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THE AMERICAN
Boynton Association,

WILL HOLD THEIR

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION,

AUGUST 19, 1885, AT 9 A. M.,

—IN—

HORTICULTURAL HALL,

NO. 18 FRONT STREET,

WORCESTER, MASS.

BY ORDER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

JOHN FARNHAM BOYNTON,

Secretary.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.

1885.

HIGHLAND PLACE,
SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 10th, 1885.

To all Boyntons, Boyingtons, and Byingtons, Greeting:—

The third annual meeting of the "American, Boynton Association," will be in session at 9 o'clock A. M., on the 19th of August, 1885, in Horticultural Hall, No. 18 Front Street, Worcester, Mass.

It is hoped all bearing our names will be represented in person, or by letter, giving information of all marriages or deaths that have occurred since January 1st, 1883.

It was voted at our last Convention that our meeting this year should be a social, family picnic, each bringing refreshments. Worcester has ample accommodations, and many places of interest worth visiting, among which is "Boynton Hall," erected in memory of the late John Boynton, who bequeathed \$129,000 to found a "Free Institute of Industrial Science," to benefit the youth of Worcester County.

It is our desire that all Boyntons and Boynton relations should receive this circular, and we hope all persons bearing the name will assist in giving it an extensive distribution. Should more be wanted, please address me at Highland Place, Syracuse, N. Y.

Per Order "Board of Officers."

JOHN FARNHAM BOYNTON,
Secretary.

BOYNTON---ITEMS.

Our History, Genealogy and Pedigree extends over a period of nearly nine hundred years. Is there another family in America who can show such a continuous and unbroken lineage?

A large quantity of records and history of the Boynton families has been collected, and I fear will be lost if not published soon. A Committee of Ways and Means, with a Woman's Auxiliary Department, has been suggested to raise money for securing their publication. Who will take the lead and organize? Please give this a careful consideration, remembering our motto, "Time flies."

Is there not a wealthy Boynton, without heirs, who can do his kinsmen a favor, and rear a lasting monument to his own name by publishing our voluminous and valuable records?

As our printing and contingent expenses are paid by certificate holders, it is desirable that all who have not joined our Society, will sign the constitution, which will entitle them to a copy of the same, pay the fee of one dollar, and become registered members, or assist by voluntary donations.

Old letters, deeds, wills, commissions, &c., giving dates of Boyntons are desired. Bible and all other records are wanted, and the names of all Boyntons who are 70 years of age.

Who can furnish tombstone records of Boyntons? Whenever you find one, please send it.

All Boynton women, marrying into other families, should retain Boynton as middle name of their children. Why should a lady's name be obliterated by marriage? Why not perpetuate it with her offspring? My name should have been John Nichols Boynton, instead of John Farnham, as my mother was a Nichols.

What is your opinion about forming a Boynton Protective Life Insurance Association? Would it not have a tendency to preserve our history, social relations, and cause us to become more interested in each others' physical and moral welfare?

I have just returned from a five months' tour, Lecturing through the South. While there I gathered much valuable information; discovered several new families, and became acquainted with many of our name, most of whom can be traced to our original settlers of Rowley, Mass., in 1638. There are more than one hun-

dred Boyntons in the State of Georgia. Judge James Stoddard Boynton, of Griffin, President of the Senate, and Ex-Governor, is expected to be present at our coming Convention.


THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN ASKED MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TIMES: "What relation was the late President Garfield to the Boyntons?" I have been informed that one Caleb Boynton married a widow Garfield, with children. By her, Caleb had sons and daughters. These two families of children were reared together; when grown to manhood these half-brothers married sisters by the name of Ballou; one was the mother of James A. Garfield, the other was the mother of Dr. S. A. Boynton, who was the President's "old family physician," and was with him during his lamented illness. Who Caleb Boynton was, I have not determined, but am looking for records. Who can assist me?

Report all errors you find in Directory; every Boynton should possess a copy. It contains the address of nearly 4,000 of our kindred. Purchase one and help our cause. Price \$2.50; delivered by mail for \$2.60. It includes our constitution, by-laws, calls for conventions, organization, &c.

I have printed the Boynton "Baronets and Peers" of England. It contains forty pages; a costly book for its size, but was procured at much expense. It is useful and valuable. Every one should have a copy who desire to know the Boynton pedigree in England through thirty generations. I make nothing on the sale of this book. You add funds to our treasury in purchasing. Price, after this, \$2.00 a copy.

I have also published a Monogram on Silos and Ensilage, dedicated to the "Boynton farmers." It is what every thriving farmer needs. Price, by mail, 35 cents.

How many will subscribe twenty-five cents for a copy of the *Boynton Record and Journal* to be issued once a year? We need a medium of communication.

 Those who address me on *Geology* and *land matters of the South*, must enclose stamps if they expect answers.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN FARNHAM BOYNTON.

