

Grace Rhodes, daughter of Isaac and Minerva (Portlock) Rhodes. Grace was born Nov. 7, 1887 in Table Grove, Fulton County. Clyde raised several horses, cattle, hogs and grain.



Grace Boote, mother of six children with Clyde Boote

Clyde's Boote grandparents were both from England and Grace's Grandpa Rhodes was from Germany. Clyde and Grace lived around Bardolph, Bushnell, Good Hope, Industry and Camp Creek. From 1910-1916, they lived in the Red River Valley near Grand Forks, ND before returning to this area.

They had six children, all of whom attended Good Hope schools. Opal, born in 1908 (Good Hope), got her teaching degree at what is now WIU, teaching at country schools before marrying Garold Chipman from rural Good Hope. They began farming in the Sciota area. Harold, born in 1910 (Good Hope), married Marjorie Mitchell, an artist from Good Hope. They lived in Paradise, CA. Gaylord, born in 1912 (North Dakota), married Eula Combs of Good Hope. They moved to Arizona, then to Santa Ynez, CA. He and Harold both worked at Lockheed Aircraft in Whittier, CA. Shirley married Mary Kennedy and was an Army Vet in WW II in the tank and destroyer units and a member of the Macomb National Guard. They lived in Menlo Park, CA. Ruth, born in 1916 (North Dakota), secretly married Dick Swartzbaugh of Bardolph - it was kept quiet for a year. She still survives in June of 2017 at age 101. Dick was an IH tractor dealer for over 40 years. They lived in Havana, IL. Keith, born in 1917 (Good Hope), first married Eleanor Bradford of Macomb. Keith was also in the Army in WW II in tank and destroyer units and the 123rd Artillery unit out of Macomb. He lived in Bushnell before moving to San Jose, CA where he worked at the VA Hospital in Palo Alto and met his second wife, Jayne.

Around 1918, Clyde became estranged from his family. Clyde's mother, Annie, was



Clyde and Grace (Rhodes) Boote family, November 1929. Back, l-r: Gaylord and Shirley (male). Front: Keith, Opal Boote Chipman, Harold, and Ruth Boote Swartzbaugh

a big help to his remaining family. Grace cleaned houses and took in laundry and mending to support them. Clyde had a farm sale in January of 1929 and they divorced that year. He lived in East Peoria as a machinist at Altorfer Bros. Company for 10 years. He married Pearl Gooble June 5, 1937. He died from a stroke on March 14, 1944, age 56, following an illness of 10 months, being buried in East Peoria. Grace was always thought of with a smile. Because she worked hard, she wore jeans a lot, which wasn't the norm at that time for women. One of her quotes was, "If I'm gonna work like a man, I'm gonna dress like a man!" She was never idle for a moment, taking care of elderly people, even in her later years. At age 69 she was living with a client, Mrs. Williams, in Bushnell on Nov. 21, 1956. After lunch she decided to lie down for a nap before doing dishes, but never woke up. Grace is buried in Good Hope. Submitted by Jolece (Chipman) Wainman.

BOOTE - William Arthur Boote was born May 3, 1861 in St. Louis, MO, to Alexander and Marjorie Tardtang Boote. Alexander was born in Manchester, England in 1829 (christened July 19 of 1829). Marjorie was also listed as being born in England. Alexander came to America some time before Aug. 13, 1850. The 1850 census for the 5th Ward of the city and county of St. Louis listed him as a baker by profession and single at the time, age 21, living at an address with five other bakers. On Sept. 13, 1851, he was admitted to Charity Hospital in New Orleans, LA, at the age of 22 with fever and dysentery. Hospital records state he had been in Louisiana five weeks prior and his stay in the hospital was two weeks, being discharged Sept. 30.

William was married May 13, 1885 at Osage, MO, to Nancy Anna "Annie" Luton. Annie was born in Linn, MO, on June 5, 1865 to John Adam and Harriet Clary Luton. Her parents were born in Ohio. Annie came from a family of four brothers and four sisters. William and Annie moved from Missouri to Good Hope in 1905 and remained in that area the

rest of their lives. The 1910 census records them in Emmet Township of McDonough County with William farming for a living. By 1918, the family was at home in the northwest part of Macomb Township. Annie was a member of the Methodist Church.

Seven children were born to this union, all in Linn, MO: Roy (born 1886) married Irma Schmidt, Clyde (1887) married Grace Rhodes, Bert (1889), Mabel (1893) married Hamer McHendry, Ethel (1897) married an Essex and died young, Bill Jr. (1899) married Maxine Darrah and Raymond (1901).

William Sr. was afflicted with tuberculosis (the Great White Plague) at the age of 38 and suffered for 18 years before dying on March 3, 1918, at the young age of 56. At this time, TB was the leading cause of death in the US and even more so around the world. There was not a cure or a vaccine, but headway was made that suggested that a good diet, rest and exercise in cool, fresh air was highly beneficial. Annie lived another 20 years to the age of 73. In that time, she devoted much time to assisting her daughter-in-law, Grace Rhodes Boote (Clyde's wife) as she raised her six children alone. She was well-loved. She endured an 11-week illness in the fall of 1938, followed by a cerebral hemorrhage that led to her death on Nov. 11, 1938. Both William and Annie are buried at Good Hope Cemetery. Submitted by Jolece (Chipman) Wainman.

BOWEN - The Robert and Andrea Bowen family began in Macomb in July 1968. Bob and Andrea came to Macomb where Bob was the Director of the West Central Special Education Cooperative. They lived at 603 East Carroll Street and brought with them their five children: Don, Susan, Julia, Barbara and Anita. Steven was born in Macomb.

Bob Bowen was born in Bellwood, IL to Thomas Jefferson Bowen and Rachel Bowen on July 6, 1936. Andrea was born in Maywood, IL to Spirit and Marion Borla on Feb. 19, 1935. Bob and Andrea met at a church youth group and were married on Aug. 10, 1957 in Chicago, IL.



William and Anna (Luton) Boote family, 1911. Back, l-r: Bill, Bert, Clyde, and Roy. Front: Raymond, Mable, Annie, William, and Ethel.