

Paul Thomas Boyer Family photographs

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Summary Information

Repository	Chester County History Center
Creator	Boyer, Paul Thomas, 1916-2011
Title	Paul Thomas Boyer Family photographs
Date [bulk]	1929-1891, undated
Date [inclusive]	1880s-2009, undated
Extent	.4 linear feet
Location note	Chester County History Center Photo Archives
Language	eng
Language of Materials note	eng
Abstract	The Paul Thomas Boyer Family photographs date from the 1880s through 2009 and measure .4 linear feet. The photographs were collected by Paul Boyer and represent the Boyer and Jones families in addition to Luella Holcomb Boyer and Mary Henderson.

Preferred Citation note

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Historical Note

Paul T. Boyer was born on July 24, 1916 to Paul and Eva M. (nee Williams) Boyer. The family lived at 123 E. Barnard Street in West Chester, PA and attended Bethel A.M.E. Church. Eva Boyer was a beautician and Paul Boyer (father) was a chef for the West Chester Teachers' College.

Paul Boyer attended Cheyney Teachers' College before being drafted into the Army in 1942. His draft records indicate that, at that time, he had already completed four years of college, was working as a social welfare worker, and was single with no dependents. Paul Boyer eventually married "a Holcomb" (according to donation letter), who is believed to be Louella Holcomb Boyer.

After the war, Paul Boyer resided at 2748 N 15th Street in Philadelphia and was hired by the School District of Philadelphia in 1948 as an Attendance Officer in the Division of Pupil Personnel and Counseling.

Louella Holcomb Boyer was born in Amelia, VA on February 26, 1913 to Dorothy Jones and Thomas Holcombe. She attended West Chester Normal School, married Paul Boyer, and spent the rest of her life in Philadelphia until her death on January 16, 2000. It is likely that the Jones family represented in this collection come from her side of the Boyer family.

Scope and Contents and Arrangement note

This collection came to the Chester County History Center with little original order.

There was a folder of items that came from an already-disassembled photo album belonging to Paul T. Boyer. There were also two photo frames with numerous photographs that were already disassembled at the time of processing in 2022. There was no remaining original order to any of these three items, but the photographs contained within them have been kept together.

The photographs have been divided into *family members, photograph albums and frames, travel, and the Birthday album of Mary Henderson.*

Family members contains 7 folders with black and white and color photographs and includes photographs of Louella Holcomb Boyer (including a panorama of her with the 1929 class of Henderson Junior High School), Paul T. Boyer, the Boyer Family, Mary Henderson, the Jones Family, miscellaneous identified portraits, and unidentified portraits.

Photograph albums and frames includes 3 folders black and white and color photographs from one photograph album and two photograph frames that were disassembled prior to processing in 2022. The album belonged to Paul T. Boyer and contains photographs of himself and his milestones in addition to friends and family. The first photo frame contains mostly unidentified photographs. Some of those pictured are "Aunt Fannie" and likely members of the Jones family. The final photo frame mostly contains photographs of the Jones Family, including William Jones, Joseph A. Jones, Sr., Joseph A. Jones, Jr., and Christopher Jones.

Travel contains 5 folders of color photographs which include a 1981 trip to Spain and 1978, 1994, 2004, and 2005 trips to Timbuktu.

The Birthday Album of Mary Henderson contains photographs from “Cousin” Mary Henderson’s 90th birthday in Berkeley, CA on March 10, 2009.

Administrative Information

The Paul Thomas Boyer Family photographs were donated to the Chester County History Center by Paul Boyer’s cousin, Carl M. Williams, in 2012.

Controlled Access Headings

Boyer family

Boyer, Paul Thomas, 1916-2011

Boyer, Louella Holcomb, 1913-2000

World War, 1914-1918

World War, 1939-1945

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research use.

Collection Inventory

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date	# of items
1	1	Louella Holcomb Boyer	undated	8
1	1	Louella Holcomb Boyer, Bermuda	1968	1
1	1	Louella Holcomb Boyer, Margaret Hopkins, Dorothy Hunter, Florence Johnson, and Marion Jones and unidentified others in what appears to be a class portrait.	June 1935	1
1	1	Louella Holcomb Boyer, Honolulu Airport	1963	2
1	2	Paul Thomas Boyer	Circa 1936	1
1	2	Paul Thomas Boyer, World War II	Circa 1941-1945	3
1	3	Unidentified woman, caption verso: “Boyer 1447 N 59 th St Phila. PA, 19159, 232-1696 / 1128 North East 7 St Washington DC”	Undated	1
1	4	Mary Henderson graduation	Undated	1
1	5	Susan (?) Jones	1880s-1890s	1
1	5	Joseph “Big Joe” Jones, Joseph “Little Joe” Jones, and Christopher Jones	1970s	1
1	5	Joseph A. Jones	undated	1
1	5	Charles Hale Jones	1981	1
1	5	Unidentified, likely Jones family	undated	1
1	5	Photograph booklet belonging to “Dorothy” – Joseph A. Jones, Sr., George Liggans, Mr. Cambel, Joseph A. Jones, Jr., and William Jones.	1944, 1952, undated	19
1	6	Dorothy Raymond	1880s-1890s	1
1	6	Michelle Eanes	1993-1994	3

1	6	Michelle Lee	1976	1
1	6	Laurette Tucker	1985	1
1	6	Allison Stapp	1998	1
1	7	Unidentified people	Circa 1917-1919, 1958, 1970, 1981, undated	35
1	8	Paul T. Boyer photograph album	1935-1948	44
1	9	Photo frame #1 (Aunt Fannie, Jones Family)	1930-1931, undated	10
1	10	Photo frame #2 (Joseph A. Jones, Sr., Joseph A. Jones, Jr., William Jones, and Christopher Jones)	Circa 1950-1983	16
1	11	Trip to Africa and Spain	1981	38
1	12	Trip to Colombia, Jamaica, and Timbuktu	1978	8
1	13	Trip to Timbuktu	1994	134
1	14	Trip to Timbuktu, Mary Henderson pictured	2004	5
1	15	Trip to Timbuktu, Mary Henderson pictured	2005	58
1	album	90 th Birthday album of Mary Henderson	2009	1
1	PAN	Harding Junior High School (Louella Halcomb Boyer pictured)	1929	1