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103rd Reunion at Knoebels Fun for All



The Association of American Boyers Inc., 103rd Annual Reunion is set for **Sunday, July 29, 2007** in Pavilion N at Knoebels Amusement Park and Resort in Elysburg, Pennsylvania. Please note this year that due to scheduling conflicts we had to move the reunion from its normal 4th Saturday in July date to the last Sunday (July 29). Please mark your calendars accordingly. Also we will be in pavilion N this year. This is about two rows over from the parking lot. A map of the pavilion location and directions to Knoebels can be found on page 3.



As in other years, the Reunion is a chance for Boyers and their descendants to assemble from all over the country for a day of fun and friendly gathering. The pavilion at the park has seating and picnic tables, and is covered for your protection from inclement weather.

Knoebels is a step back to the amusement parks of the past. Parking and admission is **FREE**. Rides for both the kids and adults are extremely reasonable.

Important note: We are again offering a very nice catered lunch through Knoebels catering service. More information and reservation forms can be found on page 7 of the newsletter. Please send your reservation in as soon as possible. You can also bring your own lunch or wander into the park and purchase something from the very reasonably priced concessions and bring it back to the pavilion. There is a wide variety of food available and it

is very good. You should note that it is a little bit of a walk from the pavilion so if you don't feel up to it then take advantage of the catered lunch.

Our schedule will be a little different this year as we have to work around the park's catering schedule. Association business and genealogical discussions will be before lunch and the remainder of our reunion program will be after lunch. We may even have our own version of BINGO called BOYER this year!



The park has an awesome assortment of rides, games, activities, entertainment, and a swimming pool (admission required) at very good prices. As an example; ride the grand carousel and try to grab the brass ring for only 80¢. Knoebels is one of the last of the traditional amusement parks, but with some thrills for the younger set. They have been highly rated for their food. Also, they have great acts providing entertainment in the bandshell. You won't believe how nice it is until you get there.



Available at the reunion for purchase will be a variety of items with the Boyer crest and the first seven volumes of the 7th Edition of American Boyers. Please let us know if you will be purchasing a book so we can guarantee having one there. Either mail us a note or email us at boyerbook@americanboyers.org with a short note. Neither of these obligates you to purchase, but helps save us from having to haul too many books to the reunion.

We hope to see you there to enjoy a day of fellowship with other Boyers. A more detailed schedule can be found on page 5. For more information on Knoebels check their web site at www.knoebels.com. If you have any questions you can also email us at reunion@americanboyers.org.

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Historian's Column

The first edition of *American Boyers* was published in 1915. This was a 532 page volume with a brown cover compiled by our first historian, Dr. Charles C. Boyer of Kutztown, Pa.

The second, third, and fourth editions were issued in 1916, 1918, and 1924 as addenda to the first edition.

The fifth edition of *American Boyers* was published in 1940. This was a 664 page volume with a dark reddish cover compiled by our second historian, Melville James Boyer of Allentown, Pa. The sixth edition was issued in 1963 as a 334 page supplement to the fifth edition.

We are now in the process of publishing the seventh edition of *American Boyers*. Your current historian has combined the 1940 and 1963 editions with the vast amount of new information which has come from many sources, including family members, correspondents, newspapers, libraries, historical and genealogical societies, court houses, and cemeteries. Female lines of descent have been included where information has been submitted or the historian has researched his thousands of relatives. Consequently, the seventh edition has expanded to multiple volumes.

Volume one of the seventh edition was published in 1984, with volume two appearing in 1986. All work to that point was compiled manually on a typewriter. In 1987, the historian acquired his first computer, and began the long and tedious task of converting all his information to the computer, using both a Boyer file he created in the Q&A database, and documents for each Boyer chapter in Q&A write. Volume three was published in 1992, with volume four appearing in 1998. With the historian's retirement from his regular employment, volumes five, six, and seven were able to be published at two year intervals in 2000, 2002, and 2004. All seventh edition volumes have bluish covers.

The seventh edition now has seven volumes in print, consisting of 416 chapters, 6,613 pages, and 203,435 names. We are now at the point of completing the seventh edition. We anticipate at least one more volume of information and three volumes for the indexes and appendices. Volume eight will begin with Chapter 417 [QA], and will include the remaining chapters that have not yet been published in the seventh edition. Hopefully, they will fit in the 1200 page limit for each volume. The deadline for volume eight information was July 31, 2006. Your historian is now reviewing all information which has accumulated over the years and which could not be assigned to a chapter. Some of this information can now be connected to existing chapters, while much of it is still unidentified. If there is substantial information, a new chapter will be initiated; otherwise, the information will be included in the section labeled Z, which will include as much of the unidentified information as can be fitted into Volume eight. We are not ready to announce publication dates for Volume eight, and the succeeding index volumes. Consult future newsletters for publication plans.

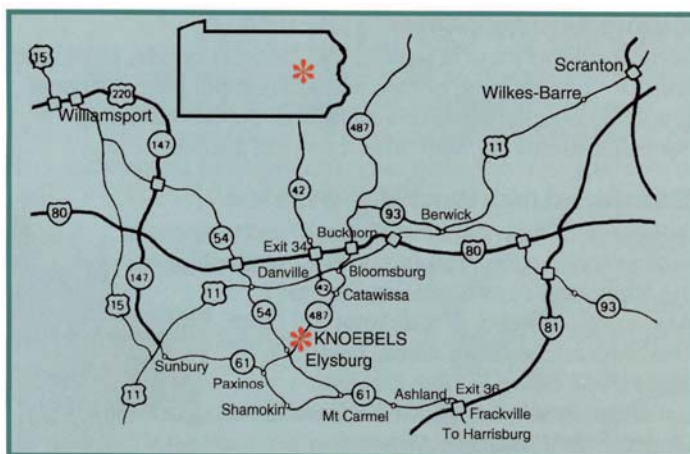
The final volumes of the seventh edition (probably Volumes nine, ten, and eleven) will contain an index of the Boyer-Byers, etc. names, a name index for all other persons mentioned in the seventh edition, and appendices of interesting Boyer information.

We encourage everyone to continue to report new information and findings, and thank you for the information that has been received. Information may be mailed to your historian at 990 E. Philadelphia St., York, PA 17403-1121. You may also bring information to the reunion where the historian and assistants will be glad to receive your data.

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The Association of American Boyers is open to all persons with the name of Bayer, Beyer, Bowyer, Boyer, Boyers, Byer, Byers, etc., or anyone married to or descended from anyone with that name.



Directions to Knoebels



Conveniently located in Central Pennsylvania, Knoebels can be found on PA 487 between Elysburg and Catawissa. The map at left is just a quick drawing of the approximate location. Knoebels has a number of billboards and signs directing you to the park from most every direction.

Sunbury: PA 61 south from Sunbury to Paxinos, 12 miles. At light, left onto PA 487 north thru Elysburg.

Shamokin: PA 61 north to Paxinos. At light turn right onto PA 487 north thru Elysburg.

I-80 West: Any of 3 Bloomsburg exits 232, 236, 241. With a trailer, we suggest 232, Buckhorn, PA 42 south to Catawissa. Cross bridge and watch for 487 south to bear right up incline. PA 487 south for 6 miles.

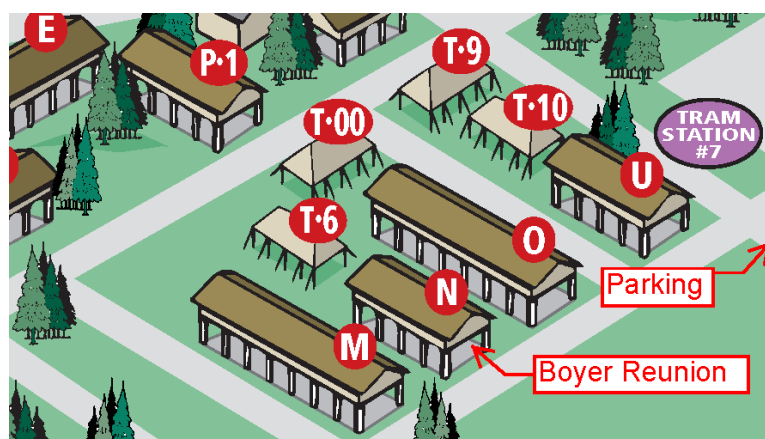
I-81 South: Near Hazleton, take I-80 and I-81 junction. Follow I-80 west (See I-80 west directions)

I-81 North: Minersville exit 116. Turn left onto 901 north to PA 54 west. Right on PA 487 north at the light.

Taking Rt.15 North: Follow 15 N. to Hummels Wharf. Bear right at the fork, follow signs to Danville(Rt. 11N). At Danville follow signs to Elysburg (Rt.54). Follow signs to Knoebels.

Taking Rt.15 South: Follow 15 S. to I-80. Follow I-80 E. to Bloomsburg exits 232, 236, 241 (old exits 34, 35, 36). We suggest 232, PA 42 South to Catawissa. Cross bridge to PA 487 South. Follow PA 487 for six miles.

Please note that Knoebels does not have an official street address. Please do not rely on online or map software to find Knoebels. Always travel with a roadmap and be alert for road signs. As a reference Knoebels is approximately 70 miles from Harrisburg, 52 miles from Williamsport, Pa., and 15 miles from U.S. 15.



Above is the location of the reunion this year. Pavilion N. Parking is to the upper and lower right.

Boyers on the Move

This column, appearing from time to time, provides items on recent events in the lives of Boyer family members.

Jack Eugene Boyer (6- GM37512) was co-owner of Boyer's Potato Chips in Rural Valley, Armstrong Co., Pa. He took over the chip business that his father, Jesse Ellsworth Boyer, founded in 1939, and developed a variety of special flavors and perfected one with a cayenne-pepper kick that earned acclaim on the Internet site www.taquitos.net. The Taquitos Web site ranked Boyer's "Ouch!X" chips No. 5 on the "Best Chips Ever" list. The football field at West Shamokin High School in the Armstrong School District was named the Jack E. Boyer Field and was dedicated Oct. 13, 2006. Jack Boyer died Nov. 17, 2006, at his residence, Yatesboro, Pa., following a battle with cancer.

Justin L. Boyer (9- AW82174A52) of Fleetwood, Pa., was fishing in the Tulpehocken Creek in Spring Township, Berks Co., Pa., on Oct. 15, 2006, when he rescued a Wyomissing man who lost control of his motorcycle and crashed into the water.

Daniel D. Boyer (8- BH1412441) of Galax, Va., was one of 31 state commanders named All-American State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States at Kansas City, Mo., in Aug., 2006.

B. Marie Byers (M 7- BR366242) of Hagerstown, Md., was named 2006 Woman of the Year by the Hagerstown Business & Professional Women's Club. She is director and president of the board of Discovery Station, a nonprofit interactive museum. She was an early childhood specialist and elementary school teacher in Washington County, Maryland, for 36 years, and served on the Washington County Board of Education for 30 years.

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How should your information be submitted? Printouts from your computer program are acceptable, and even preferred. However, vital facts that sometimes are missing from submissions are month and day of birth, place of birth, death, and burial, birth dates of spouses, city or place of current residence, and occupations. If you are not using a computer, forms for reporting information are available from the historian. All information submitted is appreciated and will be incorporated into its appropriate chapter for later publication.

EDITIONS OF AMERICAN BOYERS

First edition - 1915 - 532 pages - by Dr. Charles Clinton Boyer, Kutztown, Pa.

Second edition - 1916 addenda - 62 pages

Third edition - 1918 addenda - 18 pages

Fourth edition - 1924 addenda - 64 pages

Fifth edition - 1940 - 664 pages - by Melville James Boyer, Allentown, Pa.

Sixth edition - 1963 supplement - 334 pages

Seventh edition -

Vol. I - 1984 - 646 pages - Chapters 1 [AA] to 7 [AG] 18,842 names

Vol. II - 1986 - 670 pages - Chapters 8 [AH] to 24 [AX] 19,073 names

Vol. III - 1992 - 776 pages - Chapters 25 [AY] to 31 [BE] 23,146 names

Vol. IV - 1998 - 1,095 pages - Chapters 32 [BF] to 48 [BV] 36,594 names

Vol. V - 2000 - 1,100 pages - Chapters 49 [BW] to 124 [ET] 37,096 names

Vol. VI - 2002 - 1,126 pages - Chapters 125 [EU] to 213 [IE] 35,564 names

Vol. VII - 2004 - 1,200 pages - Chapters 214 [IF] to 416 [PZ] 33,120 names

[Seventh edition by present historian, Donald Arthur Boyer, York, Pa.]

Unlike other publications by commercial ventures, for which you may have received a solicitation from time to time, *American Boyers* traces family lines from the earliest known ancestor to the most recent additions, and enables you to determine relationships between individuals.

An order form for Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Seventh Edition is included with this newsletter. Significant data on Abel, Poff, and Dellinger families in York Co., Pa., is included in Volume 7.

Your mailing label contains a Boyer mailing list code above your name on the left. [Example B00601]. Most labels will also contain a Boyer Chapter ID number above your name on the right. [Example BA132]. If this number on the right starts with IF through IZ, J, K, L, M, N, O, or P, your family appears in Volume VII.

An annual Memorial List containing over 500 names with identification numbers is compiled by the historian each July before our annual reunion. Information for the memorial list is obtained from newspaper obituaries in Indianapolis, Ind., Baltimore, Frederick, Hagerstown, and Westminster, Md., Mullen, and North Platte, Neb., Dayton, and Toledo, Ohio, Allentown, Butler, Carlisle, Chambersburg, Hanover, Harrisburg, Indiana, Johnstown, Lancaster, Lebanon, Norristown, Pottstown, Pottsville, Reading, Somerset, Sunbury, and York, Pa., and Galax, Va., as well as data sent to us from correspondents. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Bill Boyer, 3435 Livingston Dr., Jefferson MD 21755-7917, and we will send you a copy when the listing for the past 12 months is completed in July. Or check our web site at <http://www.americanboyers.org> and you can download a copy saving yourself postage costs.

Recipients of this newsletter are urged to clip items concerning Boyer-Byers, etc., from newspapers, include the date and name of the newspaper, and send them to the historian. We thank those who have sent information and trust that you will continue to send additional news.

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test and you can join both the BOYER Y-DNA Test Group and the National Geographic Test Group.

Please contact either one of the Co-Administrators of the BOYER DNA Test Group for more information.

Gwen Boyer Bjorkman gwenbj@seanet.com or Dennis Boyer deboyer@cox.net

This project is not sponsored by the Association of American Boyers, but it is felt that it could potentially provide valuable information to genealogical research.



Reunion Lodging

For those coming to the 103rd Reunion and looking for accommodations in the area, there are a number of options. Although Elysburg itself does not have any lodging there are a number of towns within 30 minutes of the amusement park with hotels and motels. For those not familiar with the area, you should search for lodging availability in these towns: Danville, Selinsgrove, Lewisburg, Shamokin Dam, Sunbury, and Williamsport. There are also numerous B&Bs in the area. If you have Internet access to check out the links from Knoebels web site www.knoebels.com to make it easier to find rooms in the area. Staying over allows you to take full advantage of the amenities of the park and not have to worry about being home the same day.



Reunion Schedule

10 til closing	— Registration
10:30am til 1:15pm	— Welcome, Mixer Election and reports of Officers Genealogical Discussion
1:30pm til 2:30 pm	— Lunch and Mixer, Bring your own or purchase
2:45pm	— Reunion Program Planned events include: Boyer Songs, Stories and Anecdotes Awarding of prizes by Richard Boyer PLUS..... More to be Announced

Souvenir ribbons will be available at the registration desk.

Crest items will be for sale at the reunion.

Boyer songs will be led by Harriet Harman and Patricia Lewis.

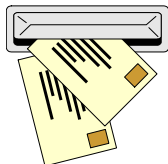
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Claire Boyer (10- BH141132231) of Mullen, Neb., participated in the National High School Rodeo Finals at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill., July 24-30, 2006. She placed 28th out of 166 pole benders and 29th out of 118 girl cutters.

Darci L. Boyer (9- BH14119563) of Mullen, Neb., performed with the contemporary Christian musical group called the Frontline Continentals during the summer of 2006, including a program at the Hooker County Fair in Mullen, Neb., Aug. 3, 2006.

Alison N. Boyer (9-IE21841211) of Jefferson, Md., represented Valley Elementary as a 4th grader finishing in 7th place out of over 150 participants in the 8th annual Frederick News-Post History Bee. She persevered through two grueling preliminary rounds to be one of the 12 finalists for 2007. She received a medallion for her hard work.

Membership, Correspondence & Address Changes



We would like to remind you that when corresponding with officers of the Association please send along a self-addressed stamped envelope. The cost of replies is not small, as we get large numbers of requests for information. Also, please be aware responses may take some time. Many of us work full-time and can only spend a fraction of our time on Association business. We will try to get back to you as soon as possible, but it could be weeks to months based on availability of time.

Membership donations are completely voluntary. We do not remove individuals from our mailing list for not making yearly donations. We feel it is important to keep members up-to-date on when the book relating to their family becomes available. Keep in mind all donations are essential in helping us meet our goals in a timely fashion.

When moving or if you have a change of address, **PLEASE** keep us informed. We have discontinued having the newsletters returned to us for address correction by the post office. The cost was becoming too great. Therefore, we have no way of knowing if there is a change without you letting us know. We don't want anyone to miss an issue of the newsletter, so help us keep our address information current. Thank you.

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102nd Reunion chows down at Knoebels

The 102nd reunion started and ended as a typical summer day in late July, very warm and humid. This did not deter the Boyers from meeting for a day of camaraderie and fun. The event was well attended with many new faces from around the country. It is always amazing how many new attendees show up each year.

A nice genealogical discussion was led by Bill Boyer in the morning. Donald Boyer, the Association's historian, talked about his continued work on the Boyer histories and interjected some interesting facts and stories he had come across during his research. Dana Blomquist also provided some more information on Boyers in the military and led a discussion on this interesting subject. To wrap up the discussion Bill talked about forming a volunteer group to help get the indices for the Boyer books completed in a timely manner.



Lunch was a wonderful surprise! This was the first time the Association used the catering services from Knoebels and it was decided we would definitely do it again. There was more than enough to go around and even take home. The chicken simply fell off the bone and the BBQ pork sandwiches melted in your mouth. According to our resident Macaroni and Cheese expert Alison Boyer, the president's daughter, it was great.



Rick Boyer, the Association's vice president, was master of ceremonies for our afternoon program. Sisters Harriet Harman and Patricia Lewis led the gathering in the annual singing of the Boyer songs to great delight of everyone both there and passing by the tent. Donald Boyer gave his historian's report and provided a status of the book publications. Many of the attendees also shared stories and anecdotes with everyone present. Prizes were awarded for the oldest and youngest present, who came the farthest (as far away as California), and whose birthday was nearest to the reunion. Very nice door



prizes were also given away. A simple raising of hands to have the reunion at Knoebels again next year won an easy victory. Bill Boyer suggested if they have time to stay and enjoy the park. He then thanked everyone for coming and wished them a safe trip home with the hopes of seeing them and their families next year.



Catered Lunch Information



The catered lunch is back. We had very good reviews about it from last year. We will have Knoebels catering again for us this year. We know many of you travel long distances to attend the reunion and it can be difficult to bring along a lunch. Now don't let that worry you, because available at the reunion will be a catered lunch at a reasonable price. For those interested, the catered lunch will consist of the following: 1/4 Bar-B-Qued chicken, Pork BBQ sandwiches, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Chips, Cookies and a sugar free dessert. The Association will also be offering a vegetable tray and dip for you to get started on. Also included are drinks (Water, Iced tea, and Lemonade). Let us reiterate that the catered lunch is an option; those who wish to bring their own meals can do so. If you want to take advantage of the lunch we strongly request that you use the form provided below and pre-register by July 14, 2007. We need to get a fairly accurate count for planning to the caterer by this date. The cost if you pre-register is \$7.50 for adults and children ages 5 and up. Children ages 4 and under are free. If you decide to register at the reunion the prices go up to \$8.00, and free respectively. Again, please pre-register if at all possible as there will only be a **limited** number of tickets available at the door. For those that do pre-register there will be a table at the reunion where you can pick up your tickets. Lunch will be served promptly at 1:30 pm so plan accordingly.

Reunion Buffet Lunch Registration Form

Remit to:

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P.O. Box 363
Jefferson, MD 21755-0363

Name _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

_____ Number of Adults or Children(5 and over) X \$7.50 = _____

_____ Number of Children (ages 4 & under) Free

Total _____

Deadline for pre-registration is July 14, 2007



In Memory of Dr. Robert A Boyer



It is with a heavy heart and deep sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Robert A. Boyer (9-AD139A3114) at the age of 90. Bob passed away at his residence at the Highlands in Wyomissing, Pa on January 30, 2007. Many long time Association members and reunion attendees will remember Bob as President of the Association for over 15 years. He also served as an officer and director of the Association for a total of over 40 years. Bob and his wife Eleanor were fixtures at the reunions. Bob would always have a twinkle in his eye and an impish smile when sharing his stories with others. Many will remember his story of how he became involved through a chance phone call from then historian Melville Boyer (AU19411).

Bob was very proud of being a Boyer and a part of the Association. Many of the officers past and present remember the meetings at his home in Allentown and then later at the Highlands. Bob and Eleanor were the consummate hosts. Bob's positive outlook on life will be sorely missed. Our condolences go out to his wife Eleanor and to his children. He may no longer be with us here, but you can be sure he is with former Boyer officers Kenneth, Marion, Dale, Earl and others planning the ultimate Boyer reunion.

Volunteers

The Association of American Boyers is managed and run by volunteers. Many of the officers have full time jobs and can only spend a limited amount of time on Association business. There are always many things that would benefit greatly from more people being involved. As always if you are just interested in sharing ideas or helping work some of the tables at the reunions or anything else that you think will benefit the Association then please let us know. Contact us either by writing to us at the address on the outside of the newsletter or emailing us at volunteer@americanboyers.org.

7th Edition – American Boyers History Order Form

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New Boyer DNA Project

There is now a BOYER DNA Test Group with Family Tree DNA and website is located at:

<http://www.familytreedna.com/public/Boyer/>

The BOYER DNA project includes all variant spellings of Bayer, Beyer, Boyer, Boyers, Bowyer, Byers. The webpage includes the Y-DNA results of each participant and the family lines we are tracing. We are also posting the Chapters from the 7th edition of the “*American Boyers*” books that each test represents.

Y-DNA testing helps genealogists confirm their research. If two men from different lines down from the same great great grandfather have identical Y-DNA results, this provides an additional type of evidence that the paper genealogy is “correct.” The more men tested from that family line, the stronger the evidence. However, Y DNA alone is not sufficient for people to find their whole family genealogy. That is because Y DNA can only be used for males descended from males. There is only one male line in a family and the rest of the lines of descent are from females. So we are only testing the BOYER Y-DNA that is passed down unchanged from father to son for many generations.

Family Tree DNA in Houston, Texas offers Y DNA testing using cheek brushes at a cost, depending on how many markers are tested (12, 25, 37, etc.) Note that the more markers that are tested the more precise the information can become. Essentially this means that it is less likely that unrelated men would share that same set of markers. If data on only the basic 12 markers are available, there is much more chance that several men would have that same set of markers. This is why we can verify or confirm genealogy, but do NOT PROVE it. But if our historical and genealogical research leads us to believe that two men have a common male ancestor we can confirm that research by matching Y-DNA tests.

Family Tree DNA also does the testing for the National Geographic Genographic Project using Y-DNA results to help predict country of origin or migration pathways of man across the centuries. The information about origin is usually quite vague - Europe, Asia, Africa, etc. For example, according to research done on Y-DNA marker sets, by researchers in Ireland and others, letters were assigned to groups of Haplotypes that were similar. “R1b” is such a group and men with this “Haplogroup” usually had ancestors from Western Europe. Your Haplogroup will be assigned to your Y-DNA

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