

# The Boydston-Snow Connection, Part 1

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## The Boydston-Snow Problem

Boydstons of the 18<sup>th</sup> century married Snows. Much has been said and published<sup>1,2</sup> about the marriage<sup>3</sup> of David **Boydston** to Mehitabel **Snow** (a Mayflower descendant) although there is no known marriage record. There are two David Boydstons in the literature that are contemporaries; a Massachusetts one and one from Virginia. The aforementioned David Boydston—called David (I)—was ostensibly born 2 May 1726 at Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts (no source). Mehitabel Snow, dau of Jabez and ‘Elezebeth’ Lewes Snow, was born 22 Apr 1731 at Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts.<sup>4,5</sup> The uncomfortable fact is that she married<sup>6</sup> 23 Aug 1753 at Harwich, Barnstable, Massachusetts Samuel Hopkins, *not* David Boydston. They had five children and when Samuel died, Mehitabel married<sup>7</sup> (2) 27 Sep 1766 at Harwich Rubin Ryderr. There was another Mehitabel Snow born<sup>8</sup> 16 Jan 1733 also in Harwich to John and Hanah Merrick Snow, but she died in 1755,<sup>9</sup> no known marriage or issue. There is a real question whether David (I) Boydstone b. 1726 exists as there are no Massachusetts records; he is also not findable in New England in the 1790 U. S. Census.<sup>10</sup> Several published genealogical

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<sup>1</sup> See for example: Gustine Courson Weaver *The Boydston Family* (Cincinnati, Ohio: Powell & White, 1927), no sources; hereafter **Weaver**.

<sup>2</sup> Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Research, *DAR Patriot Index*, online at [www.services.dar.org/public/dar\\_research/search](http://www.services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search); ‘david boydston’; lists wife as Mehitabel Snow and b’place as Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts (stating both probably in error); hereafter as **DAR Patriot Index**.

<sup>3</sup> U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>4</sup> Online at *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VQ6L-12B>.

<sup>5</sup> Harwich, Mass. Vital Records, *Mayflower Descendant: A Journal of Pilgrim Genealogy and History*, Vol. 159, p. 162.

<sup>6</sup> Hopkins/Snow marriage: *The Register*, Vol. 102, p. 201 (New England Historical & Genealogical Register).

<sup>7</sup> Hopkins/Ryderr marriage: Massachusetts, U. S., Compiled Marriages 1633-1850; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>8</sup> Harwich, Mass. Vital Records, *Mayflower Descendant: A Journal of Pilgrim Genealogy and History*, Vol. 159, p. 163.

<sup>9</sup> ‘Nicholas Snow of Eastham and some of his Descendants’, Cape Cod Library of Local History and Genealogy, Vol 1, pp. 6-14; online at *Ancestry*, image 516-526/915; hereafter **Cape Cod Library**.

<sup>10</sup> This author found no records substantiating the existence of the 1726 David Boydston/Boylston. **Weaver** stated that David Boydston b.1726 existed and other authors have cited Weaver as proof. Weaver cites the **DAR Patriot Index** (that acknowledges that there is no source and therefore that it may be incorrect)

histories (**Weaver, Bates**,<sup>11</sup> and **Domonoske 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed**<sup>12</sup>) maintain that David (I) b. 1726 at Boston existed, but their accounts merge David (I) with the second David Boydstone (II) b. 1710 in Prince William County, Virginia. He is suggested to have died 1797 (no source) at Speedwell, Claiborne, Tennessee, although Claiborne County did not exist in 1797 (created abt 1810); in 1797 this area was still 'Indian Lands'.<sup>13</sup> David (II) died 1811 at Greene County, Pennsylvania *vide infra*. The tertiary sources have him born in 1710 and 1716; since 1710 would make him 101 years at death, 1716 will be considered as the birthyear.

In the 17<sup>th</sup> century there were several prominent Massachusetts Boylston families. Dr. Thomas Boylston born 26 Jan 1644 at Watertown, Massachusetts, died 16 Dec 1695, buried<sup>14</sup> at Brookline, Norfolk, Massachusetts; a ggf of Abigail Adams. Thomas married Mary Gardner, and they had children: Richard, Peter, Abigail, Zabdiel, Sarah, and Dudley.<sup>15</sup> His father Thomas (1612-1653) had no other sons.<sup>16</sup>

There is no known son or grandson David in this family! Without the DNA of a direct descendant of the David (I) b. 1726 it is not possible to determine his ancestry due to the paucity of other records. **Domonoske** implies the Maryland Boydston/Boylston and Boston families are related, with a Common Ancestor in Renfrewshire, Scotland descending from an original Boyd family. **Bates** and **Weaver** totally disregard the Eastern Shore of Maryland Boylston family merging them with a Boston family.

The Two David <u>Boylstons/Boydstones</u>	
David (I) <u>Boylston/Boydstone</u>	David (II) <u>Boylston/Boydstone</u>
b. 1726 ?	b. 1716, Prince William Co., VA
m. ? (Mehitabel Snow)	m. Mahala Snow
Settled at Davis Creek (Powell Valley), now Speedwell in eastern Tennessee [this was probably David (II)'s sons].	Lived in Dorchester and Frederick Co. MD, moved to Washington Co. PA in 1779
TN censuses lost	1790 Census, Washington Co., PA 1810 Census, Greene Co., PA
	1825 Will of David Jr., names wife Ester Ann, <u>dau Amelia</u> , son Boaz.
d. 1797, Speedwell, Claiborne, TN	d. 2 May 1811, Greene Co. PA

<sup>11</sup> Margaret R. Bates 'Genealogy Report: Descendants of Thomas Boylston, Jr.', online at [www.genealogy.com/ftm/b/a/t/Margaret-R-Bates/GENE15-0003.html](http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/b/a/t/Margaret-R-Bates/GENE15-0003.html); 10 pages, accessed 10 Apr 2025; hereafter **Bates**.

<sup>12</sup> Gladys Boydston Domonoske *The Boydston-Boydston Family* (Davis, California: self-published, 1979, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition); hereafter **Domonoske 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.** (1979) and the **Domonoske 1<sup>st</sup> Ed.** (1971).

<sup>13</sup> William Thorndale and William Dollarhide, *Map Guide to the U. S. Federal Censuses 1790-1920* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987).

<sup>14</sup> Findagrave #216376860 with good, lengthy and well-documented biography.

<sup>15</sup> Zabdiel, Sarah, and 'Dudly' 'Boyleston' were born in Roxbury, Mass, 1677, 1680 and 1687, respectively. Massachusetts, U.S. Compiled Births, Marriages and Death Records, Roxbury births, image 36/1080; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>16</sup> FamilySearch Family Tree.

The first to expose these problems with Boydston/Snow in 1971 was A. B. Domonoske, the husband of Gladys Boydston Domonoske and an author of a chapter in her book *The Boydston-Boydston Family*,<sup>17</sup> a compilation of mostly tertiary sources. Mr. Domonoske dispels several other myths about this family (pp. 30-39) in the book as well. Chief among the other errors is the confusion over the names Boylston and Boydston/Boydston.<sup>18</sup> The family used both names interchangeably as well as other spellings. Others are aware of this problem; namely Charles M. Ward, Jr., the state historian of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.<sup>19</sup> It is the scramble of genealogists to show or prove a descentance from a Mayflower passenger that is the genesis of all this (incorrect and sometimes outrageous) speculation. The 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries in the American colonies suffer from a paucity of primary records so it has been very important for genealogists to avail themselves of ‘attic sources’. An attic source is one that relies on oral tradition and personal family papers (in the attic). These sources have been important for the research into the Boydston family: **Domonoske** and **Bates** both rely a great deal on the collective memories of various enumerated descendants. There are very few primary or secondary sources available for the time period of this essay; two important secondary sources are Geneanet<sup>20</sup> and the U. S. and International Marriage Records on *Ancestry*.

There was a David Boylston (II), called hereafter *David Boylston of Virginia*, who was born 1716 at Prince William County, Virginia and died<sup>21</sup> 3 Aug 1811 at Paisley, Greene, Pennsylvania. He married<sup>22</sup> in 1737 at Maryland Mahala **Snow**; she was born 1718 in Maryland. Many<sup>23</sup> have presumed this to be the missing marriage record for Mehitabel Snow—probably not—Mehitabel Snow (of Massachusetts) was born 1731 and was only 6 yrs old in 1737. David and Mahala went to western Pennsylvania (Washington County) in 1779.<sup>24</sup> He is found in the 1790

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<sup>17</sup> **Domonoske 1<sup>st</sup> Ed.**

<sup>18</sup> Cf. **Weaver**: Thomas Boylston (m. Mathilda Box) of Boston had a son David BOYLSTON, b. 1726, not to be confused with David BOYDSTUN/BOYDSTON b. 1710 of a Prince William County Virginia family, son of William and Mary Boydston.

<sup>19</sup> Charles M Ward, Jr. ‘James Boydston (d. 1814): A Critical Examination of his Alleged “Mayflower” Connection’, linked to ‘Mahala Snow’ online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>20</sup> Geneanet Community Trees Index: This collection contains an index of more than 2 million family trees created by members of Geneanet, the #1 genealogy site in France and the biggest community of genealogists in Europe. Each record in the index includes a link to the originating family tree on Geneanet, online at *Ancestry*; hereafter **Geneanet Index**.

<sup>21</sup> **DAR Patriot Index**.

<sup>22</sup> Boydston/Snow marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900, discloses birthyear and birthplace of groom and bride; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>23</sup> **Bates**.

<sup>24</sup> **Domonoske**.

U. S. Census<sup>25</sup> of Washington County, Pennsylvania and in the 1810 U. S. Census<sup>26</sup> in Greene County (created in 1796 from Washington County). David's son, David Jr. (1740-1826), fought in the Revolutionary War.<sup>27,28</sup>

According to **Bates** and **Weaver**, the 'family' subsequently moved to eastern Tennessee where they settled on the Nolichucky River<sup>29</sup>. Actually, only *David Boylston of Virginia*'s sons James, William,<sup>30</sup> and perhaps Jesse went to Tennessee;<sup>31</sup> *David Boylston of Virginia* stayed in Greene County, Pennsylvania and died there in 1811. The family of *David Boylston of Virginia* moved from Virginia to settle around the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century in Maryland later moving to western Pennsylvania in Washington County. The Maryland family is from 'Piney Ridge'<sup>32</sup> Dorchester County (formed in 1669) from a part of Somerset County on the Maryland Eastern Shore and Chesapeake Bay.

**In summary, all available records are consistent with and attributable to *David Boylston of Virginia* and his family without the need to posit the existence of a David Boylston/Boydstone (I) of Massachusetts.**

## David Boylston/Boydstone Antecedents

As mentioned above, there is a 1737 marriage record<sup>33</sup> for David Boydston that has him born 1716 in Virginia and Mahala Snow born 1718 in Maryland. FamilySearch Family Tree and **Domonoske 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed**<sup>34</sup> have parents for Mahala: John and Elizabeth Hudson Snow; Elizabeth<sup>35</sup> was

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<sup>25</sup> 1790 U. S. Census of Washington County, Pennsylvania, 'David Boylstone', household of 7: 2males under 16, 1male over 16, 4females; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>26</sup> 1810 U. S. Census of Whiteley, Greene, Pennsylvania, 'David Boydstone', household of 5: 1 male 10-15, 1 male 16-25, 1 male over 45, 1 female 16-25, 1 female over 45; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>27</sup> **DAR Patriot Index**, 'david boydston, jr'.

<sup>28</sup> United States, Rosters of Revolutionary War Soldiers and Sailors 1775-1966 'Boilston'; online at *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QG2M-YY49>.

<sup>29</sup> **Domonoske 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed**.

<sup>30</sup> Online at *FamilySearch*, United States records, Muster rolls, Museum of the American Revolution 'Virginians in the Revolution', image 98/886; <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS3Q-HF26-H?view=index>.

<sup>31</sup> Online at [www.backto60s.tripod.com/famhist/index.html](http://www.backto60s.tripod.com/famhist/index.html) A wide variety of very interesting Boystun genealogical pages; owner C. B. (Chuck) Boydston; hereafter **backto60s**.

<sup>32</sup> 'Piney Ridge' is not found on any of the several maps of Maryland the author has examined. Some say it was in Calvert County (which is not on the DelMarVa peninsula), but most say it was in Dorchester County (on the western side of the DelMarVa peninsula) close to the border of Somerset County.

<sup>33</sup> Boydston/Snow marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>34</sup> **Domonoske 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed**, p. 55.

<sup>35</sup> Maryland, Births and Christenings 1650-1995, 'Elizabeth Huttson', online at *FamilySearch*, <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:HYZ-QF2M>.

the dau of Nicholas and Elizabeth Freeman Hudson of Virginia and gdau of Sir Richard Hudson (1605-1659). This connection has now been confirmed by DNA studies; DNA from Marcia Case Field (**MCF**) and a nephew John Scott Case (**JSC**), both Boydston descendants; search: [Hudson/Maryland](#), see [Cluster 1](#), proving this link of the Boydstons to the Snows. Not all the matches are shown, and not all the family trees are cited;<sup>36</sup> the Hudsons immigrated from Staffordshire, England. Sir Richard's son Henry Sr. immigrated to Accomack County, Virginia and then to the Eastern Shore in what became Somerset and Worcester Counties of Maryland.<sup>37</sup> Elizabeth had son David at age 47.

CLUSTER 1: Hudson		single segments, no confounding surnames		
DNA	Match	cM	Descendant of	Common Ancestor
<b>JSC</b>	Michael Metze	12	Henry Hudson (1575-1611) St. Mary's, MD	Henry Herdson Hudson (1541-1635)
<b>JSC</b>	S. H.	14	Richard Hudson (1690-) Henrico, VA	
<b>JSC</b>	Alexandra Eads	9	Henry Hudson (1575-1611) St. Mary's, MD	Henry Herdson Hudson (1541-1635)
<b>JSC</b>	Machelle McCallie	9	Hall Hudson Jr. (1732-VA)	Sir Richard Hudson (1605-1659)
<b>JSC</b>	andysukow	8	Sarah Hudson (1690- )	Sir Richard Hudson (1605-1659)
<b>MCF</b>	tgrosardt	9	Henry Hudson Sr. (1636-1707)	Sir Richard Hudson (1605-1659)
<b>MCF/JSC</b>	farmluvr	9,9	David Hudson (1762-1822) Worcester, MD	
<b>MCF</b>	servicedogsnm	9	Robert Hudson (1662-1757)	Sir Richard Hudson (1605-1659)
<b>MCF</b>	james long	8	Dennis Hudson (1745-1796)	Sir Richard Hudson (1605-1659)

<sup>36</sup> 'Grosardt Family Tree', owner tgrosardt, [www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/17630229](http://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/17630229); 'Steele-Elmore Family Tree', owner farmluvr, [www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/51183929](http://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/51183929); 'Mulliere Family Tree' owner servicedognm, [www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/854734560](http://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/854734560); 'James Long Family Tree', owner James Long, [www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/156863067](http://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/156863067); respectively (accessed 30 Mar 2025).

<sup>37</sup> Clayton Torrance *Old Somerset on the Eastern Shore of Maryland* (Richmond, Virginia: Whittet & Shepperson, 1935), 446; confirms John Snow's marriage to Elizabeth Hudson and names her parents and sibs as well as their spouses; hereafter **Eastern Shore of Maryland**.

**Domonoski 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.**<sup>38</sup> and others have *David Boylston of Virginia* b. 1716 the son of Mahulda Box (husband Thomas, **2** in GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY below), but this has been disproven by DNA *vide infra*. Thus, the incontrovertible truth proven by DNA, is that Elizabeth Hudson Snow's son-in-law, *David Boylston of Virginia* b. 1716, was the son of William (I) Boylston<sup>39</sup> (**7** in the GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY below) and grandson of Thomas and Elizabeth Vaulx Boydston.<sup>40</sup> There are several marriage records for William.

Five candidates for William (I)'s wife have emerged with appropriate marriage records<sup>41</sup> and/or other incomplete data (1) Sabra Polk (1689-1784)<sup>42</sup>, m. 1705; (2) Mary Hopkins dau of George and Elizabeth Presley Hopkins; (3) Mary Presley (1697-1739), b. and m. in VA; (4) Mary Thornton<sup>43</sup> and (5) Margaret Triplett (1734-1828).<sup>44</sup> Margaret was born too late to be David's mother; she likely married William (III) Boylston (1732-1807). It is not clear which of the other four possibilities was the mother of *David Boylston of Virginia*.

To divine *David Boylston of Virginia*'s mother, wife of William (I), turned out to be a formidable challenge. An **MCF** match search for *Polk/Maryland* gave 20 matches, but half of them had 3-5 high-risk confounding surnames and were therefore useless in our search for Polk DNA. A confounding surname is a surname that is part of **MCF**'s AND the match's descendancy). There is no way to tell—short of examining the location of the shared DNA sequence with a chromosome browser—whether the shared DNA is Polk DNA or the other shared-surname-DNA. In order to use a chromosome browser, one would need access to both DNA's to be studied. Examination of the shared surnames and **MCF**'s genealogy allowed the surnames to be separated into high risk or low risk (see [Table 1](#) below). Several other matches were abandoned because of geographical problems or spelling errors. **In summary, there were no useful matches among the 20 that could substantiate the presence of Polk DNA.** One

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<sup>38</sup> **Domonoske 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.**, p. 28.

<sup>39</sup> William is a popular name in the Boylston family; there is a William in every generation of the family and they are here named William I to IV.

<sup>40</sup> 'Pherigo Family Tree', owner RPherigo777, [www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/17515110](http://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/17515110); and the very useful Gallery, online at *Ancestry*; hereafter **Pherigo**.

<sup>41</sup> Four William Boydston marriages: U. S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>42</sup> 'Patricia Christy Family Tree', owner Patricia Christy, [www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/167978885](http://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/167978885), (accessed 23 Mar 2025); hereafter **Christy Tree**.

<sup>43</sup> **Pherigo**, see the Gallery.

<sup>44</sup> Indexed by Carol Lee Ford, 'Genealogy of the Triplett Family' in *Genealogies of Virginia Families from the William and Mary College Quarterly Magazine*, Vol. V. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1982), p. 211; according to her father's will (of 1757), Margaret had only one child, Frances Boydston, therefore she was not the mother of David (I).



FamilySearch genealogist<sup>45</sup> for excellent reasons denies Sabra Polk exists as a wife of William Boylston (I). **Domonoske** suggests that Sabra Polk and Mary Thornton were wives (1) and (2) of William (II).<sup>46</sup>

A search of matches for [Presley/Maryland](#) gave 9 matches, some but not all, with numerous confounding surnames. All but one match were descendants of Andreas Presler/Presley who was born 1701 at Rhineland-Pfalz and immigrated to Cecil County, Maryland sometime after 1700; see [Cluster 2](#). Only matches with no confounding surnames or low risk confounding surnames are shown. Therefore, these CA's are proof that the Presleys are on **MCF/JSC's** direct line. The Presleys were known to have a close association with the Hopkins.<sup>47</sup>

A similar search for [Hopkins/Maryland](#) gave 20 matches (**MCF**, similar difficulties with confounding surnames) and 19 matches (**JSC**). This is a proof that David's mother was indeed Mary Hopkins the dau of George and Elizabeth Hopkins; see [Cluster 3](#). The Hopkins family came from Lincolnshire. Not all the relevant matches are included in the clusters.

CLUSTER 2: Presley		LR = low risk, HR = high risk		
DNA	Match	cM	Descendant of [Common Ancestor]	Confounding Surnames
<b>MCF</b>	G. L.	14	Andrew Presley (1732-1790) [Andreas Presler/Presley]	Davis, White (LR) Smith (HR),
<b>MCF</b>	Ann Langlois	11	Thomas Presley (1730-1808) [Andreas Presler/Presley]	none
<b>MCF</b>	L. L.	9	Thomas Presley (1730-1808) [Andreas Presler/Presley]	Watkins, Miller, Powell, Davis, Foster, Martin, Roberts (all LR)
<b>MCF</b>	Peggy Miller	9	Andrew Presley (1732-1790) [Andreas Presler/Presley]	Powell, Foster, Roberts, Davis (all LR)
<b>MCF</b>	R. H.	8	Andrew Presley (1732-1790) [Andreas Presler/Presley]	none

CLUSTER 3: Hopkins		(No Common Ancestors) LR = low risk, HR = high risk		
DNA	Match	cM	Descendant of [Common Ancestor]	Confounding Surname
<b>MCF</b>	Karin Toomay	15	Stephen Hopkins	Powell (LR)

<sup>45</sup> 'Boylston71' on FamilySearch Family Tree: 'William Boylston', collaborations: Sabra Polk didn't exist, and she wasn't the dau of Robert Bruce Polk and Margaret Tasker—from conversations with Polk researchers and the John Polk book *Beyond Damned Quarter* for details of the Polk family.

<sup>46</sup> **Domonoske 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.**, p. 28-31.

<sup>47</sup> **Domonoske 1<sup>st</sup> Ed.** p. 31.

<b>JSC</b>	A. B.	14	Sarah Hopkins (1710-1739) Talbot Co MD	none
<b>MCF</b>	Stephanie Evans	15	[Constance Hopkins Snow (1606-1677) Barnstable MA]	Powell, White, Davis (LR), Smith (HR)
<b>MCF</b>	mrsfreshour	14	Nancy Ann Hopkins (1754-) Frederick Co. MD	White, Wright (LR)
<b>MCF</b>	minnie Rockaway	14	Jarrett Hopkins 1801-) Anne Arundel Co. MD	White, Davis, Miller, Powell (LR)
<b>MCF</b>	Nina Rockaway	14	Jarrett Hopkins 1801-) Anne Arundel Co. MD	Davis, Miller, Powell (LR)
<b>JSC</b>	L. H.	12	[Boaz Boydston] (5 <sup>th</sup> C)	none
<b>JSC</b>	Caelum Low	12	Thomas Hopkins (1670- 1713) Talbot, MD	none
<b>MCF</b>	Eric Hawks	12	John Hopkins (1698-) Talbot Co. MD	Dunn (LR) Jackson (HR)

But—wait a minute! How can Hopkins and Presley BOTH be on the direct line—David surely had only one mother. The answer is provided by **Domonoske**<sup>48</sup> who suggests that George Hopkins' wife Elizabeth was the dau of Peter Presley Jr. and his wife Elizabeth Smith. **In summary, both Hopkins and Presley are on MCF/JSC's direct line**; Mary Hopkins was the dau of George and Elizabeth Presley Hopkins and gda of Peter and Elizabeth Smith Presley.

<b>Table 2. MCF Genealogy—Confounding Surnames (1700-1799)</b>
<b>High Risk:</b> <i>Smith (MD), Willey (DE, OH), Bruce (MA), Griffith (DE, OH) Jackson (MD), Wright (MA), Jones (MA)</i>
<b>Low Risk:</b> <i>Powell (Wales, NJ), White (Netherlands, NJ), Davis (20th cent. OR, NY), Miller (England), Martin (18th cent. PA), Dunn (upstate NY), Williams (Hampshire, UK 1550)</i>

There are other William Boylston records that we have not yet utilized in the essay. This is because there was a William in every generation of the Virginia-Maryland-Massachusetts Boydston and most of the records are not dated. Thomas Boylston and Elizabeth Vaulx had sons Thomas (m. Mahulda Box) and William (l) m. Mary Hopkins. Thomas and Mahulda had a

<sup>48</sup> **Domonoske 1st Ed. (1971)**, p. 31 and 41. For some reason there is no mention of 'Hopkins' in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, although there is an International Marriage Record for Wm Boylston and Mary Hopkins on *Ancestry*.



son William (II) m. Mary Thornton. William (I) and Mary had sons *David Boydston of Virginia* and another William (III) m. Margaret Triplett.

## David Boydston's Grandparents

All family historians seem to agree that *David Boydston of Virginia* b. 1716 is descended from Thomas and Elizabeth Vaulx Boydston. They had two sons: Thomas and William, but the historians are divided about which of these is the father of David. **Domonoske**, **Bates**, and **Weaver** all favor Thomas and his wife Mahulda Box (but volunteer no details about William and his family) while **Pherigo**<sup>49</sup> favors William (who married Mary Hopkins) and has some detail that seems more geographically sensible. Since we have already proven by DNA that Hopkins is on the direct line, it remains only to show that Mary Hopkins' husband William (I) is the William, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Vaulx Boydston. Inspection of the dates indicates that Elizabeth Vaulx Boydston's son William must be the William, husband of Mary Hopkins.<sup>50</sup> As a double check, a search of **MCF** DNA matches for [Box/Maryland](#) produced no useful matches, only cousins with incorrect lineages.

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<sup>49</sup> **Pherigo**.

<sup>50</sup> **Pherigo** has William (I) married to Mary *Thornton* of Northumberland Co. Virginia, b. 1700, but this is unlikely if David is born 1710 as indicated in his manuscript.

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## BOYDSTON GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

### *Generation a*

1. **Thomas Boylston** (I) was born abt 1636 at Renfrewshire, Scotland and died 1706 at Somerset County, Maryland. He married abt 1656 at Westmoreland, Virginia **Elizabeth Vaulx**, dau of Robert and Elizabeth Burwell Vaulx. She was born abt 1636 at Vaulxland, Westmoreland, Virginia and died 1706 at Somerset County, Maryland. Thomas paid for passage to the American colonies by working as a carpenter for the Vaulx family of Westmoreland County, Virginia.<sup>51</sup> He bought land (over 1000 acres) in Talbot County, Manor of Baltimore (Maryland) on 26 Oct 1656; this land was called Piney Ridge. In 1665 he moved from the Piney Ridge Plantation to 950 acres he had bought in Dorchester County, Maryland on the west side of the Nanticoke River ten miles upstream from its mouth. That property was called Boylstone's Neck—the neck formed by a sharp bend in the river just before it emptied into Fishing Bay.<sup>52,53</sup>

Thomas and Elizabeth Vaulx Boylston had six children<sup>54,55</sup>

- + 2 i. **THOMAS BOYLSTON** (II) was born 1657 at 'Piney Ridge', Dorchester, Maryland and died 1730 at Baltimore, Maryland. He married 1677 at Queen Ann County, Maryland **Mahulda Box**.
- 3 ii. **ANN BOYLSTON** was born 1658 Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland. She married 1674 at Somerset County, Maryland **Robert Shockley**.
- 4 iii. **ELIZABETH BOYLSTON** was born 1660 at Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland. She married 1677 at Maryland **Henry Lewis**.
- 5 iv. **MARY BOYLSTON** was born 1662 at Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland. She married 1679 at Maryland **James Sangster**.
- 6 v. **REBECCA BOYLSTON** was born 1670 at Boylstone's Neck, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1719. She married 1674 at Somerset County, Maryland **John Turpin**.

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<sup>51</sup> U. S. and Canada, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s; Thomas Boylston, arrived Boston, Massachusetts; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>52</sup> RPherigo777, William Boylstone gallery and Pherigo Family Tree, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>53</sup> **Domonoske 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.**; p.13-23, a nice discussion with good sources.

<sup>54</sup> Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, Patron: Margo Butner, Butner Welty Family History, online at <https://m.friendsofallencounty.org/butnerwelty/familygroup.php?familyID=F923&tree=Butnerwelty>; hereafter **Butner Welty**.

<sup>55</sup> **Pherigo**.

- + 7 vi. **WILLIAM BOYLSTON** (I) was born 1676 at Boylstone's Neck, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1719. He married 1706 at Cecil County, Maryland (1) **Sarah Elizabeth Chism** and (2) **Mary Hopkins**.

### **Generation 1**

2. **Thomas Boylston** (II) was born 13 Dec 1665 at 'Piney Ridge', Dorchester, Maryland and died 1730 at Baltimore, Maryland. He married<sup>56</sup> at Maryland **Mahulda Box** the dau of Thomas and Jane Jones (or Phoenix) Box.<sup>57</sup> She was born abt 1667 at Calvert County, Maryland and died 1749 at Scaggsville, Baltimore, Maryland.<sup>58</sup>

Thomas and Mahulda Box Boylston had nine children.<sup>59,60,61</sup>

- 8 i. **JOHN BOYDSTON** was born 1678 at Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1719. He married 1698 \_\_\_\_ **Harkney**.
- + 9 ii. **WILLIAM M. BOYDSTON** (II) was born 1680 at Dorchester County, Maryland and died 1761 at Fairfax County, Virginia. He married (1) 1705 **Sabra Polk** (widow of \_\_\_\_ **Fitchett** and (2) **Mary Thornton** the dau of Wm Thornton and Jane Presley.
- 10 iii. **ELIZABETH BOYDSTON** was born 1682 at Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1710. She married<sup>62</sup> 1703 at Anne Arundel County, Maryland **Thomas Crump**.<sup>63</sup>
11. iv. **DINAH BOYDSTON** was born 1684 at Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1732. She married 1704 at Anne Arundel County, Maryland **John Brewer**.<sup>64</sup>
- 12 v. **JILLIAN BOYDSTON** was born 1686 at Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1710. She married<sup>65</sup> 6 Nov 1703 at Saint Peters Parish, Talbot County, Maryland **Amos Harrison**.

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<sup>56</sup> Boylston/Box marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records, 1590-1900; online at *Ancestry*; cited on *FamilySearch* Family Tree 'Mahulda Box'.

<sup>57</sup> *FamilySearch Family Tree*.

<sup>58</sup> **Christy Tree**.

<sup>59</sup> 'Casterline/St. Clair', owner Leslie Casterline, [www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/322428835897](http://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/322428835897), (accessed 23 Mar 2025); hereafter **Casterline Tree**.

<sup>60</sup> **Geneanet Index**.

<sup>61</sup> **Weaver and Bates**.

<sup>62</sup> Crump/Boylston marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>63</sup> **Butner Welty**.

<sup>64</sup> **Butner Welty**

<sup>65</sup> Harrison/Bolton (Boylston) marriage: Maryland Church Records 1660-1996; online at FamilySearch <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QGVN-QJYJ> and U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

- 13 vi. **GRACE BOYDSTON** was born 1688 at Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1736. She married<sup>66</sup> 1704 at Talbot County, Maryland **John Michall**.<sup>67</sup>
- 14 vii. **MARY BOYDSTON** was born 1690 at Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1715. She married<sup>68</sup> 1708 at Talbot County, Maryland **Jonathan Miller**.<sup>69</sup>
15. viii **JANE BOYDSTON** was born 1692 at Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1722. She married<sup>70</sup> 1716 at Prince George's County, Maryland **William Brewster**.<sup>71</sup>
- 16 ix. **THOMAS BOYDSTON** (III) was born 1695 at Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1722. He married<sup>72</sup> 1715 at Talbot County, Maryland **Sarah King**.

**7. William Boylston** (I) was born (son of Elizabeth Vaulx Boylston) 1676 at Boylstone's Neck, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1719. He married (1) 1706 at Cecil County, Maryland **Sarah Elizabeth Chism**. She was born 1690 and died during childbirth in 1709 at Cecil County, Maryland. He married<sup>73</sup> (2) abt 1710 **Mary Hopkins** dau of George and Elizabeth Presley Hopkins. Mary was born 1689. They initially settled in Prince William County, Virginia on Four Mile Run, but soon moved to Maryland's Eastern Shore.

William and Mary Hopkins Boylston had at least eight children.<sup>74,75,76,77</sup>

- 17 i. **JAMES BOYLSTON** was born 1714. He married **Sarah Pruitt/Prewett** of Frederick County, Maryland. They relocated in 1732 to Hampshire County, Virginia with their sons William and James. All three appear in the 1777 Militia Records.
- + 18 ii. **DAVID BOYLSTON** was born 1716 at Prince William, Virginia and died 1811. He married **Mahala Snow**.
- 19 iii. **THOMAS BOYLSTON** (IV) was born 1718 and died 1804 at Jefferson, Fairfax, Virginia. He married (1)<sup>78</sup> **Elizabeth Wallace** and (2)<sup>79</sup> **Patience Triplett**. Patience was born

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<sup>66</sup> Michall/Boylston marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>67</sup> **Butner Welty**

<sup>68</sup> Miller/Boylston marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>69</sup> **Butner Welty**

<sup>70</sup> Brewster/Boylston marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>71</sup> **Butner Welty**

<sup>72</sup> Boylston/King marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, grooms birth ;online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>73</sup> Boylston/Hopkins marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>74</sup> **Weaver**, p. 39.

<sup>75</sup> 'Cynthia Marie Galloway Family Tree', owner Lynn Pearson, [www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/179831895](http://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/179831895), (accessed 23 Mar 2025); hereafter **Galloway Tree**.

<sup>76</sup> **Christy Tree**.

<sup>77</sup> **Casterline Tree**.

1725.<sup>80</sup> Between 1764 and 1766, he acquired a large tract of land called Terrapin Neck with his brothers Benjamin and Presley Boylston.<sup>81,82</sup>

20 iv. **JOHN BOYLSTON** was born 1720.

21 v. **GEORGE BOYLSTON** was born 1722. In the 1810 U. S. Census he was also in Greene County, Pennsylvania with his brother David.

22 vi. **PRESLEY BOYLSTON** was born 1730 at Prince William County, Virginia. He married<sup>83</sup> **Elizabeth Robertson**, dau of James Robertson.

23 vii. **WILLIAM BOYLSTON** (III) was born 1732. He married<sup>84</sup> abt 1752 **Margaret Triplett**; she was born 1734; they had one child Frances.<sup>85</sup> They eventually moved to South Carolina.

24 viii. **BENJAMIN BOYLSTON** was born 1734. He married **Mary Moss** and **Mary Davis**.<sup>86</sup>

## **Generation 2**

**9. William Boylston** (II) was born 1680 (son of Mahulda Box Boylston) at Hampshire County, Virginia (then Frederick County, VA) and died 1761 at Fairfax. Fairfax, Virginia. He married (1)<sup>87</sup>

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<sup>78</sup> Boylston/Wallace marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, grooms birth; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>79</sup> Boylston/Triplett marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, grooms birth; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>80</sup> Boydstone/Pruitt marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>81</sup> Boydstone vs. Sheppard, Augusta, VA; Court Records of Augusta County, VA; Benjamin and Presley Boydston identified as brothers of Thomas, owner of the land 'Terrapin Neck' on the Potomac River; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>82</sup> **Domonoske 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed**; p. 23-42, the family relationships of these sons and their wives is supported by the lengthy deed books reproduced in these pages.

<sup>83</sup> Boylston/Robertson marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, birth of groom; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>84</sup> Boylston/Triplett marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

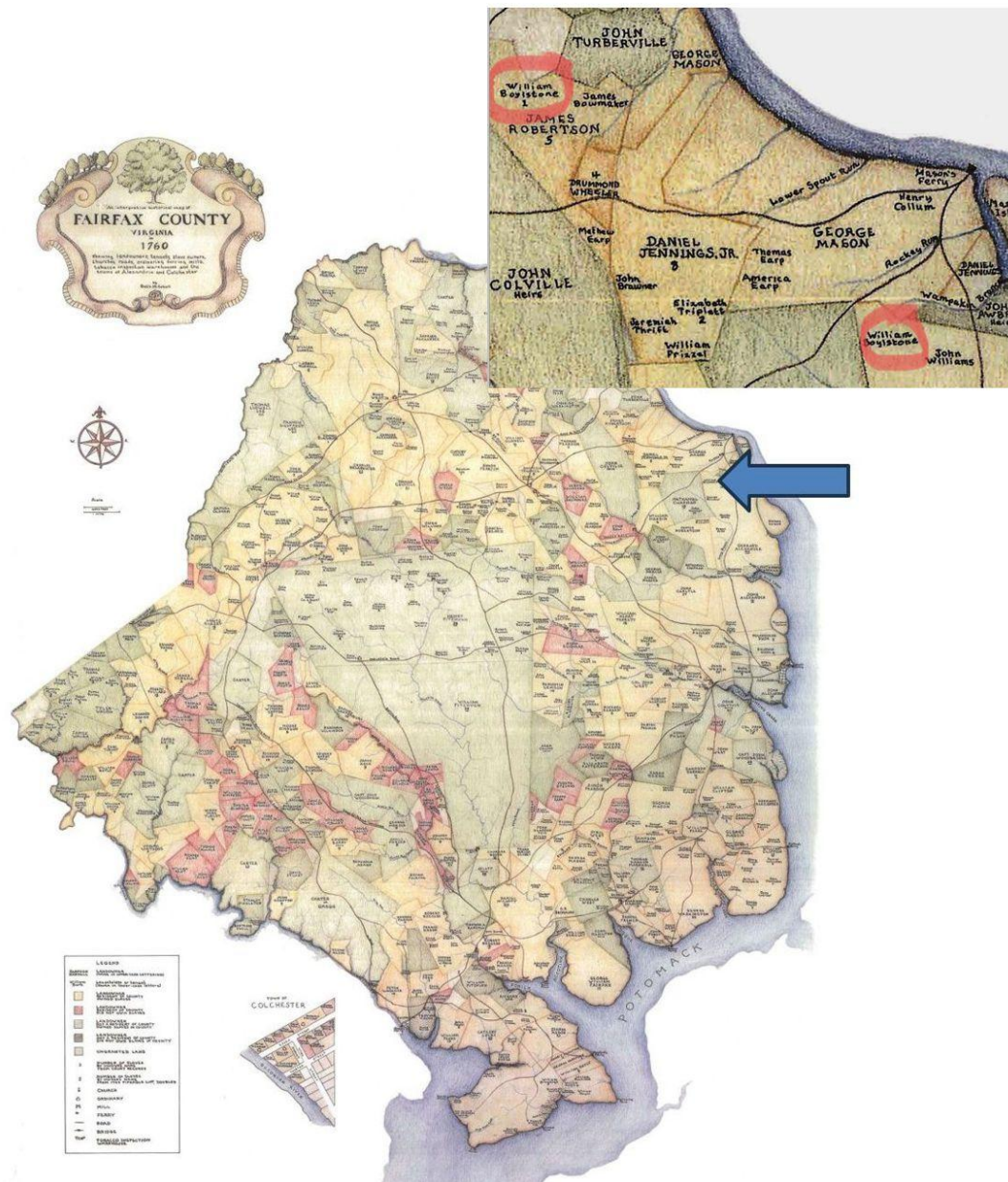
<sup>85</sup> Indexed by Carol Lee Ford, 'Genealogy of the Triplett Family' in *Genealogies of Virginia Families from the William and Mary College Quarterly Magazine*, Vol. V. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1982), p. 211; according to her father Francis's will; <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9PC-QJQD?lang=en&i=449>, Margaret had only one child, Frances Boydston, therefore she was not the mother of David (I).

<sup>86</sup> Boylston/Davis marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, groom b. 1734 VA, no other information; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>87</sup> Boylston/Polk marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, grooms birth; online at *Ancestry*.



1705 **Sabra Polk** (widow of **\_\_\_ Fitchett**) and (2)<sup>88</sup> **Mary Thornton** the dau of Wm Thornton and Jane Presley. She was born 1700. He signed a lease in 1732 with Mary (Thornton), his wife in Hamilton Parish, Prince William County.<sup>89</sup> Before 1770 the family moved to Montgomery County, Virginia, at the headwaters of the Bluestone and Clinch Rivers.



<sup>88</sup> **Domonoske 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.**, p. 24 and U. S. and International Marriage Records 1590-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>89</sup> Lease, 1732, James Robertson to William Boilstone, Mary, his wife & James Boilstone, his son. General index to deeds, 1732-1887; deeds, 1731-1869; election poll, 1840; online at FamilySearch <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSL6-Y95G-L?lang=en&i=28>.



Figure 1. Location of the William Boylstone property in Fairfax County, Virginia, 1760.  
[produced by the Government of Fairfax County, Virginia]

**18. David Boydston Sr.**<sup>90</sup> was born 1716 at Prince William County, Virginia,<sup>91</sup> the son of William and Mary Hopkins<sup>92</sup> 'Boylstone'. He died 3 Aug 1811 at Paisley, Greene, Pennsylvania.<sup>93</sup> He married<sup>94</sup> (1) 1737 at Maryland **Mahala Snow** dau of John and Elizabeth Hudson Snow of Somerset County, Maryland.<sup>95</sup> She was born 1718 at Maryland and died 1751,<sup>96</sup> probably in Maryland. He married<sup>97</sup> abt 1752 (2) **Sarah Denton Pruitt**, dau of Samuel Pruitt of Frederick County, Maryland.<sup>98</sup> The family lived first in Talbot County and then moved to Dorchester County close to the border of Somerset County. After 1750 the family moved to Frederick County, Maryland and finally in 1779 to Washington County, Pennsylvania.

David and Mahala Snow Boydston had at least seven children.<sup>99,100,101,102</sup>

- 25 i. **JAMES BOYDSTON** was born 23 Sep 1738 at Eastern Shore of Maryland and died 6 Feb 1814 at Russellville, Logan, Kentucky; buried<sup>103</sup> at Perry Cemetery, Russellville, Logan, Kentucky. He married (1) 1767 **Mary Prewitt** of Frederick, Maryland and (2) **Tabitha Smith**; Mary was born 21 Jan 1747 and died 22 May 1809 at Russellville, Logan,

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<sup>90</sup> **Domonoske 1st Ed.**, p. 50.

<sup>91</sup> **Weaver** has him born in Boston.

<sup>92</sup> **Domonoske 1st Ed.**, p. 86.

<sup>93</sup> Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Research, *DAR Patriot Index*, online at [www.services.dar.org/public/dar\\_research/search](http://www.services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search); 'david boydston'; lists wife as Mehitabel Snow and b'place as Boston, Suffolk, Massachusetts (both probably in error).

<sup>94</sup> Boylston/Snow marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>95</sup> Family Data Collection-Births, birthyear and parents named, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>96</sup> **Domonoske 1st Ed.** and others claim Mahala died 1751 in Barren County, Kentucky (no source). This county was formed in 1796 (45 yrs after her death) and was erroneously claimed to be formed from western Virginia. It is in central Kentucky, formed from two other Kentucky counties, and a long way from Virginia.

<sup>97</sup> Boylston/Pruitt marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, groom b. 1716, bride b. 1730, no marriage year; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>98</sup> **Domonoske 1st Ed.**, p. 88.

<sup>99</sup> **Weaver**, p. 39.

<sup>100</sup> **Christy Tree**.

<sup>101</sup> 'Cynthia Marie Galloway Family Tree', owner Lynn Pearson, [www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/179831895](http://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/179831895), (accessed 23 Mar 2025); hereafter **Galloway Tree**.

<sup>102</sup> The foregoing tertiary sources have other children for this couple (*Sabra, Malinda, Mahulda*), but as there is no other evidence for their presence in this family, they are not included.

<sup>103</sup> Findagrave #202694666.

Kentucky; buried<sup>104</sup> at Perry Cemetery. Eleven children<sup>105</sup> including Priscilla b. 1759 and Benjamin b. 1776. He and four sons (James Jr., Samuel, William, and John) fought in the Revolutionary War from Montgomery County, Virginia.<sup>106</sup> After the War they moved to eastern Tennessee on the Nolichucky River, then Rutherford, North Carolina,<sup>107</sup> and then to Kentucky. He had a son Thomas (1770-1835).<sup>108,109</sup>

26 ii. **THOMAS BOYDSTON** (V) was born abt 1738 at Frederick County, Maryland. He married **Mary Patience Prewitt/Pruitt**; she was born 21 Jan 1741 and died 22 May 1809 at Kentucky. He fought in the Revolutionary War from Montgomery County, Virginia. He bought land in Augusta County, Virginia in 1761.

+ 27 iii. **DAVID BOYDSTON Jr.** was born 1740. He married **Esther Ann Burris**.

28 iv. **GEORGE BOYDSTON** was born 1746 at Eastern Shore of Maryland and died 18 Nov 1825 at Sugar Creek Township, Wayne, Ohio; buried<sup>110</sup> at Bodine Cemetery, East Union, Wayne, Ohio. He married<sup>111</sup> 19 Jan 1773 at Hampshire, Virginia **Eunice Burris**; she was born 1753 and died 1816. In 1800 they lived in Greene County, Pennsylvania near a son George Jr.<sup>112</sup> George Sr. fought in the Revolutionary War from Pennsylvania.<sup>113</sup> Children: George N. (1777-1845), Thomas (1786-1863), Belinda Boydston Wade (1792-1861), John (1794-1875).<sup>114</sup>

29 v. **NANCY BOYDSTON** was born 30 Jun 1745 at Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1824. She married<sup>115</sup> abt 1762 **Joshua Yeates**. Eleven children.<sup>116</sup>

30 vi. **JESSE BOYDSTON** was born 1748 at Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1780. He fought in the Revolutionary War in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia State Regiment from

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<sup>104</sup> Findagrave #202694740.

<sup>105</sup> **Galloway Tree**, p. 34-5.

<sup>106</sup> **Domonoske 1st Ed.**, p. 128-138.

<sup>107</sup> 1790 U. S. Census of Rutherford, North Carolina, Household of 4, 3males over 16 and 1female over 16; M637, Roll 7, Page 147, FHL Film 0568147; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>108</sup> **backto60s**, cf. 'The Boydstuns of Lauderdale County, TN 1887'.

<sup>109</sup> **Pherigo**.

<sup>110</sup> Findagrave #36734246.

<sup>111</sup> Boylston/Burris marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>112</sup> 1800 Septennial Census of Greene County, Pennsylvania, image 7/22, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>113</sup> **Domonoske 1st Ed.**, p. 87.

<sup>114</sup> Findagrave #36734246; George Boydston son of David Sr. and Mahala Snow.

<sup>115</sup> Yates/Boylston marriage: U. S. and International Marriage Records 1560-1900, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>116</sup> **Galloway Tree**; Bible record of the Yeates family; shared by Lynn Pearson online at *Ancestry*.

Montgomery County, Virginia.<sup>117</sup> He received a land grant of 640 acres in Davidson County, Tennessee (central TN) in 1783.<sup>118</sup>

- 31 vii. **CYNTHIA BOYDSTON** was born 1749 at Piney Ridge, Dorchester, Maryland and died 1843.

David and Mary Ann Pruitt Boydston had two children.<sup>119</sup>

- 32 i. **WILLIAM BOYDSTON** was born 24 Mar 1753 at Frederick, Frederick, Maryland and died in Clay County, Missouri in 1838. He married **Elizabeth Jane Christian**. They went to Hampshire County, Virginia. He fought in the Revolutionary War from Montgomery County, Virginia.<sup>120</sup> After the War they moved to eastern Tennessee for five decades on the Nolichucky River in Washington County.<sup>121</sup>

- 33 ii. **TABITHA BOYDSTON** was born 1772 at Montgomery County, Virginia.

### **Generation 3**

**27. David Boydston Jr.**<sup>122</sup> was born 1740 at Somerset County, Maryland (Eastern Shore of Maryland) and died 2 Feb 1826 at Greene County, Pennsylvania,<sup>123</sup> buried<sup>124</sup> at Mount Morris Cemetery (Perry Twp), Greene County, Pennsylvania. He was a practicing physician. He married (1) **unknown** at Frederick County, Maryland (no known issue) and (2) 1775 at Monongalia County, West Virginia **Hester 'Esther' Ann Burris/Burroughs** dau of John and Elizabeth Boaz Burroughs.<sup>125</sup> She was born 4 Feb 1750 (calc'd: age 77y 11m 9d at death) and died<sup>126</sup> 13 Jan 1838 at Perry Twp, Greene, Pennsylvania; buried<sup>127</sup> at Cedar Grove Cemetery,

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<sup>117</sup> **Domonoske 1st Ed.**, p. 87.

<sup>118</sup> **backto60s**.

<sup>119</sup> **Galloway Tree**.

<sup>120</sup> **Domonoske 1st Ed.**, p. 87.

<sup>121</sup> **backto60s**.

<sup>122</sup> **Domonoske 1st Ed.**, p. 90.

<sup>123</sup> 1825 Will of David Boydston (Jr.), online at FamilySearch; Pennsylvania Probate Records, 1683-1994, <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-8991-773P?cc=1999196&wc=9PMX-T38%3A268494001%2C268539201>; mentions wife Ester Ann and son Boaz, dau Amelia Glasgo.

<sup>124</sup> Findagrave #62731815; David Boydston son of David Sr. and Mahala Snow.

<sup>125</sup> 1793 Will of John Burroughs of Monongalia County, West Virginia names wife Elizabeth and sons Elijah, Boaz and William, daus Unisay Boydstone and Hester Ann Boydstone; online at FamilySearch, Film 7616715, page 40 (cited at Hester Ann Burroughs).

<sup>126</sup> Historical Society of the Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Cemetery, compiled by John Corly Chapter, DAR and the Greene County Historical Society; Records of Perry Twp, Greene County, Pennsylvania, hereafter **Perry Twp cemetery records**.

<sup>127</sup> Findagrave #126444374.

Mount Morris, Greene County. David and family moved with Esther's parents to Washington County, Pennsylvania<sup>128</sup> where David fought in the Revolutionary War.<sup>129</sup> Thereafter they settled in Mt. Morris in Greene County, Pennsylvania. He and his brother George Boydstone Sr. (and George Jr.) are found in Greene County, Pennsylvania with adjoining properties<sup>130</sup> in the 1800 Septennial Census of Pennsylvania.<sup>131</sup>

David and Esther Ann Burris Boydston had at least seven children.<sup>132,133</sup>

33 i. **MARY BOYDSTON** was born 1791 (calc'd) and died 2 Apr 1864.<sup>134</sup>

34 ii. **NELLIE BOYDSTON**. She married **\_\_\_\_\_ Glass** and went west.

35 iii. **THOMAS BOYDSTON**; died young.

36 iv. **BENJAMIN BOYDSTON**; died young.

37 v. **AMELIA BOYDSTON** was born 1778 at Pennsylvania and died 1857 in Ohio. She married abt 1799 at Pennsylvania **Jeremiah/John Glasgo**; he was born 1772 at Pennsylvania.<sup>135</sup> Seven children: Otho, Hiram, Vincent, Airy Minty (Cunningham), Eli, Marmaduke, Lucinda (Kinney).<sup>136</sup>

38 vi. **DAVID BOYDSTON** was born 1789 at Greene County, Pennsylvania and died 8 Jan 1852 at Salisbury, Chariton, Missouri.<sup>137</sup> He married 1810 at Mount Morris, Greene, Pennsylvania **Rebecca 'Massage' Gerard**. Two children.

+ 39 vii. **BOAZ BOYDSTON** was born 12 May 1791 and died 2 Apr 1864 at Greene County, Pennsylvania. He married **Mary Willey**.

### **Generation 4**

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<sup>128</sup> 1790 U. S. Census of Washington County, Pennsylvania, online at FamilySearch <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XHK5-1N9>; David Boylstone household of 7.

<sup>129</sup> **Weaver**, p. 35.

<sup>130</sup> Pennsylvania, U. S., Direct Tax Lists 1798, Greene, Washington, and Allegheny Abstracts; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>131</sup> 1800 Septennial Census of Greene County, Pennsylvania, image 7/22, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>132</sup> Findagrave #62731815; biographical note at David Jr.'s grave.

<sup>133</sup> **Domonoske 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.**

<sup>134</sup> **Perry Twp cemetery records.**

<sup>135</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Wadsworth, Medina, Ohio; Amelia age 72, John age 78; online at *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MXQG-782>.

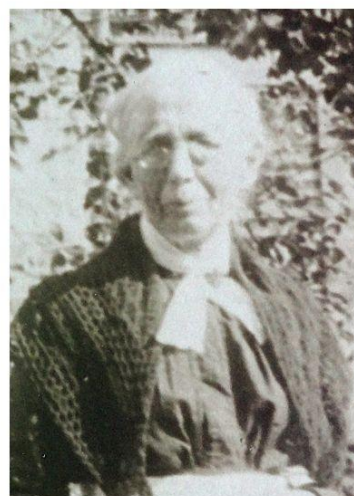
<sup>136</sup> 1848 Will of John Glasgo; online at *FamilySearch*.

<sup>137</sup> 1840 U. S. Census of Chariton Missouri, Roll 221, Page 320. FHL Film 0014855, Household of 6, 1male 15-19, 1male 50-59, 1female 15-19, 2females 20-29, 1female 50-59; online at *Ancestry*.

39. **Boaz Boydston**<sup>138</sup> was born 12 May 1791 at Virginia and died<sup>139</sup> 2 Apr 1864 at Greene County, Pennsylvania;<sup>140</sup> buried<sup>141</sup> at Mount Morris Cemetery. He married 17 Jan 1813 at Zanesville, Muskingum, Ohio **Mary 'Polly' Willey**; she was born 21 Feb 1793 at Delaware and died 1864. She was the dau of John Alexander Willey (30 July 1757 to 3 Apr 1814) and Mary (Polly) Griffith (10 Oct 1758, Sussex, DE to 12 Dec 1842, Zanesville, Muskingum, OH).<sup>142</sup>

Boaz and Mary Willey Boydston had fourteen children.<sup>143</sup>

40 i. **EUGENOS LOCK BOYDSTON** was born 1 Dec 1813 and died 19 Jun 1859; buried<sup>144</sup> at Woodlawn Cemetery, Fairmont, Marion, West Virginia. He married<sup>145</sup> 29 Nov 1838 at Middletown, Monongalia, Virginia (now Fairmont, Marion, West Virginia) **Ruhama Jackson** dau of Samuel Jackson (1 Apr 1793 to 17 Jul 1861) and Nancy Miller Jackson (5 Feb 1800 to 1877). Ruhama was born 27 Oct 1820 and died 11 Mar 1911; buried at Woodlawn Cemetery. He was a sadler of Fairmont, West Virginia.



Ruhama Jackson Boydston in 1910

41 ii. **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BOYDSTON** was born 1815. He married<sup>146</sup> (1) 10 Nov 1860 at Franklin County, Arkansas **Mary Jane Spencer** and (2) 21 Jul 1867 at Jackson County, Missouri **Martha Ann Borden**.

42 iii. **CURTIS WILLEY BOYDSTON** was born 17 Oct 1817 and died 9 Oct 1898 at Monmouth, Warren, Illinois. He married (1)<sup>147</sup> **Orpha Ambler** and (2)<sup>148</sup> 3 Oct 1858 at Warren County, Illinois **Loretta Underwood**.

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<sup>138</sup> **Domonoske 1st Ed.**, p. 91.

<sup>139</sup> **Perry Twp cemetery records**.

<sup>140</sup> 1863 Will of Boaz Boydston, Pennsylvania, U. S. Wills and Probate Records, 1683-1874; Greene County, Wills, Vol. 4; online at *Ancestry*; names wife Mary and children.

<sup>141</sup> Findagrave #122118180.

<sup>142</sup> DAR Application for Membership by Louise Elizabeth Smith Knibbs (descendant of Peter Miller 1759-1838), research by Eugene Smith; papers in possession of the author (MCF).

<sup>143</sup> Geneanet Community Trees Index; <https://gw.geneanet.org>.

<sup>144</sup> Findagrave #88673682; Ruhama #88673702.

<sup>145</sup> Boydston/Jackson marriage: West Virginia, Marriage Index 1785-1971, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>146</sup> Boydston/Spencer and Borden marriages: Arkansas County Marriage Records, 1837-1957, online at *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N974-Z8X>; and Missouri County marriages 1800-1991 <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q2Z3-613S>, respectively.

<sup>147</sup> **Domonoske 3rd Ed.**

- 43 iv. **DAVID JOHN BOYDSTON** was born 24 Aug 1819 at Greene County, Pennsylvania and died 5 Feb 1884 at Iowa; buried<sup>149</sup> at Graceland Cemetery, Knoxville, Marion, Iowa. He married (1) **Rebecca A. Garrard** and (2) 4 Dec 1861 at Marion County, Iowa **Martha C. McMeeken**.
- 44 v. **GEORGE NELSON BOYDSTON** was born 1821 and died 27 Mar 1872. He married<sup>150</sup> 24 Oct 1847 at Harrison County, Ohio **Rebecca C. Calahan**.
- 45 vi. **AMELIA ANN 'EMILY' BOYDSTON** was born 1823 and died 16 May 1904 at Los Angeles County, California; buried<sup>151</sup> at Graceland Cemetery, Knoxville, Marion, Iowa. She married<sup>152</sup> 1867 at Marion County, Iowa **Erastus K. Woodruff**; he was born 1838.
- 46 vii. **WILLIAM LANDON BOYDSTON** was born 1825 and died 2 Jun 1875. He married (1)<sup>153</sup> **Cornelia Gates** and (2)<sup>154</sup> 18 Aug 1873 at Lancaster County, Nebraska **Julia C. Cromwell**.
- 47 viii. **ELIZA BOYDSTON**. She was born 1826 and died young.
- 48 ix. **MARY BOYDSTON**. She was born 1827 and died young.
- 49 x. **BOAZ BURRIS BOYDSTON** was born 1828. He married **Rachel Burge**.
- 50 xi. **MARTHA 'MARY' L. BOYDSTON** was born 1830 and died 20 Nov 1928 at Franklin County, Ohio.<sup>155</sup> She married<sup>156</sup> 29 Oct 1850 at Woodford County, Ohio **James Dunham**.<sup>157</sup>
- 51 xii. **CYRUS BASCOM BOYDSTON** was born 31 Oct 1831 at Whiteley, Greene, Pennsylvania and died 11 Sep 1898 at Knoxville, Marion, Iowa; buried<sup>158</sup> at Graceland

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<sup>148</sup> Boydston/Underwood marriage: Illinois County Marriage Records, Warren County, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>149</sup> Findagrave #1199944999.

<sup>150</sup> Boydston/Calahan marriage: Ohio Select County Marriage Records, Harrison County, 1874-1893, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>151</sup> Findagrave #117939168, nice bio.

<sup>152</sup> Woodruff/Boydston marriage: Iowa County Marriage Records, Marion County, he was age 29 yrs., therefore marriage was in 1867; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>153</sup> **Domonoske 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.**

<sup>154</sup> Boydston/Cromwell marriage: Nebraska Select County Marriage Records, Lancaster County, 1871-1880, online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>155</sup> Ohio, Death Index, 1908-1932; online at *FamilySearch*  
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VKRC-B8Z>.

<sup>156</sup> Dunham/Boydston marriage: Illinois County Marriage Records, Woodford County, FHL Film 1401898; online at *FamilySearch*.

<sup>157</sup> 1860 U S. Census of Mackinaw, Tazewell, Illinois, P. 209, she is age 31; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>158</sup> Findagrave #121860674.



Cemetery. He married<sup>159</sup> abt 1861 at Marion County, Iowa **Sarah 'Sally' Agnes Wallace**.<sup>160</sup> He was a commissioned officer (Major) in the Civil War.

52 xiii. **THORNTON ELSWORTH BOYDSTON** was born 12 Oct 1833 at Greene County, Pennsylvania and died 29 May 1913 at Mount Morris, Greene, Pennsylvania; buried<sup>161</sup> at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Greene County. He married 1858 **Susanna Donley**.<sup>162</sup>

53 xiv. **ELIZABETH MARGARET BOYDSTON** was born 26 Oct 1836 Whiteley. Greene, Pennsylvania and died 11 Apr 1919 at Morgantown, Monongalia, West Virginia; buried<sup>163</sup> at Oak Grove Cemetery. She married 1861 at Monongalia County, West Virginia **Henry Lazier Cox**. 61

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<sup>159</sup> Boydston/Wallace marriage: Iowa County Marriage Records, Marion County;; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>160</sup> 1870 U S. Census of Knoxville, Marion, Iowa, Roll M593\_409, P. 111A, Cyrus and Sallie and 4 children; online at *Ancestry*.

<sup>161</sup> Findagrave #198879428.

<sup>162</sup> Samuel P. Bates, *A Biographical History of Greene County, Pennsylvania* (Baltimore, Maryland: Clearfield, 1888) Perry Township, p. 812.

<sup>163</sup> Findagrave #8404915.