

02-05 John Henry Boyle

Father: Michael Boyle

Mother: Ellen (Howe) Boyle

Birth: April 14, 1867 (Obituary) or April 20, 1867 (Baptismal record;

Social Security Applications and Claims Index) Garryowen, Jackson County, Iowa

Death: July 7, 1942, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Key West, Dubuque County, Iowa

Spouse: Mary Barnable

Birth: 1861 (Inferred from 1870 census), Garryowen, Jackson County, Iowa.

Later census listings suggest later birth dates. Death certificate lists birth date as January 18, 1864.

Married: June 20, 1894, St. Patrick's Church, Garryowen, Iowa

Death: January 6, 1940, Mercy Hospital, Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa

Buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Key West, Dubuque County, Iowa

Children:

02-05-1: M.C. Boyle (1895-1895) (twin)

02-05-2: E.J. Boyle (1895-1895) (twin)

02-05-3: Paul Boyle (1896-1907)

02-05-4: Loretto Ann (Etta) Boyle (1897-1979)

02-05-5: (Mary) Mildred Boyle (1900-1942)

02-05-6: Florence (Flora) Boyle (1901-1992) (twin)

02-05-7: Francis Boyle (1901-1902) (twin)

02-05-8: Ellen Agatha (Elna) Boyle (1904-1979)

John Boyle essentially became the head of the family after the deaths of his parents, Michael (in 1888) and Ellen Boyle (in 1890).

Not only was he the administrator of the estate, which included 280 acres of farmland, but in 1892 he was also appointed guardian of his three youngest siblings – James, Rose and Frank, who at that time ranged in age from 13 to 18.

A dispute arose over the division of the estate – with John's older brother, Michael Jr., eventually filing a lawsuit seeking his one-tenth share of the value of the holdings. For what it's worth, John's accounting of his management of the estate mentions that \$93.75 was paid to "M. Boyle" in 1891 to cover a claim. Land records show that Michael was paid \$600 for his share of the land in 1892, soon after he filed his suit.

John's younger brother, Austin, came back from working in Chicago to help out on the family farm, and John's accounting lists \$200 in cash paid out to Austin "for work on place" during 1891. John also reported charging \$178.69 "for my own services in carrying on the place."

At first, John and Austin managed the family farm jointly. Over the course of the decade that followed, their siblings (including Michael Jr.) transferred their interest in the land.

By 1908, the various transactions left Austin with the 200 acres south of the gravel road that ran through the property, and John in possession of the 80 acres north of the road.

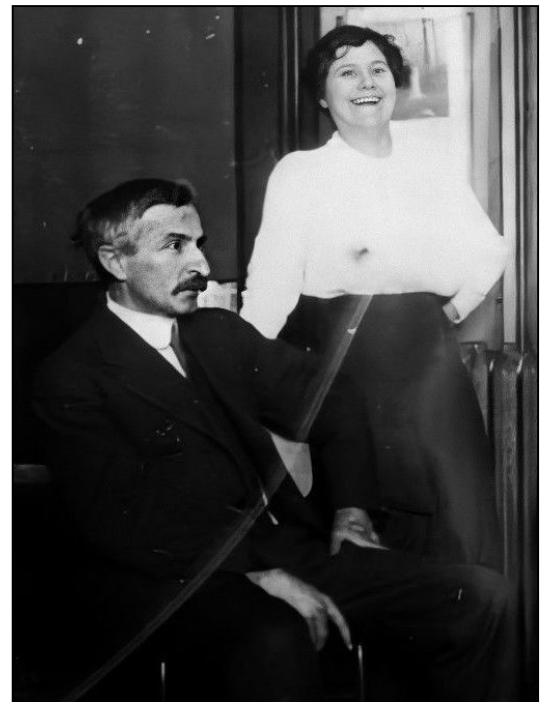
There are hints in the newspaper archives that John may have been involved in some mischief during his youth: In 1890, The Jackson Sentinel printed an item about the disruption of a tent revival meeting in Ozark. “One Sabbath there was revelry by night, a use of boisterous language, a clinking of whiskey bottles and a firing into the air of pistols, but nobody hurt,” the article read. “The supposed marauders were arrested, but the trial in Ozark proved fruitless.” The men who were arrested (and eventually discharged) included a John Boyle.¹

It’s important to stress that there was more than one John Boyle living in the area at that time. In fact, there’s an item from an 1893 edition of the Cascade Pioneer reporting that “John O’Boyle of Alma, Jackson County, is a full-fledged candidate for sheriff and promises to make it a decidedly warm canvas for the other fellows for the nomination.”² Alma was close to the Boyle family farm in Garryowen – and we prefer to leave it to you, the reader, to decide whether our John was the alleged scalawag or the would-be sheriff. (Or possibly both.)

John married Mary Barnable in 1894 at Garryowen St. Patrick Church, and the couple had eight children. Sadly, only four daughters – Etta, Mildred, Flora and Elna – survived to adulthood. Three children died in infancy. Paul Boyle died at the age of 13 after a “brief but severe attack of la grippe” – that is, influenza.³

In 1915, John and Mary Boyle sold their 80-acre farm to Catherine and Richard Lynch. John started working for the Chicago Great Western Railway in Dubuque, Iowa, which was on the main line from the Windy City to points west.

Mary Barnable Boyle died of heart failure in 1940.⁴ John retired from his job in the railroad’s freight department and moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to be close to his daughter Mildred and her family. Eighteen months after moving to New Mexico, John died of stomach cancer in an Albuquerque hospital.⁵ His body was brought back to Dubuque for funeral services at St. Raphael’s Cathedral and burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery.



**John and Mary Barnable Boyle
(Photo enhanced via MyHeritage)**

¹ “In Justice Courts,” The Jackson Sentinel, Maquoketa, Iowa, October 2, 1890, page 8.

² Cascade Pioneer, July 14, 1893, page 5.

³ Death From La Grippe,” Cascade Pioneer, March 14, 1907, page 4.

⁴ Iowa death certificate: https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61442/images/101821083_02171

⁵ New Mexico death certificate: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9T2-K39Y-L?i=2216>



From left: Etta, John (with parrot), Flora, Mary, Elna and Mildred Boyle, circa 1908.



John Boyle in the background, with five of his granddaughters in the foreground.



John Boyle, at left. We don't know the identity of the man at right.

John H. Boyle

John Henry Boyle, formerly of Dubuque but a resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died at St. Joseph's hospital there on last Tuesday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at St. Raphael's Cathedral, Dubuque, Monday morning at eight o'clock and burial was in Mt. Olivet cemetery at Dubuque.

Right Rev. Monsignor J. V. Casey offered the mass of requiem and preached the funeral sermon. Casket bearers were Harry Bauer, Clem Maloy, William Foley, Claire Feeney, John McCann and Joe Barnable.

The deceased was born in Jackson county, April 14, 1867 and had lived in Dubuque 35 years. He worked for the Chicago Great Western for twenty-five years. Mr. Boyle moved to Albuquerque about 18 months ago.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. James J. (Loretto) Teeling, of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. C. J. (Mildred) Maloy of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mrs. Edward L. (Florence) Dress of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Eldon (Edna) Nixon, Grand Haven, Mich.; three sisters, Mrs. James Reddin of Cascade; Mrs. Mary Deluhery of St. Louis, Mo.; Ellen Boyle, Cascade; three brothers, James Boyle of Mason City; A. R. Boyle of Cascade; and Frank J. Boyle of Worthington.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Mary Boyle, and four children.

Attending the funeral from outside the city of Dubuque were Mrs. James Teeling, Denver; Mrs. Edward Dress of Chicago; Mrs. Eldon Nixon, Grand Haven, Mich.; Ellen Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Orland Devaney, and Robert Boyle, of Cascade; F. J. Boyle, Sr., Worthington; and Mr. and Mrs. Clem Maloy and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barnable, Bernard.

At left: John Boyle's obituary from Cascade Pioneer, July 16, 1942, page 1.

Below: Mary Barnable Boyle's obituary from Cascade Pioneer, January 18, 1940, page 1.

Mrs. Boyle

The funeral of Mrs. John Boyle of Dubuque who died at Mercy hospital there last week was held last Tuesday morning from the Strucher Funeral home to St. Raphael's Cathedral where a mass of requiem was offered at nine o'clock by Monsignor J. V. Casey, pastor. Monsignor Casey delivered the funeral sermon and officiated at burial in Mount Olivet cemetery.

Pallbearers were D. J. O'Meara, John F. McCann, Harvey Gill, Frank Maloy, John Burke, and Chris Anglin. Attending the obsequies from out of Dubuque were F. J. Boyle and Bonnie Bess Boyle of Worthington; Nell Boyle and Mr. and Mrs. Orland Devaney of Cascade; A. R. Boyle, Miss Clara Boyle Oren Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barnable, Mrs. Sarah Khisella, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Noonan, Bernard; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Anglin, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Anglin, Mrs. Margaret Noonan, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Feeney, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Feeney of Zwingle; and Mrs. Theresa Caslman of Monticello, Iowa.

Mrs. Boyle was widely known in the community, a fine Christian character and everyone who knew her deeply regrets and mourns her demise.