

## BOGGS RUN YOHO FAMILY

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In the 1950s, a YOHO family lived across from the Boggs Run School. On the side of the very steep hill, they inhabited an extremely small, wooden dwelling. It appeared to be one room, maybe 10' by 12', much like an old outbuilding, with wood siding nailed to a simple frame, and probably no interior walls. A metal chimney suggested they had a stove for burning wood or coal. There was no apparent source of running water, and if there was an outhouse, it was not visible from the vantage point of the classrooms in the school house.

Except for the second and third grade classroom, every other classroom in the school had a wall of large windows that framed the hill across the road, with the Yoho house the only feature, albeit a small one, against the backdrop of trees and weeds.

This student, at least, spent countless hours pondering the construction of the tiny Yoho house, as well as the seemingly impossible living conditions.

The structure appeared barely attached to the hillside, and its descent to the road below seemed imminent. Yet, it stood for years. But how many years was it there? Who built it? What happened to it?\*

Mr. and Mrs. Yoho, now known to be Clyde and Orië (Blake) Yoho, were present at the time of the Yohos' occupation of the small house, but no specific characteristics about them are remembered. It was the children - an abundance of them - who were not forgotten.

How did so many people live in that small place?

We lived way up the run, and while our house was by no means anything to brag about, at least we had *space* - and running water. Sometimes, I thought my own family was very poor, but when confronted with the site of the Yoho house, I knew things could be a whole lot worse.

In those days, there was no such thing as public assistance, and even if there had been, most people, including my own family, would never have accepted any kind of handout, including from relatives. The Yohos somehow managed to sustain their family in that tiny house. More than half a century later, I have no recollection of how long the Yoho family lived on Boggs Run, or when they left. But I do know where they went: Moundsville. Clyde E. Yoho, according to his obituary, was a former employee of the United States Stamping Company.

And, small world that it is, I know that the Boggs Run Yoho family is related to my husband, as well as to the countless descendants of the important pioneer YOHO family that was among the earliest settlers in Marshall County.

### **Ancestors of the Boggs Run Yoho Family**

Although the latest generations of the Boggs Run Yoho family are not included in the genealogies of the many Yoho Family researchers, once their place was known, I relied on the important work of the researchers, specifically T. Vernon Anderson. For many years, he has shared his huge genealogy files with my [Marshall County WVGenWeb](#) site. Several links to Vernon's files on the Marshall County site are referenced below.

The Yoho Family, of Swiss Origin, has large populations, especially in the United States, Germany and Alsace France. Over several decades, researchers have compiled information, some documenting the family lineage to the year 1395. The name is spelled Yoheaux in French, Yoho in Switzerland, and Joho in German and Dutch.

#### **Generation 1**

John Michael Yoho, born about 1678 in Switzerland, died in Alsace. His wife was Susanna Gelker - See [Descendants of John Michael Yoho](#)

#### **Generation 2**

Johannes Yoho, son of John Michael and Susanna, was born in 1712 in Sulzthal, Alsace, and immigrated to the U.S. in 1738. His occupation was given as "wooden shoe maker." His wife was Susannah Catherine Lau.

#### **Generation 3**

As shown in the genealogy file, Johannes and Susannah had numerous children. Two of their sons were Henry and Peter Yoho, both of whom served in the Revolutionary War. They married the twin daughters of [Captain John Baker](#), also a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Henry married Catherine Baker; Peter married Margaret Baker.

My husband is a descendant of Peter Yoho. The Boggs Run Yoho family descends from BOTH Henry and Peter Yoho.

See [Descendants of Henry Yoho](#)

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#### **Generation 4**

Henry Yoho's daughter, Mary, married Joshua Garner. [Henry's descendants are in the one large file above.]

Peter's son, Joseph "Jacob" Yoho, married Margaret Unknown. See [Descendants of Joseph Jacob Baker](#)

#### **Generation 5**

Mary and Joshua Garner's daughter, Drusilla Garner, married Lewis Yoho.

Joseph "Jacob" and Margaret Yoho's son, Lewis, married Drusilla Garner.

#### **Generation 6**

Lewis and Drusilla Yoho's son, Nelson Yoho, married Sarah "Emma" Morris.

#### **Generation 7**

Nelson and Sarah's son, Lewis, married Emma Katherine/Catherine Mason. Their marriage record has not been found but Emma was born in Clay County, West Virginia, so perhaps had ties there, and Lewis and his family were residents of Clay County at the time of the 1900 census. Lewis died of tuberculosis 25 Feb 1923 at Wheat, Wetzel County; age 48y 2mo 2da, at least according to the death record. On 28 July 1929, Emma Catherine Yoho, widow, age 29, married Harry Yoho, 28. She was born 29 Aug 1887, so was actually close to 43. Harry was Lewis' 1st cousin, and the son of Nelson's brother, Alva Yoho, a resident of Grant District, Wetzel County, in 1910. At that time, Harry was 9.

#### **Generation 8**

Clyde Everett Yoho, the son of Lewis and Emma, married Irene O. "Orie" Blake 26 June 1933 in Marshall County. Her obituary reverses her name to Orie Irene. The marriage record states that her parents were Jack and Rosa (Hawkins) Blake. Her obituary names her father, Lewis J. Blake. The Wetzel County marriage record of Orie's parents, 5 Apr 1904, indicates that her father was Jackson Blake. - For certain, Clyde's father was Lewis, and Clyde and Orie had a son, "Jack," but he is probably the "Lewis" listed in her obituary.

Emma Catherine/Katherine Mason Yoho  
Died 15 June 1966.

YOH0, Emma K. 1918,  
Moundsville, died at the home  
of her son, Alvin, Thursday at  
4:45 p.m. She was born in Clay  
County, W. Va., Aug. 29, 1887, a  
daughter of Alfred and Massie  
Mason. She was a member of  
the Pentecostal Church, Mound-  
sville. Surviving are four sons,  
Sherman, Clyde, Clarence,  
and Alvin, all of Moundsville;  
five brothers, Andrew of New  
Martinsville, Burt of Wileyville,  
W. Va., Henry and Louie, both  
of Pennsylvania, and Kinsey of  
Moundsville; 20 grandchildren  
and 25 great-grandchildren.  
Friends may call at the Grisell  
Funeral Home, 805 Fifth St.,  
Moundsville, after 6 p.m. Fri-  
day. Services will be held there  
Sunday at 3:30 p.m. with the  
Rev. Archie Fox officiating.  
Burial will be in Riverview  
Cemetery. *June 9, 66*

Clyde Everett Yoho  
Born 5 July 1911; died 21 Sep 1973

YOH0, Clyde E., 62, of 12  
Cypress Ave., Moundsville, -  
died Friday at Reynolds  
Memorial Hospital. He was a  
former employe of the United  
States Stamping Co. Surviving  
are his widow, Orie Blake  
Yoho; six daughters, Mrs.  
Catherine Atwell of Alliance,  
Ohio, Mrs. Charlotte Edwards  
of Benwood, Mrs. Beulah  
Atwell, Mrs. Connie Glover and  
Miss Margaret Yoho, all of  
Moundsville; five sons, Virgil,  
Ray, Eugene, Roger and Jack  
all of Moundsville; and three  
brothers, Clarence, Sherman,  
and Alvin, also of Moundsville.  
Friends received at Grisell  
Funeral Home, Moundsville, 2-  
4 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday where  
services will be held Sunday at  
1 p.m. Interment in Riverview  
Cemetery. *Sep 21, 73*

**Obits of Emma Katherine/Catherine Mason Yoho & son, Clyde.**

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Emma's sons, Clarence and Alvin Yoho, both got married in Marshall County, West Virginia on 17 Nov 1944. The parents listed for both were Harry and Emma.

Emma's son, Sherman C. Yoho, in the 1910 census as "German," was born 18 Apr 1908 and died 11 Sep 1998; last residence, Glen Easton, Marshall County.

Clarence B. Yoho, born 28 Oct 1923, died May 1988; last residence Marshall County.

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From the Grisell Funeral Home website:

ORIE IRENE YOH0

January 3, 2008

Yoho, Orié Irene, age 88, of 12th Street, Moundsville, WV died Thursday, January 3, 2008 at Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Glen Dale, WV. - She was born September 28, 1919 in Cameron, WV the daughter of the late Lewis J. and Rosie Hawkins Blake. - She was a member of the House of Prayer, Moundsville. - In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Yoho; three sons, Virgil, Ray and Roger Yoho; a daughter, Iciemae Wayt; a brother, Ted Blake; and three sisters, Belle Porter, Maggie Blake and Fannie Woods. - Survivors include two sons, Eugene Yoho\*\* and Lewis (Linda) Yoho, all of Moundsville; five daughters, Catherine Atwell of Cameron, Charlotte (Rocky) Stacey of Florida, Beulah (Willard) Atwell, Connie (Lawrence) Glover and Margaret Conrad, all of Moundsville; four daughters-in-law, Imogene, Helen, Rosalie and Nancy Yoho, all of Moundsville; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. - Family will receive friends on Sunday from 12-3 and 7-9pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville where funeral services will be Monday at 1pm with Pastor Paul Smith officiating. - Interment in Riverview Cemetery, Moundsville.

This presentation only traces the YOHO lineage, NOT the maternal lines that include the BLAKE and MASON families, which are also very large families in Marshall County and the surrounding area.

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### **Census Records - Boggs Run Yoho Ancestors**

#### **1850 Census, Marshall County, West Virginia**

YOHO (1469)

Lewis, Jr., Farmer, 32-M, b Va.

Druscilla, 26-F, b Va.

Alva, 2-M, b Va.

**Nelson**, 9mo.-M, bVa Vincent,

9mo.-M, b Va.

#### **1860 Census, Marshall County, West Virginia**

YOHO (182)

Louis, 38-wm, farmer, b Va.

Drusilla, 32-wf, b Va

Alva, 10-wm, b Va

**Nelson**, 9-wm, b Va Emily,

7-wf, b Va.

Jacob, 4-wm, VA

#### **1870 Census, Marshall County, West Virginia**

Yoho (201)

Lewis, Jr., 50-m, farmer, b WV

Julia, 45-f, b WV

Alvia, 20-m, b WV

**Nelson**, 18-m, b WV

Emily, 15-f, b WV

Jacob, 13-m, b WV  
Nicholas, 11-m, b WV  
Isaac, 8-m, WV

**1880 Census, Wetzel County, West Virginia**

[Lewis, Jr., Drusilla, and sons Alva, Nicholas and Isaac are 192/192.]

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Nelson Yoho, 30, Works on Farm, b Va.  
Sarah, 24, Wife, Keeps House, b Va.

**Lewis**, 5?, Son, b WV  
Nathan, 3, Son, b WV  
Jacob, 1, Son, b WV

**1900 Census, Otter District, Clay County, West Virginia**

#61/61

Nelson Yoho, b Oct 1850, 49, Married 25 yrs, Farmer, b WV, parents b WV  
Sarah, Wife, b Oct 1854, 45, 9 children/7 living, b WV, parents b PA

**Lewis**, Son, b Dec 1877, 22, Farm Laborer, b WV  
Nathan, Son, b Nov 1879, 20, Farm Laborer, b WV  
Jacob, Son, b Apr 1882, 18, Farm Laborer, b WV  
Levi, Son, b Mar 1884, 16, Farm Laborer, b WV  
Spence, Son, b Jan 1888, 12, Farm Laborer, b WV  
Nicholas, Son, b May 1890, 10, Farm Laborer, b WV  
Mary, Dau, b Jan 1895, 5, b WV

**1910 Census, Grant District, Wetzel County, West Virginia**

#266/270

**Lewis Yoho**, 33, Head, Married x1 9 yrs, Farm Laborer at home, b WV  
Emma, Wife, 25, Married x1, 1 child/1 living, b WV German,  
Nephew?, 1 yr 11 mos., b WV

**1920 Census, Grant District, Wetzel County, West Virginia**

#266/270

Lewis Yoho, Sr., Head, Rents, 50, No occupation, b WV  
Emma, Wife, 39, b WV  
**Clyde**, Son, Age illegible, b WV  
Sherman, Son, 9, b WV

**1930 Census, Proctor District, Wetzel County, West Virginia**

#181/181

Harry Yoho, Sr., Head, Rents, \$25, 28, 27 when married, Farm Laborer, b WV  
Emma, Wife, 42, 41 when married, b WV  
Alvin, Son, 3, b WV  
**Clyde**, Step-Son, 18, No occupation, b WV  
Clarence, Step-Son, 8, b WV

\*Note: A descendant of this family said the small Yoho house burned down after one of the daughters knocked over a candle.

\*\*Note: We had a coal furnace, and my mother, who was then a cook at Boggs Run School, used to pay Eugene Yoho 50 cents to shovel our coal from the yard through a window into the cellar.