday morning, March 1, 2016 at IU Health Goshen Hospital. Active with the House of Yoder, soon after she retired to Goshen, Rachel Kreider recognized Esther as "a ball of fire" and enlisted her as a YNL volunteer. She served from 1997 continually until recently passing on the baton to Ken Yoder. Many thanks for her years of hard work for us all!

Boone-Yoder Connections



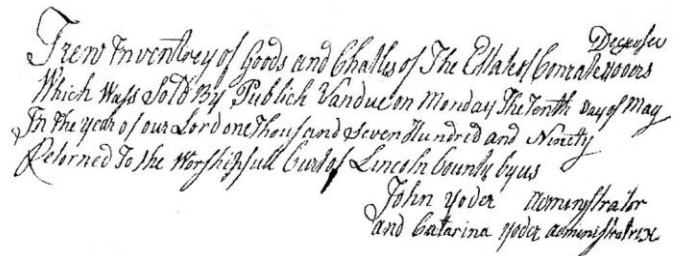
Yoders Visit the Daniel Boone Homestead

The final event at the 2014 National Yoder Reunion hosted by the Oley Yoder Heritage Association was a picnic lunch on the grounds of the Daniel Boone Homestead followed by a guided tour of the old residence. Several people asked what the connections were between the Boone and the Yoder family, and in this article we'll try to spell out some of the ties which are known.

The history of the Boone family was published in an excellent article by Isaac Crawford Sutton which appeared in the April 1949 issue of *The Historical Review of Berks County*. Daniel's grandfather, George Boone, was a weaver living in the village of Bradnich, near Exeter, England. He and his wife, Mary Maugridge, were Quakers and subject to persecution in England. In 1712, Grandfather George first sent his three oldest children to "Penn's Wood", George Jr., Sarah, and Squire (Daniel's father). Daughter Sarah married Jacob Stover and was the first to move to the Oley Valley by 1714. The grandparents followed to America arriving in Oct. 1717, and by 1719 they and George Jr. joined Sarah in the Oley Valley, purchasing about 400 acres along what is now Spring Creek. George Sr. and his family organized the Exeter Friends Meeting in the Valley, and donated the ground on which the meeting house still stands.

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The Conrad Yoder Estate



In Dr. Fred R. Yoder's wonderful 1970 book, History of the Yoder Family in North Carolina, he writes of the discovery at the office of the Clerk of Lincoln Co, NC, by his wife Wilma of the detailed records of some 350 individual items sold off to settle the estate of Conrad Yoder, the founder of the southern branch of our family. Dr. Yoder writes "Conrad Yoder had died without a will. In July, 1790, a few months after his death, his personal property was sold at public auction according to the North Carolina law for the settlement of intestate estates". The actual inventory begins:

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Rachel Kreider (1909-2015)

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available free at the YNL Homepage and changes VERY slowly.)

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interested in **The Reuben Yoder Family and Its Ancestry** at
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Yoders in Politics

As is very clear from all the ads on TV, we are in the midst of a
political year! It is not a surprise to learn that a number of Yoders
are involved in things. In Elkhart County, IN, incumbent County
Commissioner Mike Yoder is facing a May Republican primary
challenge from Goshen businessman Marc Yoder. Kansas
Congressman Keith Yoder (R) is seeking re-election to a fourth term.
Former Miss Indiana (see YNL 20 and 21) Shelli Yoder (D) is
making a second attempt to win a Congressional seat in Indiana's
9th District. Indiana State Senator Carlin Yoder (R), first elected in
2008, is retiring this year, but is still politically active as an Indiana
state chairman of the Marco Rubio for President effort.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS:

KANSANS CELEBRATE ST JODERS DAY



Left to Right: James (Jim) L. Yoder, Bill Zuercher, partly hidden
Joyce Zuercher, Edna Otto, Lona Yoder, James D Yoder,
James E Yoder. Note the 3 James Yoder's .

A late note regarding St. Yoder's Day...

Our Kansas area St. Yoder's Day gathering is still alive and well.
We gathered on Aug. 23 at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton,
Ks at 5:00 PM. Our attendance remains about the same. We meet
for lunch and then connect genealogy and fellowship. Since John
Murry Sr. now lives in Hesston he attends and this year he brought
us up to date regarding some of the work he is doing with the Yoder
genealogy. - We are sad to hear the passing of Rachel Krieder.
She will be missed. - -Jim Yoder, Newton, Kansas

HOSTING AT THE YODER HOUSE



Through the Yoder Newsletter my
wife Pat and I learned of The Yoder House
in Grantsville, Maryland and we learned
further of its Hosting Program. We applied
to become hosts, doing so for one week in
late September of 2015, and thoroughly
enjoyed our time as host and hostess!

The house is open daily May through
October and there is a host apartment in
the basement that provides kitchen,
bedroom and bath and sitting/dining area
complete with television. It is very
comfortable. Hosts unlock and lock the facility daily and are present
to greet guests and answer questions (materials are provided to assist
in being knowledgeable about the house). Hosts are encouraged to
take one mid-week day to visit in the area. We were treated to a tour
of the area which included a visit to the Flight 93 Memorial in
Shanksville, PA.

We greeted anywhere from thirty-five to one hundred visitors
daily and were pleased to welcome folks from Texas and Arizona
as well as from Germany and Australia. The Yoder House is part of
the Spruce Forest Artisan Village in Grantsville MD which includes
a number of historic buildings moved to the location and which
house several artisans and their workshops.

Check out the House of Yoder website:
<http://houseofyoder.org/> or visit the Spruce Forest Artisan Village
at: <http://spruceforest.org/> . If you would be interested in becoming
a host, contact Mayla H. Yoder at The House of Yoder, Inc., P.O.
Box 813, Grantsville, MD 21536. Email: mhyoder@msn.com

- Rev. Paul and Pat Yoder, Markesan, WI (YR2337a5 line)



Ben Yoder and Rachel - Spring 1983
The YNL is Born!

In Oct. 2009 (YNL 54), after turning 100 years of age, Rachel wrote down her own story of how she had become interested in Yoder history. It all traced back to Reuben Yoder. Reuben had collected and set down information about the descendants of his grandfather, Bishop Christian Yoder, Sr. (1758-1838), and one version with a date of 1890 was typed up and handed down in his family. Rachel's Uncle John Weaver picked up the interest and for years worked to build and maintain a descendant list. Rachel writes:

I remember that at that time Uncle John Weaver, studying at Indiana University, wrote home for some information about his Yoder background. To this day I wonder why he, taking graduate courses in math and business, should be asking such unrelated questions- (for some reason I wonder whether it was about intermarriages) – Anyway, I'll never know. Grandma dug up some old yellow pages, translated the German for Aunt Vinora, who typed the information and sent it on to Uncle John. I watched the whole process with great interest....

And coming forward to the early 1950s:

In the midst of all this Uncle John gave me a surprise visit. I was glad to see him; he was a special uncle. He had with him a box about eighteen inches square, and not quite so high, which held his Yoder papers. Although he was interested in the larger picture of Yoders, he wisely decided to concentrate on only a small segment of it. He planned to get out a booklet of Christian Yoder (Grandma's grandfather-YR233) and his descendants and asked whether I would help him with it. I wonder whether he felt a little overwhelmed to have gathered around fifty or more Mary Miller names and perhaps a dozen or more Jacob Yoders, with no number system or index.

At the time I knew which in the line of Christian Yoders he was choosing as the progenitor for the outline. The project was within reach and appealed to me. I knew I would enjoy working with Uncle John, but I had to admit that I could not undertake any more just then. My health was a little below par and the children, though growing up fast, still required considerable attention. He assured me that he was in no hurry. As soon as I saw my way clear I was to send him word. And I put the box away.

Within a year or two word came that Uncle John had died (Sep. 3., 1955). Living alone, he had a heart attack while putting up screens and was not found for a day or two. I really grieved for him and I felt I had let him down. I got out the box and examined the contents much more carefully. Grandma's Uncle Reuben Yoder, a highly intelligent and innovating Amish man, who had come from Somerset County to LaGrange County in Indiana in 1851, had compiled or received a list of fifteen children considered to be the first family in our Yoder ancestry to be in America. I never knew how Uncle John got this list but I knew he was greatly interested in it even though

he knew so little about most of the names. He knew that he was descended from the oldest two sons and wanted to know everything he possibly could about Christian of 1758. He listed the children and yet I doubt whether he intended his booklet to be that large. He had accumulated the practice papers of his typing pupils, cut each page in half and on each half-sheet outlined a family. When he had listed the families of a small clan he folded a whole sheet over them to hold them together, and labeled it – all in pencil! This time I did not put the box far away even though I could not give it much time. I decided I would put the information in more permanent form and I would probably leave it with Dr. Gratz (Bluffton College).

That was the beginning. The files multiplied again and again. They would be a major resource for the book "Amish and Amish-Mennonite Genealogies" which she co-authored in 1986 with Dr. Hugh Gingerich. Rachel would continue to collect obituaries and update these records until almost the end of her life. Son Emil and his wife Louise knew she was worried what would become of them and encouraged her to hand them off to YNL Editor Chris Yoder. Chris told her that he would gladly receive and safeguard them, but as long as she was getting pleasure from working with them she should continue to do so. Finally, recognizing her own limitations, she arranged the transfer in January of 2013.

Rachel left a wonderful heritage to a large and loving biological family, and to her extended Yoder family as well. She used her many talents to contribute to the world in many ways. The obituary written by her family follows:

May 28, 1909-Oct. 30, 2016 - GOSHEN —

Rachel Weaver Kreider, 106, 1300 Greencroft Drive, died Friday.

She was born May 28, 1909 in Goshen, to Samuel E. and Laura Johns Weaver. She married Leonard C. Kreider June 20, 1933, in Goshen. She is survived by a son, L. Emil (Louise) of Harrisonburg, Virginia; a sister, Eunice Regier (Robert) of Tulsa, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Leonard C. Kreider; her brother, Arthur Weaver; half-brother, Stahley Weaver; infant sister, Esther; and two daughters, Anna Juhnke (James) and Sara Hartzler (Gregory) are deceased.

Rachel grew up on a farm in LaGrange Co. in her early years and then on a farm where the Goshen Wal-Mart now stands, after her grade-school years. She excelled in school as top student in Elkhart County on the eighth-grade exams and as valedictorian of her class at Goshen High School. She graduated from Goshen College in 1931 with a Latin major and English minor. After teaching English and Latin for two years in Roann, IN, she entered graduate school at Ohio State University, where she earned a Master's degree in philosophy.

She is probably remembered by most people as a genealogist, especially for the 850-page book "Amish and Amish-Mennonite Genealogies" that she co-authored with Dr. Hugh Gingerich of Washington, D.C., in 1986. The book, the result of nearly 20 years of research, presented the genealogy of all the descendants of the original Amish community in Pennsylvania for their first century.

Her daughter, Anna, compiled an annotated list of her writings in 1999, which is much broader and has 69 entries, starting with a 25-chapter novel that Rachel wrote as an 11-year-old. It also included her master's thesis, "The Validity of the Idea of Negation and the Problem of Evil;" a history of the First Mennonite Church of Wadsworth, Ohio; a history of the Wadsworth Chapter of the American Red Cross; a history (with Ford Coolman) of the Mennonite cemeteries of Medina County, Ohio; "History of the Eighth Street Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, 1920-78;" "A Genealogy Prepared for the Descendants of Lloyd and Adelia (Stover) Kreider" (with J. Evan Kreider); and many shorter contributions, including a number of articles in "Mennonite Life" and "The Yoder Newsletter".

We have been a family of teachers, and one of our favorites in the list, due to Rachel's comment about it, is "When They Rang in the New," a 12-page short story Rachel wrote for freshman English at

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Goshen College in 1928. The story was based on a blizzard the previous New Year's Eve, when many stranded motorists spent the night at their farm. There were also several short plays and in addition to her writings, many speeches.

The family will also remember her proudly for her strong and vocal advocacy for world peace, equal rights for all minorities and for government action to protect and help the poor. She believed that was a large part of loving one's neighbor as one's self, which she believed was at the core of what was required of members of the Mennonite Church of which she was a dedicated member throughout her life. Rachel was a member of both the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom for 75 years. She often questioned her effectiveness and recognized her limitations, but was very consistent and very persistent about what she believed needed to be done.

A celebration of her life will take place at Eighth Street Mennonite Church in Goshen at 11 a.m. Nov. 7, officiated by the Rev. Brenda Sawatzky Paetkau. After the service there will be a light lunch followed by sharing of memories in the church fellowship hall.

At Rachel's request, her body has been donated to the Indiana University School of Medicine for teaching and/or research. Her ashes will be interred in the family plot at Woodlawn Cemetery, Wadsworth, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be directed to Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, for the Leonard and Rachel Scholarship Fund; to Eighth Street Mennonite Church; to Greencroft; or to another worthy institution or charity.

YNL staff member Esther Yoder, a Greencroft neighbor was "drafted" by Rachel into Newsletter service after she and husband Henry moved there from Maryland twenty some years ago. Esther reports that as recently as the week before her death Rachel had read to her blind brother-in-law Clayton Sutter (Clayton died Jan. 7, 2016). She had been doing so for at least 8 years. Before she moved into assisted living she used to walk across the street from her home to read at his place, but more recently he'd make his way to her room for the session. She had read him many books over the years, but this time was reading from the newspaper. She would read a title and say "No you wouldn't be interested in that" and then go on to the next and read it. He could tell she was getting weary and suggested they stop, but she wanted to go on as long as she could, and did so. Esther wrote:

"Rachel read to my blind brother-in-law Clayton the week she died. Not only did she read the newspaper, but entire books which they also enjoyed discussing. Both of them had amazing memories. A major gift to Clayton was writing his life story which his son, Sem, had printed. It was titled, "I am a part of all I meet." She asked him questions and then wrote his answers in long hand. Just an amazing gift to him. He was at her funeral in his motorized wheelchair. His son, Sem, came from Chicago to take him. Rachel had been a faithful helper in getting the YNL out. We had fun visiting as we worked."

YNL Mail Manager, Kenneth W. Yoder, came to know Rachel more recently. He writes: "Rachel Kreider was a "very special person" in my experience, as well as to many others. Upon becoming interested in genealogy and joining the Yoder Newsletter team, several people asked if I knew her, as she lived within a mile of my home. I decided to visit her at Greencroft Retirement Center. Several people mentioned her amazing age, so, I went to see her, intending to be as gentle and encouraging as possible. I didn't know what to expect. Upon entering her home, I was amazed to find an understandably aged looking lady, but with a mind sharper than most people I know. I had hoped I could be "a blessing" by paying a visit, but discovered I was the more richly blessed by our visits.

"On that, as well as succeeding visits, I noticed several interesting comments by her. When asked questions regarding genealogy, she would often apologize for her fading memory, and the fact that she had already passed on her collection of books and articles to good recipients, while her mind was still able to assist. She would

then proceed to tell me, verbatim, what she remembered. It was concise, lucid, and more than I had asked or conceived of, in my question.

"My brother Keith told me he had written Rachel about 15 years earlier, asking for any information she would have concerning Hans (of Great Swamp) Yoder, the immigrant for our Yoder line. Her answer was quite amazing. She responded with a typed letter, single spaced and approaching all four edges of the paper. In the first third of page 1, Rachel apologized for not knowing very much at all concerning that line of Yoders. She then finished that page – plus two more full pages, sharing "what little she knew" about our Yoder line. Not wanting to start page 4, she scribbled a few last minute thoughts in the margins with a pen..... Rachel Kreider. A very remarkable person."

At her Memorial Service, son Emil began his eulogy by referring to a cartoon which once appeared in a prominent magazine. In it a man and young boy are standing on terra firma watching as a lady does aerial tricks above their heads, without benefit of airplane... The man turns to his son and remarks, "Son, your mother is an amazing woman".



Rachel feeds son Emil in their North Newton, Kan., home.

After the service, many had stories to share following a meal in the social room of the church. Rollin Lee Welty of Ft. Wayne told "I would visit Rachel from time to time when she lived at Greencroft and this is one of the stories she told me about her and my grandfather: Rachel told me of the time her family moved from the Shipshewana area to go to Goshen (where now the Walmart Super Center on US 33 east). My grandfather, Tobias J. Bontrager was one of the Amish boys on horseback driving all their livestock on the country roads as they walked from Shipshewana to Goshen. Tobe asked Rachel to drive their horse and buggy following the caravan of livestock. Rachel did it with hesitation at the approximate age of 9 years old. There were much faster means of travel than to walk their livestock down the road during this time when Amish would move. This time it was a short distance. For longer distance they loaded on railroad car and those traveling with the team and buggy had interesting trips. Just imagine moving cows, calves, horses, chickens, furniture let alone the men with their blacksmith tools. Tobias experienced all this with his family and to Tobias to ask Rachel Kreider was a small request for her to drive the horse and buggy. At the age of 9 years old I can imagine the hesitation." (Story transcribed by Sharon Sommers)

Joe Springer from Goshen College, and many others rose to tell their "Rachel stories", including many within her family who shared heart-warming memories from her life. Thirteen year old great-granddaughter Lydia Oakleaf of Madison, Wisconsin (daughter of granddaughter Joanne Juhnke and Mike Oakleaf) described the wonderful present she had received for her 13th birthday earlier in the year. Rachel wrote out for her the stories of her female ancestors of many generations, going back several hundred years, telling where they were and what they were doing

when they had turned 13. What a special gift from her great-grandmother!



John W. Yoder, Rachel Kreider, Chris Yoder, and Esther Yoder Celebrate the 30th year of the YNL at an Anniversary Dinner Jan. 19, 2013

Over the past 33 years (and 66 issues), Rachel has been mentor, occasional author, proof reader, envelope stuffer, friend and always cheerleader. She will be greatly missed and long remembered. Yoders everywhere owe her a great deal. God bless you Rachel.

Editor's note: If you go to "YouTube" on the internet (www.youtube.com) and search for "Rachel Kreider" you will find a wonderful 13 minute long video interview with her done in 2012.

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"Trew Inventory of Goods and Chatles of the Estate of Deceased Conrad Yoders Which was Sold by Publick Vandue on Monday the 10th Day of May In the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety. Returned to the Worshipful Court of Lincoln County by us

John Yoder Administrator
 And Catarina Yoder Administratrix"

Although Dr. Yoder writes of the sale being July 6, 1790, it seems clear that this was the date of the account of the sale rather than the sale date itself, which is spelled out in the header as having taken place on May 10.

This record is one of the two we have which gives a clue to the death date of Conrad. The other of these is found in the diary of his Pennsylvania kinsman, surveyor David Schultze (see YNL16). The diary mentions several items of correspondence between Melchior and his brother John Jacob Yoder to Conrad (we now know he was their uncle- see YNL 58). Schultze writes in 1790: "Conrad Yoder in Carolina also died this year in April or May".

Dr. Yoder summarized the items sold at auction as follows:

Livestock sold, included 10 horses and 3 colts; 14 cows and 7 calves; 4 steers and 1 bull; 26 sheep; "a shoat in the woods"; "parcels" of hogs, geese, and ducks; and 8 bee hives. Vehicles, farming and handicraft tools, and various other things sold, included 1 still; 1 wagon and wagon sheet; 2 saddles; 1 woman's saddle; 1 saddle bag; 5 pairs of gears; 1 single-tree and devis (clevis); 8 scythes; 8 sickles; 2 grain cradles; 3 plows; 1 harrow; 4 axes; 2 "grubbling" hoes; 2 püchforks; 2 shovels; 1 hand saw; 1 sheep shears; 4 chusels (chisels); 2 augurs; 3 hand bucks; 1 hammer; 4 bells; 2 whetstones; 1 grindstone; 1 handscrew; 2 sets of plow irons; 1 frow; 1 pair of steelyards; 1 branding iron; 2 corn hoes; 1 barrel; 1 log chain; 1 gun; bars of iron, steel, and lead; 4 barrels of salt; 3 sides of leather; 2 hides; 4 bottles; 1 bottle of brandy; and boards.

Household and kitchen goods sold, included 6 beds; 5 chairs; 2 trunks; 1 chest; 2 spinning wheels; 1 reel; 2 Dutch ovens; 1 house stove; 8 "puter" spoons; 6 "puter" plates; 3 "puter" vases; 1 fire

tongs and shovel; 1 pot hook and steel; 2 crane pots; 1 set of knives and forks; 2 pairs of wool cards; 3 bags of wool; 1 bag of flax; 1 pepper mill and heggle; 7 table cloths; 4 blankets; 6 sheets; 1 parcel of "puter" cups; 1 looking glas;; 2 lamps; 98 baskets; "some jugs"; "some pots"; 1 skillet; 1 hour glass; 1 skimmer and ladle; a Bible; 8 books; 1 ink horn.

At the end of the long list is a summary that reads:

"The Wholestate amounts To The Sum Hirunto Annexed Six Hundred and Ten Pounds Nineteen Shillings 8 pence By Notes and Bonds one Hundred and Thirty Eight pounds & Nine Shillings

To Book Depts Tenpounds and four pence

To each-Seven Shillings

To Claimes-Seventeen pounds

In U.S. dollars this was the equivalent of \$3419.

At the time of his death, his children by his first wife, Christina Cline, were John, Jacob, and David. He had married his third and surviving wife, Catherine Huffman, in 1775, and their children were Elizabeth (died young), Elias, Daniel, Catherine, and Adam, age 4.

The sale begins with three items to family members:

David Yoder	a Still and Vessels	40 pounds 0 shillings 0 pence
Jacob Yoder	a Bay Horse	18 pounds 10 shillings 0 pence
Catarina Yoder	a Yearling Mare Colt	7 pounds 1 shilling 0 pence

Then items and bidders continue in the order of sale, with family and neighbors and bidding and winning item after item for multiple pages. We can be grateful to Kathy G. Sullivan who laboriously typed out the details of the sale and sorted them by buyer. She published this information in Vol. 13 No. 4 and Vol. 14, No 1 of "Catawba Cousins", the journal of the Catawba County Genealogical Society. To highlight some of the major purchases by members of the immediate family:

Widow Catrina Yoder was high bidder on the most items (70) with the highest value being a mare for 35 pounds, the next the yearling colt above. Other farm animals included: a "hefer", two "cows and calve", 5 sheep, a bed, a "house stove", several books, "a parcel of peuter and tin cups", a tea pot, "a little bag of cotton", "sum yarn", and a variety of other kitchen and household items.

Oldest son John, age 25, won 40 items (several as co-bidder with a sibling or step mother. The highest value of his winnings were a horse and a wagon, each selling for 40 pounds. He also bought two cows and a calf, various farm tools, a bed, a bottle of ink, "2 bucks (books)", "3 bags and a fiddle", a barrel of salt, and two table clothes.

Next, son Jacob, age 22, took 18 items. The highest value of these was a bay horse for 18 pounds and 10 shillings. He also bought "a plow and irens" (2 pounds), "a sheep sheer", a bed, a Bible for 12 shillings,

Son David, age 20, took 22 items, including the ever useful "still and vessels", a horse for 27 pounds 3 shillings, a "cow and calve", two books, a bell, a saddle for 2 pounds, a bed, a "seith and cradle", and an ax.

Son Elias, age 12, had three items: 2 table cloths, a saddle and bridle, and 6 "puter plates".

Son Daniel, age 9, had two items: "2 hand Bucks (hymn books?)" and a sheet.

Daughter "Caterina junier", age 7, had a bed, a table cloth, and shared "a parcel of hogs" with three brothers.

Daughter Elizabeth died in infancy, and son Adam, age 4, are not recorded as having purchased anything in the sale.

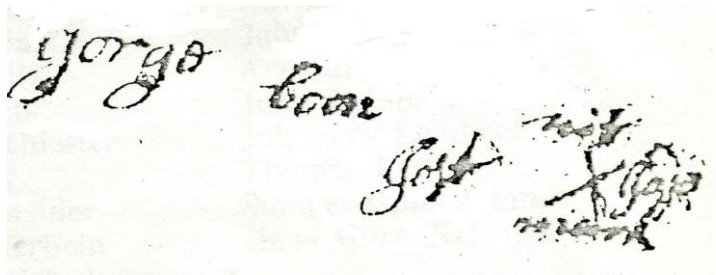
Also included with the record are a variety of settlements paid by the Administrator to settle various outstanding debts of Conrad, including to a shoemaker, a blacksmith, a weaver, and the coffin maker.

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Daniels father Squire, married Sarah Morgan in 1726. After initially living in Bucks County they, too, moved to Oley Valley, not far from the rest of the family, buying a tract of 250 acres and building a cabin on the site of the present homestead. This is where Daniel, the sixth of twelve children, was born on November 2, 1734, (October 22nd by the old calendar).

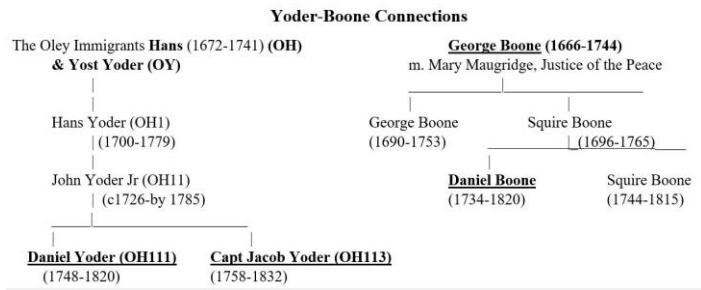
The first records which ties the Boone and Yoder family together was a 1720 petition by the early Oley Valley residents to establish their area as a separate township in what would remain a part of Philadelphia County, until Berks was formed in 1752.



Signature of "George Boon" and Mark of Jost Joder (OY)
On 1720 Oley Township Petition

The names of Yoder brothers Hans and Yost both appear on the 1720 petition, along with that (presumably) of Daniel Boone's grandfather George. Interesting enough, George's name is shown directly beside that of Yost. The county officials initially took no action, and a new petition was circulated in 1740, leading to the formation of the township at that time. While Hans and Yost Yoder's names would appear on the later petition, the Boones did not. Six months after the establishment of Oley Township, Exeter Township was split off and formed on Dec. 7, 1741. The petitioners for this second township were mostly Quakers and included James Boone, Benjamin Boone, John Boone, Squire Boone (all sons of grandfather George). The actual name of the Township, "Exeter", is generally credited to the George Boone family and as derived from the family point of origin in England. The Boones were some of the most prominent citizens of the area, and grandfather George served as a Justice of the Peace. Both Oley and Exeter Townships were to become a part of Berks County when it was formed in 1752 from Philadelphia County.

In 1750, when Daniel was sixteen years old, his parents sold their Oley Valley property and moved the family south. Other Boones were to remain in the Oley Valley and many are buried in the cemetery at the Exeter Meeting House, along with Mordecai Lincoln, the great-great-grandfather of President Abraham. Squire and family lived for a year near Winchester, VA, near their friend John Lincoln (great-grandfather of Abraham) before migrating to the Yadkin Valley of North Carolina.



Boone-Yoder connections appear in the family of Hans Yoder's grandson John Yoder Jr (c1726-1785) (OH11). In a 1795 estate

record, Daniel (OH11), inheritor of the Yoder Homestead (1748-1820) appears as a witness to the will of his uncle George Oyster, along with a George Boone (apparently a first cousin of Daniel, born 1759 and died at Pikeville 1824). George Oyster's sister Elizabeth (1730-1812) was the wife of Samuel Yoder (OH13).

- The will abstract shows:
- OYSTER, GEORGE, District.
- October 7, 1795 - September 5, 1795 (sic).
- Provides for wife Hannah.
- Land to be sold and estate equally divided between children, viz: Susanna, George, Catharine, John, Hannah, Bettee (Elizabeth), Daniel and Samuel.
- Daus. Bette and Hannah to be fitted out in the same manner as Susanna and Catharine were.
- Exrs: Sons-in-law George SCHALL and Solomon YERGER.
- Wits: George SCHALL, Daniel YODER and George BOONE.

Daniel's brother "Capt. Jacob" Yoder (OH113) was born August 11, 1755. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary Army in 1777 and 1778, and moved to western Pennsylvania in 1780. In May of 1782, he left Ft. Redstone in Fayette County, PA on a flatboat, floated down the Monongahela River, and proceeded to take a load of produce down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans. He was the first person to have ever done so (see YNL 3 and 12).

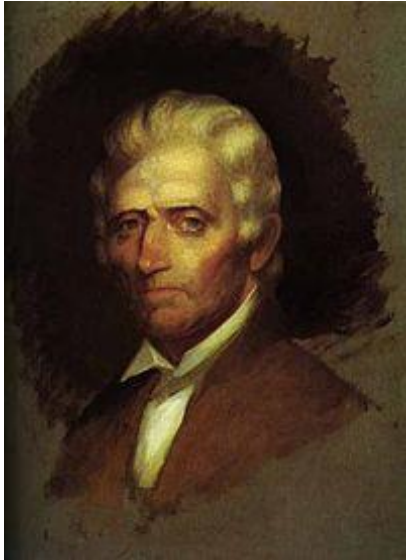
Collins' Historical Sketches of Kentucky: History of Kentucky, 1872, writes:

This cargo Capt. Yoder sold to the Spanish commandant at New Orleans for a draft on the captain-general of Cuba. Havanna was then the entrepot of the furs received from the Mississippi river- large quantities of which had accumulated there, in consequence of the then existing war between Great Britain and Spain. Yoder invested the proceeds of his draft in furs and hides, which he took to Baltimore, making a profitable venture. He repeated the trip to New Orleans, and the adventure in furs and hides; but this time was unsuccessful. In 1784 and 1785 he visited Vincennes and St. Louis, and settled in 1785 in Bardstown, but removed in 1804 to Spencer county. He was engaged in several Indian campaigns; and in 1794, furnished to each of several regiments bound for Gen. Wayne's army, 50 horses loaded with provisions.

The Original Sale bill, dated Oct. 31, 1785, from Edward Tyler to Jacob Yoder, of a family of negros, Judah and her son Henry and an infant daughter unnamed, is preserved. This family was brought to Kentucky from North Carolina by Squire Boone. The boy Harry was still living in Sep., 1871, 89 years old, in the family of Capt. Yoder's daughter, Mrs. David R. Poignand, near Taylorsville. Henry knew well, and often speaks of, John Fitch, one of the pioneers of steamboat navigation (see sketch under Nelson county) - whom he describes as short and stout, speaking with a foreign accent, and always conversing with with said Capt. Yoder in Dutch or German.

The Squire Boone mentioned here was Daniel's brother. A 1792 grant is recorded for him of 1,000 acres of land in what was then Nelson County on the Salt River. In 1803, Jacob Yoder bought land on the northeast side of Brashears Creek to form a plantation just north of the present day town of Taylorsville. (The town was founded in 1799 on the land of Richard Taylor, father of US President Zachary Taylor, and is on the banks of the Salt River). In 1806, he began construction of a two-story, 13-room house. An 1831 tax list for Spencer County lists Yoder is listed as having 1,300 acres on Brashears Creek and 29 slaves. One article about the homestead estimates there may have been as many as 100 slaves buried in the homestead cemetery. Jacob died at his home April 7, 1832. (See article in YNL12).

BOONE- CONTINUED ON PAGE 7



Daniel Boone 1820 by Charles Harding

Daniel Boone is best known as an explorer and frontiersman and the man who opened up Kentucky for settlement. He engaged extensively in land speculation and survey work. After the Revolution, Boone resettled in Limestone (renamed Maysville, Kentucky in 1786), then a booming Ohio River port. In 1787, he was elected to the Virginia state assembly as a representative from Bourbon County. In Maysville, he kept a tavern and worked as a surveyor, horse trader, and land speculator. He was initially prosperous, owning seven slaves by 1787, a relatively large number for Kentucky at the time.

We know Daniel went back to Berks County twice to visit relatives.... The first time when he was forty-seven years old in 1781, and his Uncle James Boone entered in his Bible "1781 Oct. 20. Then Daniel came to see us for the first time." Again in 1788, this time wife and daughter and two sons, James recorded "1788, Feb. 12, Then Daniel (with Rebecca his wife, and their son Nathan) came to see us."

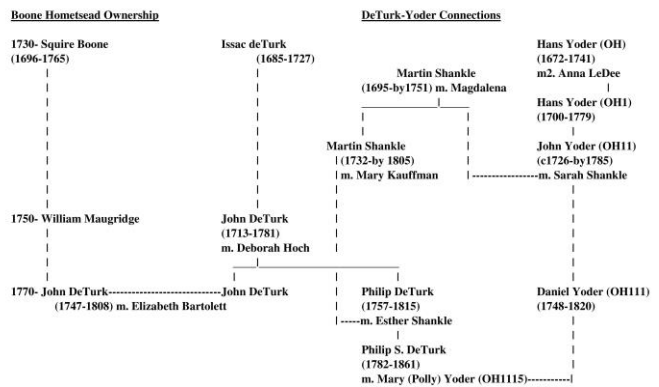
OWNERSHIP OF THE HOMESTEAD

There are additional interesting connections when you look at the ownership of the Daniel Boone Homestead property. The chain of ownership is as follows:

- 1730 Squire Boone purchases 250 acres of land and erects a log house and spring cellar
- 1750 William Maugridge buys 159 acres of the Boone property, and the Squire Boone family move south (Maugridge was the likely a cousin on Squire's mother's side.)
- 1770 John DeTurk buys the property after Maugridge's death in 1766 (Maugridge left two negro slaves in his estate, Cloe and Dick) so slave ownership in the Boone family was not limited to its life in the South).

John DeTurk has ties to the family of John Yoder (OH11). His brother Philip married the niece of John Yoder's wife Sarah Shankle (Shenkle). Sarah, who had married John Yoder in 1746, deserted her husband and children and had an illegitimate child in Reading. This seems to have occurred sometime after 1756, and tax records list her living by herself in Reading in the years 1762, 1764, and 1779. She died about 1798 and is buried in Philip DeTurk's plot at Oley. Sarah's granddaughter, Polly Yoder, married Philip DeTurk's son Philip S. DeTurk (as shown).

The Yoder, Shankle, LeDee, and DeTurk families all were followers of a radical pietist sect called the "New Born", founded by a poor day-laborer from Lambsheim in the Palatinate named Matthias Baumann. (see YNL5 for details)



Two other items of miscellaneous interest: in 1886 a great-grandson of Conrad Yoder of the North Carolina Yoder line would be named Daniel Boone Yoder (b. 1886) (Con2919) (son of James M., son of Jacob, son of Jacob, son of Conrad); and in the "Yoders" (Melchior Yoder) line of southwest Pennsylvania, Elizabeth S(Z)earing Pendleberry, the wife of George W. Yoders (M234), is a descendant of the same Berks County Mordecai Lincoln who was the great-great-grandfather of President Abraham.

CONRAD ESTATE- CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

The final settlement of Conrad's estate was filed with the court in the January Session 1792 as: 762 pounds and 6 pence, less 27 pounds 15 shillings and 8 pence to debts and 22 pounds to the Administrators, leaving a balance to the estate of 712 pounds 4 shillings and 10 pence.

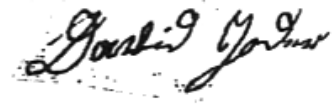
Signatures from the records



Widow Catrina Yoder



John Yoder



David Yoder

It is known that the Conrad Yoder Bible was handed down in the family of John Yoder and purchased at a grandson's estate sale by Col. George M. Yoder (Dr. Fred's grandfather). As this article was being prepared we asked the primary historians of the Conrad family if they knew of any other items still in the family which were reputed to have been owned by Conrad, but nothing surfaced.

In 1794, Conrad's land was divided among his six sons and his widow, a total of 1,022 acres in parcels of from 130 to 166 acres. Dr. Yoder believes daughter Catherine shared the parcel given to her mother.

YODER PASSINGS

- Alta (Yoder) Bender, 93, of Salisbury, PA, died Jan. 5, 2016. A daughter of Monroe (YR2618212) and Amelia (Yoder)(YR26119122) Yoder.



-Gerald Yoder, 95, Woodbury, PA, died Dec. 23, 2015. Son of (son of YR2344911). Founding Board Member of The House of Yoder. He was deeply involved in the construction of the building, installed a computer system, designed and set up the original web site, and was the source of the official name "House of Yoder".

- Abe A. Yoder, 83, of Millersburg, OH died Jan. 2, 2016. He was born to the late Andy (YRC813a) and Susie (Raber) Yoder.

- Harley Yoder, 87, of Topeka, IN passed away Jan. 2, 2016, the son of Herman (Harmon) C. (YR234492a) and Elizabeth Garver Yoder.

- Thomas John Yoder, 81, South Bend, IN, died Dec. 31, 2015, Son of Devere and Lois (Baer) Yoder.

- Hutchison "Hutch" Lee Yoder, stillborn son of Ryan and Laura (Oesch) Yoder of Shipshewana, was delivered at 8:45 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 20, at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

- Forrest L. Yoder, 69, of Elkhart, died Dec. 17, 2015 son of Wilbur and Suzanne (Troyer) Yoder.

- Jay D. Yoder, 77, Goshen, IN passed Nov. 30, 2015. He was the oldest of seven children of Leonard and Pauline (Phillips) Yoder, (YR2338361 line)

- Delbert L. Yoder, 72, of Bristol, died at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at his residence. He was born Aug. 1, 1943, in Saint Joseph, Mich., to the late Elmer L. (YR261166c) and Mary A. (Miller) Yoder.

- Robert Laban Yoder, 93, of Lookout Mountain, TN died Dec. 18, 2015. He was the youngest of the eight children of William Michael (Con3784) and Sarah Ross Yoder.

- Melvin Yoder, 83, of Millersburg, Ohio passed away Jan. 1, 2016. Son of Andrew J.C. and Mattie (Gingerich) Yoder.

- Harlan D. Yoder, 80, rural Danvers, IL died Jan. 8, 2016, the son of Phinas (YR12732252) and Mildred Berg Yoder.

- Andrew O. Yoder, 19, of Parkman, OH passed away after a 4 year battle with leukemia, Jan. 15, 2016. He was the son of Owen J. and Elva M. (Yoder) Yoder.

- Olen J. Yoder, 92, of Grantsville, MD, died Nov. 11, 2015. He was the son of the late John (YR2618211) & Lydia (Tice) Yoder

-Thomas Woodrow Yoder, 86, died April 2, 2014 in Ft. Wayne, IN. He was the son of NC Yoder historian Dr. and Mrs. Fred R Yoder (Con14152).

-Edna Yoder Dierolf, 95, died April 15, 2015 at Pottstown, PA. She was a daughter of the late Sarah N. (Dierolf) and John G. Yoder (OH1325525). A long-time member of the Oley Yoder Heritage committee, she attended the 2014 reunion, coming to the activities and the Hans homestead.

Oley Yoder Annual Reunion

The annual meeting of the Oley Yoder Heritage Association will be July 16, 2016 at the Pike Township Sportsmen's Association for a luncheon meal. The meeting will begin at 11am with lunch served at noon. No other details have been finalized, but there will probably be a program of some kind. Point of Contact for more information; Ann Balderrama at: alb1989@hotmail.com . (Put "YODER" in the subject line so it doesn't get deleted as junk mail).

NORTH CAROLINA YODER REUNION 2016:

The date for this year is Sunday 14 Aug at the Grace Lutheran Church in Newton. Make plans to attend. For info contact: Rev. Dr. Nathan Howard Yoder, yoder234@hotmail.com

Updated Find-A-Grave Counts

Visit the site at: www.findagrave.com. As of Jan. 28, 2016 the counts for interments were: 17,105 records (an increase of +437 from Aug. 2015) -Yoder; 444 (+17) - Yother; 271 (+7) - Yothers; 239 (+2) - Yotter; 62 (+3) - Yoter; 216 (+16) - Yoders; 54 (+0) - Ioder; 79 (-0) - Joder; 40 (+0) - Jotter family members; 1 (+0) - Joders.



Charles W. Yoder (1845-1915)

Pvt Company A 17 Illinois Cav.

Son of William Yoder (?OY4232) and Susa Phillips

Monmouth Cemetery
Monmouth, Illinois

Andrew Franklin Yoder (Con157) (1846-1926)
Son of Eli Yoder



Russell Heights Cemetery
Jackson, Cape Girardeau County
Missouri

Melchior – Conrad Lines Marry

Over the years we have seen many folk in the Amish Yoder lines intermarry, and occasionally a "Hans of Great Swamp" (Mennonite) descendant marry an Amish Yoder descendant. We only know of one inter-marriage between the Melchior Yoder and Conrad Yoder lines. It happened Jul 14, 2012 when the grandson of the late Dorothy Coffman (Melchior researcher and early YNL supporter – see YNL 3) married a North Carolina Yoder descendant.

Married on July 14, 2012.
Two lines getting married: (I think I have these right)

Zachary James Richardson	married	Bethany Wright
son of Emily Coffman Richardson		Daughter of Robin Pitts Wright
Daughter of Dorothy Yoder Coffman		Daughter of Ned Franklin Pitts
Daughter of Earl Vern Yoder		Son of Nina Yoder
Son of Howard Harrison Yoder		Daughter of Guy Franklin Yoder
Son of James Longacre Yoder		Son of Junius Theodore Yoder
Son of William Yoder		Son of Andrew Yoder
Son of Jacob Yoder		Son of John Yoder
Son of Johan Melchior Yoder		Son of John Yoder
Son of Nicolaus Yoder Jr.		Son of Conrad Yoder
Son of Nicolaus Yoder Sr		Son of Nicolaus Yoder Sr



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