## YODER NEWSLETTER



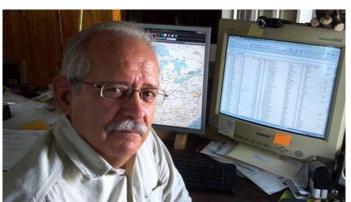
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## YNL CIRCULATION MANAGER JOHN W. YODER PASSES AWAY



JOHN YODER WITH SUBSCRIBER DATA BASE

John William Yoder, 67, the YNL Circulation Manager for 25 years, died of multiple myeloma at 11:08 am on Thursday May 11, in Middlebury, IN, following an illness of two and a half years. John was born in Goshen on Feb. 5, 1950, to William (YR2611847) and Alma (Kauffman) Yoder. We received the following note from John's middle son Spencer:

"My mother, brothers, and our significant others are all very grateful for the overwhelming amount of support we have received over the last few days, months, and years. It's clear that Dad was very loved and respected by everyone he met throughout his 67 years, and he left many lasting impressions along the way."

A Celebration of Life in his honor was held at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury on July 15.

In our 30th anniversary issue (YNL60, Oct 2012) John wrote about how he first became involved as a newsletter volunteer:

I first met Ben Yoder when I dropped by his house to pick up my free copy of YNL #I soon after he and Chris started it many years ago. My Dad had told me about the Newsletter. At Ben's door we were very soon playing the Mennonite game, "now who are your parents, who were your grandparents, where were they from?" He invited me in to talk further. Within a few weeks I found myself helping out with the mailings. He had a unique system of index cards to keep records of subscribers, and the local bank would then print the mailing labels after he gave them a list. I knew I could do all of that on my own computer at home so I volunteered to take over that part of it. That was by no means as common then as it is now. That's pretty much been my job along with Esther Yoder ever since.

I too was among the early personal computer enthusiasts. I bought an Apple IIe soon after they came out, and have been using some kind of computer every day since. Ben passed on within a few years after I arrived on the scene. I then tried to take over his responsibilities, but found my business just wasn't allowing me to keep up. About that time Esther Yoder and her husband Henry retired to Greencroft retirement center in Goshen, and she began helping us. Esther is the person I aspire to be when I reach her age. She is an amazingly active and efficient volunteer. She got things done then, and continues to do so to this day. For years I would go to her apartment for an evening a couple of times a year. She would serve me coffee and her excellent ginger snap cookies, and we would get the subscriptions up to date. Today we go through the mail by way of a computer video conference using Skype instead of me going over there. It's more efficient, but I do miss the cookies and spending time with Esther.

**JOHN YODER-CONTINUED ON PAGE 8** 

## A YODER AND A ROOSEVELT

-by Paul Sangster



J. P. YODER AND TEDDY DISEMBARK

J.P. Yoder, who was my grandfather, was asked to accompany Theodore Roosevelt (TR) on a nationwide campaign during the summer and fall of 1916. The purpose of the campaign was to support Charles Evans Hughes, who was the Republican candidate for president, opposing Woodrow Wilson, whom TR had come to intensely dislike.

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## YODERS RECORDS IN SOLDIERS HOMES

The National Asylums for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers were established after the Civil War to serve as shelters for disabled Civil War veterans. Gradually the services expanded to support soldiers of other conflicts. Admission to the soldiers' homes was voluntary, and soldiers could request admission to any home they chose and could request to be discharged as well. Information from twelve of these homes are available through the Family Search digital data base of National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M1749, entitled "United States National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938,". These homes were formed over a number of years in different parts of the country, and Yoders (and related spellings) appear in the records of six of the twelve which have been digitized:

Name	Location	Year Established	
Central Branch	Dayton, OH	1867	
Northwestern Branch, Milwaukee, Wisconsin –1867			
Southern Branch	Hampton, VA	1870	
Western Branch	Leavenworth, K	S 1885	
Pacific Branch	Sawtelle, CA	1888	
Battle Mtn. San.	Hot Springs, SD	1907	
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### The Yoder Newsletter- Founded 1983 by Ben F Yoder (1913-1992), Chris Yoder & Rachel Kreider (1909-2015)

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Chris Yoder, Editor, Saugatuck, MI; Kenneth W. Yoder, Circulation and Mail Manager, Goshen, IN. Other Contributors: Richard H. Yoder, Bechtelsville, PA; Neal D. Wilfong, Cleveland, NC; and Ann Balderrama, Reading, PA. And our other Goshen area volunteer team members: Titus King, Cheryl Parsons, and Richard Yoder.

Over the past 35 years, subscriptions have allowed us to support advertising of national reunions, to provide funding for many of the DNA tests, and to pay for new research into Swiss records. All of our staff members are volunteers.

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#### SEND YNL CORRESPONDENCE:

-FOR CIRCULATION ISSUES ONLY, such as new or renewed subscriptions, changes of address, orders for back issues to: Yoder Newsletter, P.O. Box 594, Goshen, IN 46527-0594.

- ALL OTHER CORRESPONDENCE - dealing with ancestral queries or contributions for future YNLs or archives (such as reunion notices, Letters to the Editor, copies of Bible records or other historical information) to: Chris Yoder, 551 S. Maple St., Saugatuck, MI 49453 or email at <a href="mailto:cyoder@tds.net">cyoder@tds.net</a>.

- YNL PRICE INFORMATION
- -Annual YNL subscription (published Apr. and Oct.) for \$5.

-BACK ISSUES of the YNL are \$2 per issue. (or you can download them free 1 to 2 years after publication from the Yoder Newsletter web page: <a href="https://www.vodernewsletter.org">www.vodernewsletter.org</a>).

YODER DATA ON DISK- Includes back issues of YNL text, census and county records, family group data and pictures and scanned images. The price for our "Yoder Data on Disk" is \$10 (postage included). Send to YNL address in Goshen. (Most of this info is also available free at the YNL Homepage and changes VERY slowly.)

## YNL CONSOLIDATED VOLUMES NOW AVAILABLE

Volume 1 (Issues 1-25) and Volume 2 (Issues 26-50) are both available in soft cover volumes for order on-line. See:

For YNL 1-25 <u>www.createspace.com/5154791</u> \$16.29 plus postage For YNL26-50 <u>www.createspace.com/5051725</u> \$16.99 plus postage Descendants of Bishop Christian Yoder Sr. (YR233) may also be interested in The Reuben Yoder Family and Its Ancestry at

www.createspace.com/4122327 \$15.99 plus postage



## NEW YNL WEBMASTER NEEDED

After 20 years of volunteer service, the YNL webmaster, Donald Kauffman of Edmonton, Alberta, has retired. When the YNL on the web was first launched, the master files were kept in Battle Creek, MI, the

server site for the web files was located in California, and our web magician, Don, was in Canada. Thanks so much Don!

Any volunteers out there to take his place? Workload is not very great as changes are quite infrequent. Interested parties, please contact YNL editor Chris Yoder at cyoder@tds.net, 616-212-3443.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In YNL67 we reported on the marriage of a Melchior Yoder descendant with a descendant of Conrad Yoder of North Carolina. We are pleased to report that the union has produced...

## A YODER CONNECTOR



Emily Robertson, Bethany & Charlotte Paige Richardson, and Robin Wright

So it has been 18 months since I last posted on my blog, and the answer to your question is yes, I've been busy. Part of that includes the birth of my first grandchild, Charlotte Paige Richardson, the daughter of my youngest son, Zachary James Richardson and his wonderful wife, Bethany Paige Wright. The photo above is very special. Both Bethany's mother, Robin Wright and myself are descendants of Yoders. In fact if you trace both of our lines back we connect to the same person Nicholas Joder, Sr.

Bethany and Zachary are 8th cousins, and Charlotte brings the family back in a full circle. Take a look at the diagram below.

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Nicholas Joder Sr. (1673-1740)
Nicholas Joder Jr.(? - 1739)
                                                          Conrad Yoder (1725 - 1790)
John Melchior Yoder (1735 - 1822)
Jacob Yoder (1770-1834)
                                                            John Yoder (1764 - 1835)
John Yoder (1795 - 1870)
William Yoder (1793 - 1870)
                                                           Andrew Voder (1836-1885)
James Longacre Yoder (1832 - 1898)
                                                          Junius Yoder (1868 - 1948)
Howard Harrison Yoder (1871 - 1934)
                                                    Guy Franklin Yoder (1894-1977)
Earl Yoder (1895 - 1975)
                                                             Nina Yoder (1917-2013)
              Dorothy Yoder (1920 - 2006)
Emily Coffman
                                                               Ned Pitts
                                                             Robin Pitts
              Zachary James Richardson
                                                  Bethany Paige Wright
                              Charlotte Paige Richardson
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What makes this even more fun, and I only realized this when I was creating a pedigree chart for Charlotte, is that she has a third Yoder connection to Nicholas, Sr. Look below at just her mothers line, still moving upward to Conrad and then Nicholas Joder Sr.

Nicholas Joder Sr.			
Conrad Yoder			
John Yoder	Conrad Yoder (1725 - 1790)		
John Yoder	John Yoder (1764 - 1835)		
Andrew Yoder	John Yoder (1795 - 1870)		
Junius Yoder	Daniel Yoder (1822 - 1908)		
Guy Franklin Yoder	Hosea Yoder (1858 - 1940)		
Nina Yoder	Essie Yoder (1907 - 2002)		
Ned Pitts	Betty Greenhill		
Robin Pitts	Robin Pitts Wright		
Bethany Paige Wright	Bethany Paige Wright		
Charlotte Paige Richardson			

Okay, she won't be able to deny this relationship at all. And someone in the future will wonder about how this happened! Well it takes a Pennsylvania boy meeting a girl with parents originally from North Carolina at college, and then research that connects Conrad and Nicholas together. We are thrilled to have her as part of our family.

-- Emily C. Richardson

## **Updated Find-A-Grave Counts**

Visit the site at: www.findagrave.com. As of July 17, 2017 the counts for interments were: 18553 records (an increase of +430 from Feb. 23, 2017) –Yoder; 486 (+8) – Yother; 291 (+2) – Yothers; 261 (+2) – Yotter; 68 (+0) – Yoter; 268 (+21) – Yoders; 63 (+2) – Ioder; 85 (+1) – Joder; 44 (+0) - Jotter; 1 (+0) – Joders; 9 (+0) Youder; 17- (+0); Youther; 7 (+0) Yothers; 2 (+0) Youders.



Elias Yoder (Unlinked "AC" but likely a son of OH135) Birth: Jul. 9, 1803 Death: Jun. 7, 1880

Pine Grove, Schuylkill County, PA

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Pine Grove

Jacobs Lutheran Church Cemetery

Photo by Ernie Steele-FAG

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Records include a variety of service, medical, and descriptive information for the veteran involved, beginning with name, date of birth, date year present and location of the Soldier's Home. In this article we provide this data and supplement it with information identifying the individual into the family groups which can be found through the Yoder Newsletter Homepage:

(www.yodernewsletter.org).

We list these folks chronologically in order of year of birth.

Enoch E Yoder b. abt 1829 Missouri;

1890 California Los Angeles Sawtelle

MILITARY HISTORY: Time and place of enrollment: Sep 11, 1861 San Francisco, CA; Rank: P; Company and Regiment: L Co 2<sup>nd</sup> Cal Cav; Time and place Discharge:11 Jul 1862; Cause of Discharge: Rupture; Disabilities when admitted to the Home: Skin Disease; When and Where contracted: 1861 San Francisco, CA.

DOMESTIC HISTORY: Where born: Missouri; Age: 61; Height: 5' 8"; Complexion: Light; Occupation: Laborer; Residence Subsequent to Discharge: Auburn, Ca; Married or single: single; Name and address of nearest relative: none

HOME HISTORY: Rate of Pension: \$12; Date of Admission: Apr 23, 1890; Date of Discharge: Jun 27, 1892; Case of Discharge: Own Request ("OR")

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NOTES: Unlinked- Enoch E. Yoder of California, was a Corporal in Capt. Albert Brown's Co L, 2nd Rgmt US Cav, and had enlisted in Santa Cruz, Ca on 11 Sep 1862, and also in the 3rd Rgmt of Arty enlisting at San Francisco, 23 Sep 1861, to serve three years. It shows him to have been born about 1830 in Fulton Co., Ky. When he filed a pension application in 1888, he is listed as a resident of Iowa City, Placer County. (see YNL37 page 5, for speculations in the article on Daniel Yothers of Centre Co, PA)

George Yoder b. abt 1837 Indiana

1925 Kansas Leavenworth Leavenworth

NO DETAILS LISTED:

NOTES: Con319- George Yoder, b. Mar.2, 1836 IN d. Apr 21, 1931 bur. Lower Neeley Cemetry, Rosendale, Mo. Military stone applied for Mar. 31, 1836. It reads "1st SGT GEORGE YODER, Co D, 23rd Missouri Infantry". Son of War of 1812 veteran Conrad Yoder (Con31). Married Amanda Ogle 12 Jan 1865 at Andrew, MO.



Photo by Sharon Hunt, FAG

Moses V Yoder b. abt 1837 Ohio 1904 California Los Angeles Sawtelle

MILITARY HISTORY: Time and place of enrollment: Aug 2, 1862 New Paris, IN; Rank: P; Company and Regiment: E Co 74<sup>th</sup> Indiana Inf; Time and place Discharge: Jan17, 1863 Gallatin, TN; Cause of Discharge: Cardialgia; Kind of Disability: Heart Disease; When and where Contracted: Oct 1852, Army of the Cumberland.

DOMESTIC HISTORY: Where born: Ohio; Age: 67; Height: 5' 8"; Complexion: Fair; Color Eyes: Grey; Color Hair: Grey; Read and write: yes; Religion: Prot; Occupation: Lawyer; Residence Subsequent to Discharge: Chehalis, Wash.; Married or single: W.; Name and address of nearest relative: Florence Yoder (daughter), Sisso Yoder (daughter), Chehalis, Wash.

HOME HISTORY: Rate of pension: \$12; Date of Admission: Jun 18, 1904; Date of Discharge: Dec. 27, 1904; Cause of Discharge: OR.

NOTES: YR12532- Moses V Yoder b. Jun. 27, 1837 Holmes Co, OH d. Dec. 29, 1911 at Ft. Steilacoom, Steilacoom, WA. Son of Valentine Yoder and Mary Schrock. He married Minerva Arnett and had daughter Florence Alice on Dec. 2, 1884 at Chehalis, WA. Married Eleanor Farnsworth at Chehalis, WA on May 20, 1906. He may have been the Moses V Yoder who m. Hattie A. Leist at Livingston, IL on Apr 8, 1869.

James Yoders b. abt 1838 Penna

1886 Kansas Leavenworth Leavenworth

MILITARY HISTORY: Time and place of enrollment: Aug 4, 1862 Feb 16, 1864 Jefferson, PA; Rank: Pvt Pvt

Company and Regiment: D Co 85<sup>th</sup> Pa Vols G Co 18<sup>th</sup> Pa Cavy; Time and place Discharge: Nov 12, 1862 Jan 19, 1965 Camp Suffolk, Va, Sandy Hook, Md; Cause of Discharge: Surgeons cert, Surgeons Cert; Disabilities when admitted to the: Disease of the lung; When contracted: Feb 1864

DOMESTIC HISTORY: Where born: Penna; Age: 48; Height: 6' 1"; Complexion: Dark; Occupation: Farmer;

Residence Subsequent to Discharge: Winterset, Iowa; Married or single: Married; Name and address of nearest relative: wife-Martha M. Winterset, Madison Co, Ia

HOME HISTORY: Rate of pension:\$12 \$24 \$30; Date of Admission: Mar. 15, 1886; Date of Discharge: Dec.19, 1894; Cause of Discharge: By order \_\_\_\_able to support himself

NOTES: M2211- James Yoders, b. Jun. 12, 1837 Greene Co, PA d. Aug. 21, 1914 NE bur. Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Omaha. Civil War veteran 85 PA Infantry Co. D Private, 18th Pennsylvania Cavalry. Officially listed as unassigned but pension record says he served in Company G. Also served in Company D, 85th Pennsylvania Infantry from August 13, 1862 until his discharge by

#### A YODER AND A ROOSEVELT- CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

J.P. Yoder had been a newspaperman and a publicist, but I have yet to learn how he knew TR, or why Yoder was asked to accompany him on this tour. Together they travelled thousands of miles across the country, mostly by train, along with two other reporters. Edwin N. Lewis, a young reporter, and Cronin of The Sun (N.Y.).

A story told by Edwin Lewis on p.175 of My Brother Theodore:

"The Colonel is fifty-eight years old today, as you will know, doubtless....He has been so fine to us. ...a thought sprang simultaneously into the minds of Yoder and myself....Our suggestions included fountain pen, pocket knife, silver pencil---something that he could use. We elected Yoder to scout through the Colonel's pocket. He went out on the observation platform and casually asked the Colonel if he could borrow his knife." Yes, Yoder," T.R. said, digging into his pocket, "but I am ashamed of it. The blades are rusty, the handle is cracked. By George, I must get a new one." We decided after hearing Yoder's report that a knife was the thing." (pp. 174, 175, My Brother Theodore Roosevelt BY Corinne Roosevelt Robinson, Illustrated with Photos, originally published in 1921)

According to Wikipedia, the 1912 Republican convention was contentious. Roosevelt was initially on the ticket, but quit and formed his own Progressive Party, better known as the "Bull Moose" Party. Evidently, this split allowed Wilson to win easily over Taft. In 1916, Roosevelt was again on the ticket in the Republican Convention, but he ended way down the list, with Charles Evans Hughes, the then Supreme Court Chief Justice, winning the nomination. Roosevelt disliked Wilson intensely for reasons beyond the scope of this article. Consequently, Roosevelt decided to campaign for Hughes.



A THEATER SLIDE GIVING TEDDY"S ENDORSEMENT

Going through newspaper archives from 1915,"United Press Staff Correspondent" J. P. Yoder is seen to have been a sports reporter. By April 23, 1916, however, he is writing on political matters and of U.S. Senate action on a War Loan. He reported on an amendment issued by Senators Harding and Lodge aimed at raising, through voluntary enlistment, four infantry divisions totaling 100,000 men, with an object that they be led into battle by ex-President Roosevelt.

On Jun. 10, J.P. wrote about the nomination of Hughes, and that Roosevelt had refused the nomination of the Progressive party.

By Sept. 30, he was writing of Roosevelt's speech at Battle Creek, MI where he stated his opposition to "Peace at Any Price" and recalled the lives lost the year before in the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine.

On Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> he writes of Taft and Roosevelt having a chilly meeting at the Union Club in New York City, but they did shake hands.

On Oct 14, JP writes as Teddy leaves New York "for his second thrust" speaking that night to a gallery of miners in Wilkes-Barre.

Oct. 16, the story is filed by JP from aboard the Roosevelt campaign train, of TR's plans to visit pals from his days on the range, followed by a Maryland tour and Baltimore speech.

Oct.17 TR and JP leave New York on their western tour of Kentucky, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Illinois.

Oct. 18, J.P. reported from Springfield, OH where a train derailment forced a 150 mile detour, making TR skip stops in Cincinnati and Louisville to make a major speech at Corbin, KY.

Oct. 19- they pass through St. Louis and speed across Missouri and Kansas.



Oct. 20- Amarillo, TX.

Oct. 21- Making stops in Clovis and Belen, NM, he arrived in Prescott, AZ where Roosevelt says he "would have gone into Mexico to the hilt" if he had been President earlier in the spring, and would have "put in charge of the border a man of the caliber of Buck O'Neil" (a prominent Arizonan who died in TR's arms at San Juan Hill). "Bucky would have cleaned up the border in 90 days".

Oct. 22- TR gives a speech in Phoenix at the baseball ground to seven thousand people, which JP describes as "Roosevelt's Attack on Administration Bitterest Yet". An Indian band (likely from the Phoenix Indian School) greets him with "Hail to the Chief".

Oct. 23- Albuquerque, NM.

Oct. 24- "A Busy Day in Denver, Col" - "in the course of his 6,300 mile jaunt".

Oct. 26.- Cedar Rapids, IA- the first stop on his way to Chicago for two big speeches, the end of his western tour.

Oct. 27- Elkhart, IN.

Oct. 28- arrival after 6,500 miles in Brooklyn- speech at Coopers Union. Next week he will take a campaign trip to Cleveland and Toledo, then back to campaign in Baltimore.

Nov. 2 - Toledo, OH.

Nov. 3 - Buffalo, NY.

Nov. 4- a wrap up speech at Bridgeport, CT, after which he'll just be "Grandfather Roosevelt", completing a series of campaign speeches in 20 states, including a packed house last night at Cooper Union and the National Theater in New York.

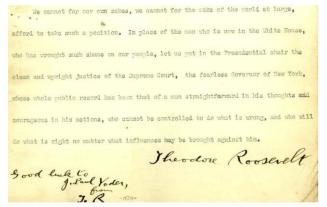




**TEDDY & J.P. YODER** 

**J. P. YODER IN 1914** 

In later reports of JP's travels with TR, distances of between "over 10,000" and "16,000" miles were reported. A standard theme of TR's stump speech was "Americanism", and he signed and gave a copy of his speech to JP, which has been handed down in the family (below).



ROOSEVELT SIGNS HIS SPEECH TO J. P, YODER

In an article published on Nov. 22, 1916, Yoder writes of his experiences on the campaign trail with the former President:

Following is Mr. Yoder's account or campaigning with Colonel Roosevelt: BY J. P. YODER.

Be of what political faith you may, if you're a newspaper man, or interested in a newspaper, and fighting the battle of space what is and the news what ain't you'd have to admit that the best press agent Oscar Hammerstein or P. T. Barnum ever had was a selling plater compared to Colonel T. Roosevelt.

Throwing all policies aside, Roosevelt is excelled by no one in two particulars —as a news maker and as a traveling enthusiasm producer. He has both down to a science. He can not only smell news or the possibility of news farther than the average man can see, but he seems to divine when news is dull and there is a chance to "hit the front page." He admits all of this, and his pride in the ability isn't unjustified. United Press editors who read this won't have to be told of innumerable instances on his trips to prove this.

They can look back over their files if they don't remember. Roosevelt's method for snaring of the unsuspecting vote,

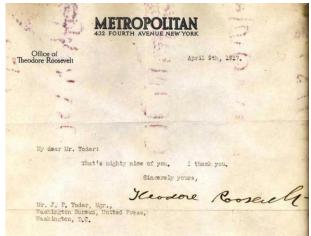
Roosevelt's method for snaring of the unsuspecting vote, however, isn't so well known, except perhaps to some of those on whom he has practiced his powers.

Now there are two ways to a human being's heart, as Charles Ebbetts or someone else once remarked. One through the stomach, the other is through vanity in his children or himself. Roosevelt can't feed all the voters he greets on a stumping tour. So he does the obvious. There must be at least 6742 men along the line of the colonel's journeying who are so swelled up over the fact that he did remember them that they're going to vote the way Roosevelt asked them to vote, regardless of politics or issue. And there are probably 67,420 mothers and children along the same railroad tracks who are literally hounding husbands and fathers to vote for the candidate favored by the former president who had a separate word to say to them, or who built up a strong bond by comparing them to his own grand-children.

When the colonel wasn't speaking, or being hustled through the streets, or conferring with campaign managers, or thinking up some new verbal dart at Democracy's hide, he was reading, reading, reading—or thinking up copy for the newspapermen.

His chief delights in the book line comprised a voluminous history of England in the seventeenth century—and woolly, wild detective stories. On a former trip he had confessed his obsession for sleuth stories and a newspaperman referred him to one that appeared in a certain weekly magazine. That story held Roosevelt across two or three states.

The colonel is the best friend to travel with newspapermen ever had. He makes every newspaperman who is with him recognize that he is member of the colonel's own personal party—and a friend of Roosevelt', not just a mere hanger on. Every newspaperman in the Roosevelt party, in return, thinks of Roosevelt as just one of the gang.



APR 9, 1917 LETTER FROM TR TO J.P. YODER

Jocelyn Paul "Pete" Yoder (YR23331b5) was born Jan. 14, 1884, in Galena, Kansas to Jocelyn Z. Yoder (1848 - 1933) and Phebe Ellen Tallman Yoder (1853 - 1935) (see YNL 43, Apr. 2004). He attended Central High School in Washington, D.C. and entered the world of journalism at the Washington Times. In 1911 he married Leona Edgar Kidwell and joined United Press in the same year. He was later on the staffs of the Washington Post, the Washington Star and the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He became the Bureau Manager of the United Press Association in Boston. He was a charter member of the National Press Club. He went to France in 1918 with the Mobile Hosp #104 as supply officer with the rank of Captain. He served as the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission in 1919. In 1925 he was hired by George Merrick to publicize the new community of Coral Gables, and served on the Miami Herald. He was Post Commander of Coral Gables Post 98, American Legion and Chef de Gare Passe of Voiture 492 of the 40 and 8. He was well acquainted with Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt and Harry and Bess Truman. He died Sep. 30, 1950 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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surgeon's certificate on October 7, 1862. Not accounted for. Also listed as Yonders, Youders, and Yorders. Filed for a pension on November 19, 1875, application number 210,204, certificate number 279,800. Wife Martha M. Yoders filed for a widow's pension on September 14, 1914, application number 1,034,197, certificate 792,000 from Nebraska. Died in Burkett, Nebraska. Son of George D. Yoders and Sarah Dougherty

Eli L Yoder b. abt 1843 Pa

1909 Kansas Leavenworth Leavenworth

MILITARY HISTORY: Time and place of enrollment: Mar 9, 1865 Harrisburg, PA; Rank: Pvt; Company and Regiment: \_\_\_\_ 101 Pa Inf; Time and place Discharge: Jun 25, 1865 Newbern, NC; Cause of Discharge: OR# 88

Disabilities when admitted to the Home: Hernia Soft Inguinal, Cardiac Hypertrophy

DOMESTIC HISTORY: Where born: Pa; Age: 66; Height: 6' 0"; Complexion: Dark; Color Eyes: Dark; Color Hair: Gray; Read and write: yes; Religion: Prot

Occupation: Minister; Residence Subsequent to Discharge: Topeka, Ks; Married or single: Married

Name and address of nearest relative: Annie F. Yoder wife, Falls City, Neb

HOME HISTORY: Rate of Pension: \$12 15 F May 31-12, 18 f Aug 16-12; Date of Admission: Mar 26, 1909

Date of death: May 16, 1913; Cause of death: Septicaemia



NOTES: YR12a321- Rev. Eli Lorenzo Yoder, a leader of the Brethren Church,

b. Aug. 11, 1842 Mifflin Co, PA d. May 16, 1913 Fall City, NE m1. Nancy Secrist in Mifflin Co, Aug. 8, 1866 m2 Annie Forney Jan 1888, Falls City, NE. Son of Joash Yoder and Barbara Kauffman . Bur. Steele Cem, Falls City, NE.

See YNL39 for an article about his son.

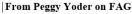




Photo by Bryce Robinson FAG

Samuel W Yoder b. abt 1843 Pennsylvania 1905 Ohio Montgomery Dayton

MILITARY HISTORY: Time and place of enrollment: Aug. 28, 1863 Bellfontaine, OH; Rank: Prvt; Company and Regiment: L Cond OH H. Arty; Time and place Discharge: Aug 25, 1863 Nashville, TN; Cause of Discharge: Ex of Service; Disabilities when admitted to the Home: Chronic Shergingotis and bronchitis, Claims chronic diarrhea, Vaccinated

DOMESTIC HISTORY: Where born: Pennsylvania; Age: 62; Height: 5' 7"; Complexion: Fair; Color Eyes: Gray; Color Hair: Gray; Read and write: yes; Religion: Prot.; Occupation: Wood worker; Residence Subsequent to Discharge: Cincinnati, OH; Married or single: Married; Name and address of nearest relative: Wife Rachel, Sidney, OH

HOME HISTORY: Rate of Pension: \$6 \$8 \$12; Date of Admission: \_\_\_\_\_; Date of Discharge: Mar. 4, 1909: Cause of Discharge: at request; 29/1/09 – ½ pen susp pending claim of wife

NOTES: YR146212- Samuel W. Yoder b. 1843 Mifflin Co, PA d. Jun. 2, 1911 Salem Twp, Champaign Co, OH, m. Rachel E. Wright, Oct. 4, 1866 Champaign Co,OH. Son of David Yoder and Leah King. Bur. Fairview Cemetery, West Liberty, Logan County, OH. FAG cemetery lists death as Dec. 28, 1893 (sic).



Photo From Jim Vanvoorhis FAG

MILITARY HISTORY: Time and place of enrollment: 15 July 1863 17 Jan 1865; Company and Regiment: K Co 116<sup>th</sup> Md VolG Co 151 Ind Vol; Time and place Discharge: 2 Mar 1864 Apr 1865; Disabilities when admitted to the Home: Week lungs and hernia

DOMESTIC HISTORY: Where born: Berks Co, PA, Age: 40; Occupation: Pedler; Residence Subsequent to Discharge: Geo K Yoder, Hackettstown, Warren Co, NJ; Married or single: S

HOME HISTORY: Date of Admission: 27 Mar 1885; By order of: Geo W Agley; Remarks: 1<sup>st</sup> Admission Died on furlough at Died on furlough in Strausburg Pa. Dec 1890. [Obituaries report he died in Sharltlesville, Next of Kin- brother George K. Yoder.

NOTES: Son of William Yoder (unlinked "CO" son of Daniel OY131) and s first wife Sarah Kohler b. 1845 Berks Co d. Dec. 15, 1890 bur at Freidens Cem, Upper Bern Twp, Berks; appears in 1850 census age 5 with William Yoder- 31 tailor, Sarah age 37, Albert- 5, George G- age 2, and Elizabeth Culler.; In 1860 he appears as a 15 year old apprentice to a shoemaker and no longer in the household of his parents; In 1880 he seems to be the A E Yoder b, 1845 PA shoemaker (thanks to Ann Balderrama for details!)

George W Yoder b. abt 1847 Ohio 1925 Ohio Montgomery Dayton

MILITARY HISTORY: Rank: Pvt; Time and place of enrollment: Aug 7, 1863 Bryan, OH; Company and Regiment: H Co 3<sup>rd</sup> OH Cav; SOLDIERS HOMES - CONTINUED ON PAGE 7

Time and place discharge: Aug 4, 1865 Nashville, TN; Cause of Discharge: ETS 24 mos; Disabilities when admitted to the Home: Deafness, Geb, Scleroses, Blindness per VHD Natnl Insuf,

DOMESTIC HISTORY: Where born: Ohio; Age: 78; Height: 5' 10"; Complexion: W; Color Eyes: Blue; Color Hair: Gray; Read and write: yes; Religion: Prot.; Occupation: Carpenter.; Residence Subsequent to Discharge: Pioneer, OH; Married or single: Widw.; Name and address of nearest relative: son Adam Yoder, Pioneer, OH HOME HISTORY: Pension: 72.00; Date of Admission: 7/31/1925, 1/29/1926, 11/23/1928; Date of Discharge: Aug 29, 1925, Mar 15, 1926, Dec 11, 1928; Cause of Discharge: Man Ben Rec, Dis A R, Dis A R

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NOTES- AD3-George W. Yoder, b. Feb. 6, 1847 OH, d. Sep. 27, 1934, bur. Flora Grove Cemetery. M. Adeline Corbett. Was a son of Adam Yoder and Harriet Isanhart. Y DNA profile in Adam's line matches to the Amish Yoders and Adam is a suspected son of George Yoder (YR1271)- see the article in YNL45).

SUMMARY OF LATER VETS FROM SPANISH AMERICAN WAR AND WWI

Harvey Yoder b. abt 1871 Middleburg Ind 1928 South Dakota Fall River Hot Springs Battle Mountain Sanitarium

NOTES- YR23b823- b. Nov. 13, 1875 IN d. Jul. 7, 1937 at veteran's Hospital in Indianapolis, Son of Jonathan Yoder and Esther Prough, Elkhart Co, IN

Jacob E Yoder b. abt 1873 Berlin Holmes Co, Ohio

1913 Ohio Montgomery Dayton

NOTES: YR2333315- b. Jan. 24, 1872 d. Dec. 24, 1954, bur.

Hartsville Cemetery, Hartville, OH; Son of Elias J Yoder and Lydia Miller; in 1900 at Cottabato, Phillipines, Military and Naval Forces

William A Yoder b. abt 1879 Pa

1930 Virginia Hampton

NOTES: AC38- William Alpheus Yoder b. Nov. 17, 1878 Pine Grove, PA d. Feb. 19, 1953 S. Lebanon, PA, bur. Saint Johns Lutheran Cemetery, Pine Grove; son of Abraham Yoder and C. Reed (for relationship of "AC" to the OH135 line, see YNL56 on DNA results)

John A Yoder b. abt 1881 Iowa

1930 South Dakota Fall River Hot Springs

**Battle Mountain Sanitarium** 

1932 Kansas Leavenworth Leavenworth

NOTES: John Andrew Yoder- YR14611a3- b. Sep. 6, 188 d. Oct. 29, 1947, Son of Daniel F. Yoder and Veronica Troyer, bur. E. Lynne Cem., E. Lynne, MO

Dwight W Yoder b. abt 1886 Ohio 1930 Ohio Montgomery Dayton

1930 Ohio Montgomery Daytor Carroll, Alexandria, OH RR#1

NOTES: YRB17315- Dwight Wilmer Yoder- b. Jul. 10, 1886 d. Oct. 12, 1970 Polk, FL, bur. Lakeland, FL; Son of Christian H. Yoder

and Juliana (Anna) Plank; m. 1933 Robin Barror; (HHH572)

Otto Yothers abt 1887 Kansas

1921 California Los Angeles Sawtelle

NOTES: F168- Otto E. Yothers, b. Aug. 1884 KS d. Dec. 7, 1923 Pima Co, AZ; 1920- SGT assigned to Kruft, Germany; son of

Reuben Yoder and Lydia A Moss; see YNL37 on Daniel Yothers of Centre County, PA

Fred J Yoder b. abt 1887 Ohio 1926 Ohio Montgomery Dayton NOTES: YRB11426- b. Nov. 17, 1887 Bellefontaine, OH d. Nov. 7, 1952, bur. Spring Valley Cem, Spring valley, Greene Co, OH; son of Isaac Plank Yoder and Martha Belle "Mattie" Kauffman; m. Mar 21, 1918 Una T. Dodd

Benjamine Yoder b. abt 1888 Ohio

1931 Ohio Montgomery Dayton

NOTES: AV29 – b. Oct. 10, 1887 Greenville, OH d. Aug. 15, 1971, son of David Yoder and Caroline Dickey;

m. Jun. 3, 1939 to Bertha Marie Freeman; bur. Greenlawn Gardens, Springfield, Greene Co., OH;

(See YNL56 for DNA Results which link the AV line to OH135)

Philip A Yoder b. abt 1889 Ohio

1922 Wisconsin Milwaukee Milwaukee

NOTES: YA1314- Philip A. Yoder, Jr., b. Dec 1888, d. 1927; US Vet M G Co 57th Inf; bur. Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Alliance, Stark Co., OH; son of Philip Yoder and Josephine Leasure

Louis E Yoder b. abt 1890 California

1923 California Los Angeles Sawtelle

NOTES: (unlinked) - Louis Elijah Yoder, b. Jun. 13, 1889 Los Angeles, CA d. Jul. 29, 1960 bur. Inglewood Park Cem, Inglewood, CA; m. 1917 Emily Gann; Son of Arthur Lenox Yoder & Annie Richards who m. Sep. 24, 1885 in Labette, KS

Edgar Yoder b. abt 1895 Ind

1933 Ohio Montgomery Dayton

NOTES: YA4141- b. Sep. 24, 1894 Adams Co., IN d. Jun. 25, 1968 Ft. Wayne, IN; son of Christian C. Yoder and Judith Meshberger; m. Mary Myers, Feb. 6, 1926. Bur. MRE Cemetery, Berne, IN

Selzus Yoder b. abt 1896

1934 Ohio Montgomery Dayton

NOTES: YR23333121- (DBH5270) Selzus Henry Yoder b. Nov. 11, 1895 d. Aug. 14, 1989 Peru, IN; m. Emma Feen Mar. 13, 1927 South Bend, IN; son of Amos E Yoder and Cora J Kneep; bur. Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport, IN

Russell S. Yoder b. abt 1898 Pa 1929 Ohio Montgomery Dayton

NOTES: YR239e142 (DBH1013)- b. Dec. 16, 1899 near Pugh, PA d. Nov.\_, 1967 OH, m. Apr. 14, 1920 Cumberland, MD to Luella Flamm; Son of Harvey G. Yoder and Emma Walker; bur. Riverside Cemetery, Painesville, OH

The Civil War Veteran's shown above can also be seen in the listing of Yoder pension applications from that conflict which appear in YNL 19-20. For full records of the later vets, see:

## EVAMAE (BARTON) CRIST PASSES AWAY



We've belatedly learned of the passing of Evamae (Barton) Crist, age 87, of Hallam, PA, on July 11, 2016. She was born March 3, 1929 to Harry J. Barton and Evamae Yoder (YR26119153) who died in 2005 at the age of 101. Those older readers who were present at the 1995 National Yoder reunion in North Carolina may recall when Mrs. Crist and her mother joined to sing several devotional

songs, moving many to tears. Mrs. Crist was VERY instrumental in getting The House of Yoder started, buying/ donating a good bit of furnishings and donating money.

## YODER PASSINGS

Paul E. Yoder, 91, of Kalona, IA died Apr. 26, 2017. He was the son of Jonas R.(YR2617416) and Magdelena (Yoder) (YR2341856) (Miller) Yoder.

John R. Yoder, 88, of Richfield, PA died Mar. 9, 2017, in Sebastian, Fla. He was the son of the late Jonas R. (YR1284136) and Elizabeth (Summers) Yoder.

Edna Yoder, 105, of South Hutchinson, died Friday, Mar. 24, 2017. She was born Jun. 28, 1911, in rural Haven, the daughter of Andrew and Fannie Bontrager, the widow of Orie W. Yoder (son of YR23374d7) and grandmother of Cong. Kevin Yoder of Kansas.

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Abner A. Yoder, 84, Canton, OH, died Mar. 22, 2017. Son of Abraham (YRC8137) and Mary (Miller) Yoder.

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Rex A. Yoder, 89, of Borger, TX, died Mar. 22, 2017. He was born in Goltry, OK to Emmon (YR26126113) and Ruby (Cross) Yoder.

Ernest E. Yoder, 92, of Rustburg, VA, died Mar 28, 2017. He was born on March 8, 1925, in Norfolk, a son of the late Eli M. Yoder (YR26115271) and Amelia Beachy Yoder.

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Samuel E. Yoder, 87, Elkhart, IN died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017. The Nappanee native was born Nov. 16, 1929, to Manasses (YR1253239) and Christina (Mullet) Yoder.

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Elvin A. Yoder, 86, of Hartselle, AL, died April 30, 2017. He was born Jul. 11, 1930, in PA to Allen Edward Yoder (YR26119241) and Lizzie Tice Yoder.

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Robert Nold Yoder, 96, of Naples, FL, died Apr. 27, 2017. Naples, FL. He was born Feb. 16, 1921 in Brecksville, Ohio to Harrison Yoder (YB137245) and Margaret Dannley.

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Robert E. Yoder, 90, died Mar. 9, 2017 in Wellman, IA. He was born April 16, 1926 in rural Wellman, Iowa, the son of Willis G. (YR239b84) and Elizabeth Ann (Bender) Yoder.

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Ralph Leroy Yoder, 80, of Arthur, IL, passed away Jun. 2, 2017 in rural Arcola, IL. Ralph was born Mar. 26, 1937 in Tuscola, IL, son of Chris J. (YR23448145) and Susie J. (Plank) Yoder.

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Minister Amos M. Yoder, 96, Millersburg, OH died May 27, 2017. He was born March 25, 1921, in Holmes County to the late Mose (YRC8152) and Catherine (Miller) Yoder.

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Eli B. Yoder, age 82, Floyd, Va., died Feb. 4, 2017. Eli was born Oct. 25, 1934, in Nowata, Okla. to Ben (YR2344321a) and Mary (Nisly) Yoder. His father's autobiography can be found at: <a href="http://www.yodernewsletter.org/bios/BDYoder.pdf">http://www.yodernewsletter.org/bios/BDYoder.pdf</a>

James Franklin Yoder, age 77, of Alford, FL, passed away on Feb. 9, 2017, in Alford, FL. James was born on February 7, 1940 in Knoxville, Tennessee to Hubert (son of Con3935-) and Clarabelle (Robertson) Yoder.

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Lloyd H. Yoder, 79, Hutchinson, KS, passed Jan. 23, 2017. He was born Nov. 1, 1937, in Hutchinson, to Harry (son of YR2354234) and Barbara (Helmuth) Yoder.

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Harvey J. Yoder, 84, passed away May 5, 2017. He was born on Jan 30, 1933, in Scott City, KS, the son of Walter Harvey (son of YR2338113) and Velma Maxine Phillips Yoder. He moved to Ogden, UT, and resided there for 60 years with the last 5 years in Perry, UT.

Dale Herbert Yoder (M263-615), 87, of Findlay, OH died, Nov. 18, 2016. He was born February 13, 1929 in Findlay to the late Richard and R. Lois (Wice) Yoder.

John D. Yoder, 89, Goshen, IN and Avon Park, FL, died May 4, 2017 in Sebring, Florida. He was born Dec. 22, 1927 in New Paris, IN to Jonas S. (YR1211731) and Delilah (Burkholder) Yoder and in 1954 co-founded the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen.

# West Virginia Circuit Judge John C. Yoder Dies



John Christian Yoder, a Yoder Newsletter subscriber for many years, passed away Jun. 9, 2017 from complications during heart surgery. He attended the "House of Yoder" hosted 2006 National Yoder Reunion.

John was born in Newton, Kansas in 1951. His father, Gideon G. Yoder, (YR239b812) attended Goshen Biblical Seminary and Princeton Theological Seminary, and

taught at Hesston College. John Christian was named after his ancestors "Schweitzer Christian" Yoder (1728-1816), his son John (1772-1860). John's son Bishop Abner Yoder (1814-1883) (YR239b) was featured for his Fraktur penmanship in YNL#13.

We introduced John to our readers in YNL 17 after he unsuccessfully ran for the Senate against former West Virginia Governor Jay Rockefeller gaining about 1/3 of the vote at the cost of 16 cents a vote, as compared to Rockefeller's millions (about \$10 per vote). Yoder was later elected to two terms in the West Virginia State Senate and ran three times unsuccessfully for the WV Supreme Court. He was elected last fall to his second eight year term as Judge on the 23rd Judicial Circuit, presiding in the historic courthouse where John Brown was tried and convicted in 1859. Before moving to West Virginia he served in his native state of Kansas as district court judge from 1976 to 1980.

#### JOHN YODER-CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

My wife and I have been married and lived near Middlebury, IN for 37 years. We have 3 sons, but no grandchildren. I was a truck driver for several years until my sons came along and I started a business selling tools. Now that my sons are grown I divide my time between a trucking business and working as an industrial sales representative. I would like someday to compile as much Yoder genealogy information as possible into one large database built from submissions from many different families.

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YNL Editor Chris Yoder writes:

"It is hard to believe that 25 years have gone by since John signed on as a volunteer with the Yoder Newsletter. Ben Yoder passed away shortly thereafter and John jumped in to pick up the role of Circulation Manager. I had just arrived in Saudi Arabia, where I would stay for another 4 years. Were it not for John stepping in to the fray, the Yoder Newsletter would very likely have ended after its first ten years of existence.

"I appreciate more than words can say John's partnership and friendship over the past 25 years. I could not have guessed the amazing things we have learned and shared with the Yoder family over that time. John's efforts, later augmented by the help of the late Esther Yoder, were a key to continuing the newsletter through another 48 issues.