

02-01 Michael J. Boyle

Father: Michael Boyle

Mother: Ellen (Howe) Boyle

Birth: Obituary lists birth date as August 22, 1857, Garryowen, Jackson County, Iowa.

However, church records show that Michael Jr. was baptized August 6, 1858.

Considering that Michael Sr. and Ellen were married on August 2, 1857,

it makes more sense to assume that Michael Jr. was born in August 1858. The fact that his gravestone says he was 47 at death supports the case for birth in mid-1858.

Death: February 17, 1906, Garryowen, Jackson County, Iowa

Burial: St. Patrick's Cemetery, Garryowen, Iowa

Spouse:

Annora (Stanton) Boyle

Birth: October 9, 1855, Washington Township, Jones County, Iowa

Married: January 24, 1893, St. Patrick's Church, Garryowen, Iowa, according to

Dubuque County records. Church records list marriage date as June 24, 1893.

It seems likely that one of the listings is wrong due to a transcription error.

Death: April 27, 1927, Garryowen, Jackson County, Iowa

Burial: St. Patrick's Cemetery, Garryowen, Iowa

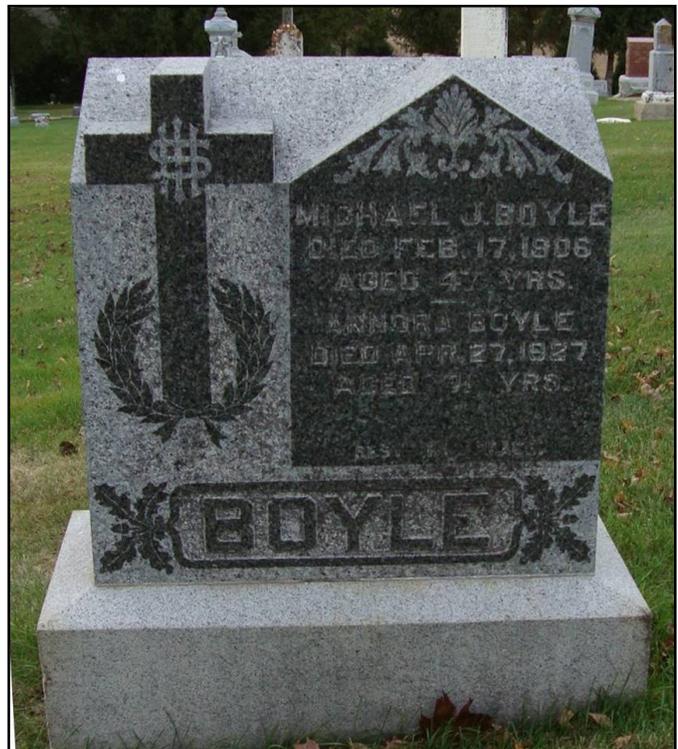
Children:

02-01-01: Mary Boyle (1894-1965)

The firstborn son in an Irish family might have been expected to become the patriarch when his father died – but that wasn't the case for Michael Boyle's family in Garryowen.

Michael Joseph Boyle appears to have been more of a tragic figure than a patriarchal figure. When his parents died in the 1888-1890 time frame, it was his younger brother John who took the reins of the estate. And his sudden death at the age of 47 meant he never got to see his only child grow up. In fact, it was his daughter Mary who discovered his body.

Based on his baptismal record, Michael Jr. was born during a time when the elder Michael and Ellen were still getting themselves settled on the homestead in Garryowen. The



**Grave of Michael and Annora Boyle,
Garryowen St. Patrick's Cemetery.**

baptism took place at St. Raphael's Cathedral in Dubuque, Iowa, rather than at St. Patrick's in Garryowen – suggesting that the couple may have still been living in Dubuque at the time, or at least still had roots there.

Michael Jr. leads the list of the Boyle children in census records from 1860 on – but except for those listings, his next mention in the family chronicles comes after his mother's death in 1890. An item in the Cascade Pioneer in 1891 reported that Michael O'Boyle left Iowa for Montana. "His many friends wish him the best of success wherever his lines of life may be cast," according to the newspaper item.

Michael may have been trying to follow in the footsteps of his younger brother Thomas, who headed out to Montana to seek his fortune in the mining industry. But the line that Michael cast westward was soon reeled back in to Iowa.

In February 1892, legal notices published in the local papers declared that Michael intended to sue his siblings. He called for a settling-up of the estate: The land that had been owned by his late parents should either be divided among the 10 children – or sold, with the proceeds split evenly among the heirs.

To settle the dispute, John Boyle (the estate's administrator) and Austin Boyle paid Michael \$600 for his share of the property, only a couple of weeks after the legal notice appeared.¹

In 1893, Michael was married to Annorah Stanton, the daughter of William and Mary Ann Stanton. Annorah's mother had her own intriguing story, as related by a descendant, John Stanton.

"Mary Guinand Barrett seems to have been married when she arrived in Garryowen," Stanton wrote in a letter recapping his family history. "She was housekeeper and cook for Father Perrodin, the first resident pastor [at St. Patrick's Church in Garryowen]. Both would have spoken French as well as English. Barret owned land near the church and had a blacksmith shop."

After Barrett's death in 1843, Mary Ann was married to William Stanton in 1845 in Garryowen. The couple moved to Washington Township in Jones County, south of Cascade, Iowa. That's where Annorah and her siblings were born.

An 1893 plat map shows Michael and Annorah in possession of a 120-acre farm just west of St. Patrick's Church, previously owned by D. [Dennis?] Murphy. And in 1894, Annorah gave birth to Mary C. Boyle.

¹ The quit-claim deed is among transactions listed in the title abstract for property eventually owned by Orland Boyle. The abstract shows that settling up ownership of the property was a long and complicated process. Bridget (Boyle) Reddin and James Reddin were paid \$400 in 1900 for their share; Austin Boyle paid \$500 to James Boyle in 1900, Austin paid \$1 to Mary Boyle in 1901, and \$1 to Ellen Boyle in 1902. Austin paid \$750 to Frank Boyle in 1903, \$700 to Rose Boyle in 1904, \$600 to Thomas Boyle in 1906, and \$1 to John Boyle and his wife Mary in 1908. There were also various mortgages, including mortgages involving debts to siblings.

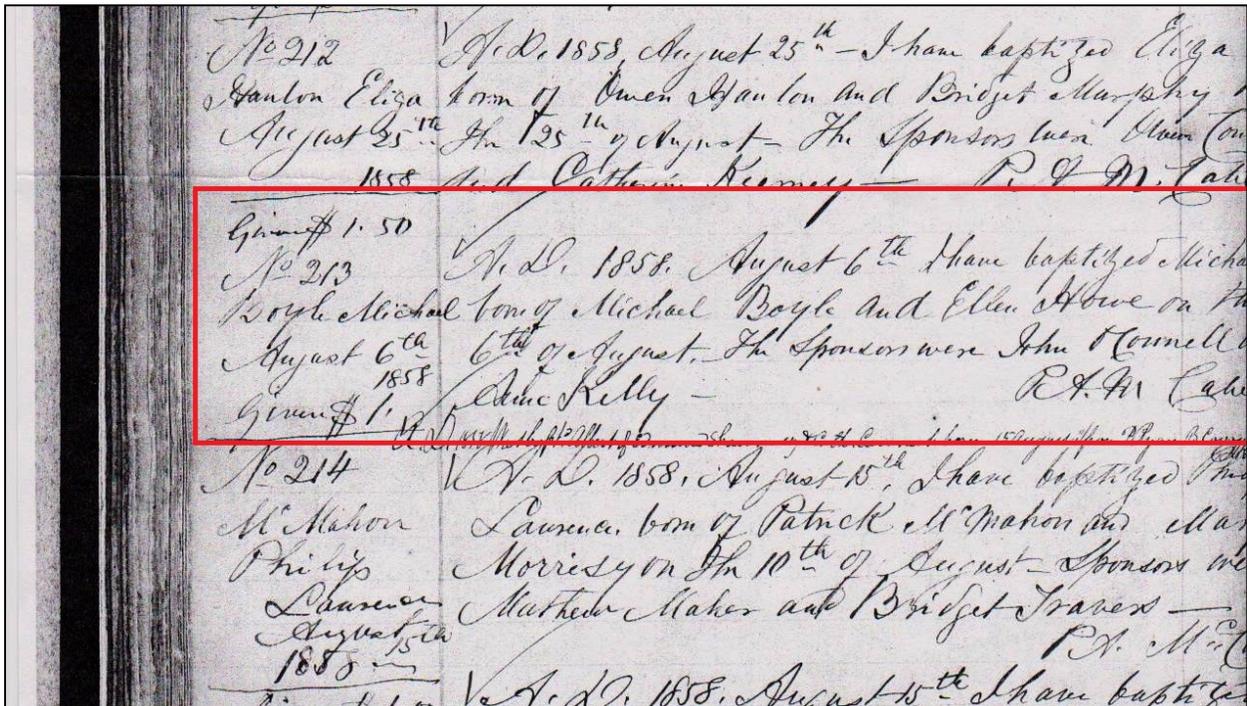
When Mary was still a month shy of her 12th birthday, she played a tragic role as a witness to Michael's passing, as related in the Cascade Pioneer:

"Although Mr. Boyle had not enjoyed the best of health, having suffered a paralytic stroke about a year and a half ago, recently he had been feeling much better," his 1906 obituary read. "Saturday afternoon he took a hammer and a few nails and left the house for the purpose of doing some repairing. Not returning within a reasonable time, his little daughter went to look him up and discovered him lying unconscious on the ground not far from the house."

Mary spread the alarm, and two neighbors carried Michael back into the house. "Father Slattery was called, but [Michael] did not live long after the arrival of the priest – the fatal stroke had done its work," the Pioneer reported.

A month after Michael's death, Annorah auctioned off the farm's equipment, produce and livestock – including hundreds of bushels of corn, oats and barley, 10 horses, more than a dozen cattle and "seven old brood sows, all with pig."

The farmland was apparently rented out, but Annorah continued to live in the farmhouse with her daughter Mary until her death in 1927.



Baptismal records from St. Raphael's Cathedral in Dubuque document Michael Boyle's baptism on August 6, 1858, with \$1.50 paid to the priest.

Garry Owen Items.

The farmer is late but is getting there lively, clearing twenty feet every jump, and with fine weather in his favor will arrive on time yet.

We noticed a great many farmers on Monday enveloped in their winter wraps behind the plow. The bracing atmosphere of Monday morning rendering such precaution necessary.

Phil Ager has entered the employ of Connor Bros, of East Garry Owen in the capacity of "Chef de Cuisine." Phil's achievements in that line are proverbial.

Michael O'Boyle has gone to Montana. His many friends wish him the best of success wherever his lines of life may be cast.

Miss Kate Moran of New Albin, Iowa, was the guest of her brother, Squire Moore, last week, and departed for Sioux City on Friday.

Dave Stanton attended church at Temple Hill last Sabbath. Oh, yes, we admit the girls of Temple Hill have charming ways.

Squire Moore and Hugh Dixon challenge any two in the state to a "scrubbing" contest for any amount.

We understand that Jackson county formed a county alliance last week at Maquoketa. The good work goes bravely on.

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Report on Michael O'Boyle going to Montana, in Cascade Pioneer, May 8, 1891

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

To John Boyle, Mary Boyle, Bridget Boyle, Ellen Boyle, Austin Boyle, Thomas Boyle, Jas. Boyle, Rosanna Boyle, Francis Boyle, and John Boyle as administrator of the estate of Michael Boyle, and John Boyle as administrator of the estate of Ellen Boyle, deceased.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby notified that on or before the 15th day of February, 1892, a petition will be filed by said Plaintiff, Michael Boyle, in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of said Jackson county, Iowa, claiming of you alleging that he is the owner in fee simple of the undivided one-tenth of the real estate described in said petition, and asking that partition of said real estate be made among the several owners of the same, or that it be sold and the proceeds thereof divided accordingly; and that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the February term of said Court, to be begun and held at Maquoketa, in said county, on the 23rd day of February, 1892, default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon.

Dated this 15th day of January, 1892.

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KECK & HOUSE,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

Notice of potential legal action by Michael Boyle relating to the estate of his parents, Michael and Ellen Boyle, published on page 4 of Jackson Sentinel, February 18, 1892.

PLACE OF DEATH

IOWA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

45-00262

County of Jackson
Township of Butter

Registered No. 19

City or Town of _____ (No. _____ St.; _____ Ward;

[If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

[If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts called for under "Special Information."]

FULL NAME Michael Joseph Boyle

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

SEX Male COLOR white

DATE OF DEATH Feb 17 1906
(Month) (Day) (Year)

DATE OF BIRTH May 1858
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____ 19 to _____ 19

AGE 47 years, 9 months, _____ days

that I last saw h. _____ alive on _____ 19, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at _____

SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Married

M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: _____

BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Iowa

NAME OF FATHER Michael Boyle

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Ireland

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ellen Howe

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Ireland

OCCUPATION Farmer

(DURATION) _____ DAYS

Contributory _____

(DURATION) _____ DAYS

(Signed) _____ M. D.

_____ 19 (Address) _____

THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF

SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents

Former or Usual Residence _____ How long at Place of Death? _____ Days

Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____

(Informant) J. J. Boyle

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Garryowen DATE OF BURIAL Feb 19 1906

(Address) _____ (Over)

UNDERTAKER J. J. O'Brien ADDRESS Cascade Ia

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state the cause of death, and the name of the physician who attended. The Special Information for persons dying away from home should be given in every instance.

Michael Boyle's death certificate in 1906.

SUDDEN DEATH IN GARRYOWEN.

M. J. Boyle Stricken with Paralysis and Passes Quickly Away.

The announcement of the summary death of Michael J. Boyle at his home in Butler township, Jackson county, last Saturday afternoon was received with astonishment by the relatives and friends of deceased in Cascade.

Although Mr. Boyle had not enjoyed the best of health, having suffered a paralytic stroke about a year and a half ago, but recently he had been feeling much better. Saturday afternoon he took a hammer and a few nails and left the house for the purpose of doing some repairing. Not returning within a reasonable time, his little daughter went to look him up and discovered him lying unconscious on the ground not far from the house. John Smith and John Williams were summoned and he was taken into the house. Father Slattery was called but he did not live long after the arrival of the priest—the fatal stroke had done its work.

Mr. Boyle was a son of the late Michael and Ellen Boyle, and was born in Garryowen August 22, 1857, and was therefore 48 years old. He was married to Miss Anna Stanton in January 1892, and she survives him with one child, Mary, aged 12 years.

Mr. Boyle was a highly respected citizen of the community, popular with all his neighbors and sincere regret is felt throughout that section on account of his summary death. The widow and daughter and the members of the family of deceased have the sympathy of the entire parish in their bereavement.

The surviving members of Mr. Boyle's family are: Mrs. Mary Delahery, Jas. J. and Frank Boyle, of Cascade; Mrs. Bridget Reddin, Mrs. Rose Reddin, John H. and Austin R. of Garryowen; Miss Nellie Boyle of DeWitt, and Thomas Boyle, of Phoenix, Arizona.

The funeral took place at St. Patrick's church, Garryowen, when a requiem high mass was celebrated in which Rev. P. J. Coffey was celebrant and preached the sermon, Rev. L. Roche was deacon, and Rev. Slattery was sub-deacon. The pall bearers were: David Crotty, M. J. Noonan, James O'Connell, Pat Brady, Wm. Leonard, and John Smith.

**Michael Boyle's
obituary, Cascade
Pioneer, February 22,
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ADMINISTRATRIX'S AUCTION.

The undersigned, owing to the death of her husband, intending to quit farming will offer at public sale on the premises, 1 mile west of Garryowen church, and 2 miles southwest of Bernard, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1906,
at 10 o'clock a. m., the following personal property to wit:

Horses—1 mare 8 years old with foal, 1 mare 4 years old, 1 mare 5 years old, 1 mare 10 years old, 1 blind brown mare 10 years old, 1 work horse, 1 mare colt coming 2 years old, 2 mare colts coming 1 year old.

Cattle—8 cows well seasoned with calf; 9 spring calves, 7 steers and 2 heifers.

Hogs—7 old brood sows all with pig; 23 shoats, 1 stock hog.

Produce—600 bu corn, 700 bu oats, 175 bu barley, 35 bu Russian speltz, 5 bu seed corn

Implements—1 lumber wagon, spring wagon, 2 sets of heavy harness, 1 saddle, 1 side-saddle, 1 pair flynets bobsled, hograck, mower, grain binder, new Columbia seeder, disc, corn cultivator, harrow, 16-in stirrup plow, hayrack, 3-horse eveners, quantity of oak lumber, U. S. cream separator, incubator, 2 10-gal milk cans, 1 large kettle, grindstone, tools, and other articles too numerous to mention

Four colts coming 3 years old, belonging to M. Coleman, will be offered for sale.

Terms—All sums of \$10 and under, cash; over that amount one year's time will be given on approved notes with interest at 7 per cent.

MRS. ANNORAH BOYLE
Administratrix.
Robt. Kean, Auctioneer. 39-2

**Notice of Michael Boyle
estate sale, Cascade
Pioneer, March 8, 1906.**

MRS. ANNORAH BOYLE

The death of Mrs. Annorah Boyle, widow of the late M. J. Boyle, died at her home in Butler township, Jackson county, at 2 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, April 27th. About a month ago Mrs. Boyle sustained papalytic stroke, and her illness dated from that event.

Annorah Stanton was born October 9, 1855, in Washington township, Jones county, and spent practically all of her lifetime in the region of her birth. Her parents were the late William Stanton and Mary Ann Gungan. In January 1893, she was married to M. J. Boyle, who died some years ago. She is survived by a daughter, Mary Boyle, and two brothers, David and William Stanton, of Garry Owen parish, Washington

township. Besides her husband she is preceded in death by her brother, Richard Stanton, and sisters, Mrs. Ellen Millor, Mrs. Mary Ann Dunn, Johanna Stanton, Mrs. Julia Sullivan, Mrs. Elizabeth Noonan.

Mrs. Boyle was a devout Catholic woman and was held in high respect by her neighbors and friends. Her death is a severe blow to the surviving daughter and brothers.

The funeral was held at St. Patrick's church, Garry Owen, on Thursday, April 28th. Rev. D. P. Mulcahy, pastor, assisted by Rev. P. J. Coffey, of Farley, officiating in the requiem Mass.

The casket bearers were nephews of the deceased: John, James, Michael and Patrick Reddin, Walter Noonan, Harold Noonan, Walter Noonan, Orland Stanton and William Stanton Jr.

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