

CHRONOLOGY

- 1820 William Boyd born Ireland.
- ca. 1856 William Boyd arrives in D.C.
- ca. 1858 Witness observes Boyd on 2 occasions driving over rough ground to avoid being recognized
- Spring 1858 Witness observes Boyd with “Col. Lee’s black.
- 2 Nov 1858 Boyd and two runaway slaves captured at Westminster, MD.
- 19-21 Nov 1858 Boyd is returned to DC, jailed and interrogated.
- 13-16 Jan 1859 Boyd tried, convicted and sentenced to 14 years in the penitentiary (7 years for each of 2 counts of larceny).
- 4-7 Feb 1859 Boyd’s attorneys present motion for new trial. Motion denied.
- 3 Oct 1861 Boyd is pardoned by President Lincoln.
- 16 Apr 1862 Slaves in D.C. are emancipated.
- 10 Jun 1865 Boyd is severely injured during a disturbance by disorderly soldiers.
- 1868-1869 Boyd serves on the Board of Common Council during the term of Mayor Sayles Bowen.
- May 1883 Boyd suffers a stroke and is invalided.
- 13 Feb 1884 William Boyd dies, age 64, buried Congressional Cemetery.