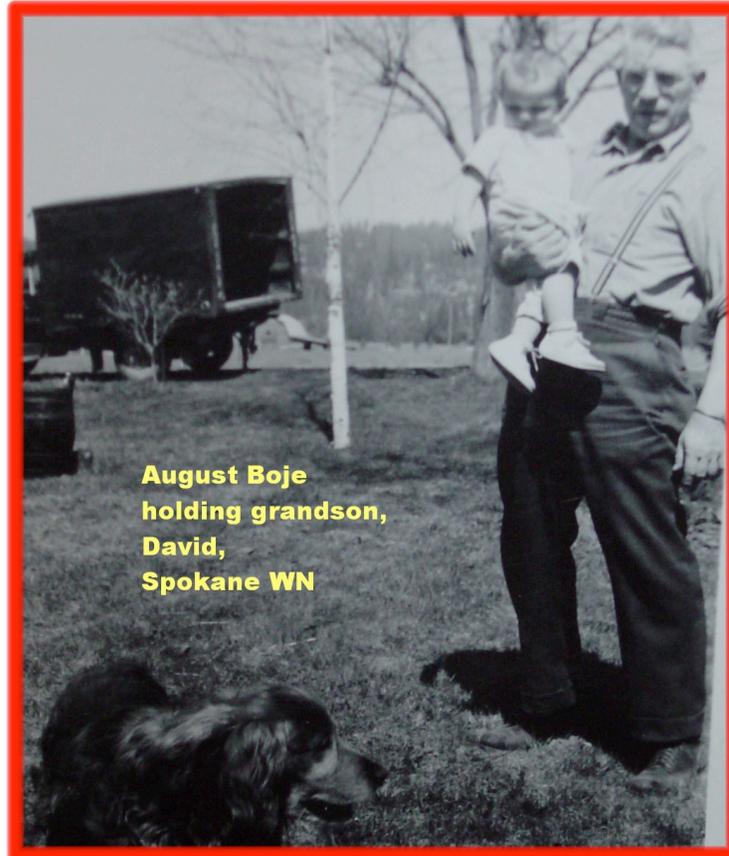


## CHAPTER 10 AUGUST MICHAEL BOJE



**August Michael Boje** (born Lehigh Iowa in 1894; died in Spokane in 1975); stain glass window craftsman and put in church windows west of Mississippi; worked for Fuller Paint and Glass for about 45 years. In WWI trained at Fort Lewis, went to France Germany and had burial detail in France. His father's name Henry Peter Boje (died in Renton, WN in 1940); ran an art store in the Renton/Auburn area; August's mother was named Elizabeth Albang (both born in Germany). Daniel Q. Boje says that Boje definitely came from Denmark, and told a story of going to Copenhagen and finding a Boje who could trace his dad, August Boje, in their family tree.

According to Rose Corbin, "Grandfather Henry Boje was a scoundrel, in his younger years. He once ran off with another woman in his fit of passion to another town 25 miles away, and left grandmother and at least five children. Grandmother managed to get a horse and buggy, and probably a baby sitter, and went after him. She brought him back and managed to be married to him about 50 years. Grandfather [Henry Peter Boje] came to this country when he was 8 years old and was raised by an uncle in Iowa near Fort Dodge."

"An interesting story, when he went to school there, the teacher arrived one morning to find a man in the school room, 'naked.' The predator had stolen his clothes. It was not mentioned if it was a prank or something else. 'Something else' was not talked about in my young years."

“Grandfather did not get his citizenship papers until 1933 or the next year. In 1933 when Roosevelt became president, one of the first acts to be made was the Social Security Act. Boy how I remember how people 40 to 50 and thereabouts were scrambling about to get records of birth certificates, etc. in order to get their Social Security cards. Well, when grandfather was ‘naturalized’ (probably Seattle), there were about 90 people to be sworn in. The judge gave them a pep talk and finished ‘now all of you are eligible to vote.’ Grandfather said, ‘I never missed voting in my life.’ Then the judge said, ‘I ought to throw the book at you.’”

“Grandfather lived to be 92. And had been widowed 10 to 20 years at that time. He had Fred to care for. Fred had been to a picnic in the 1910 through 1919 era, and apparently some food spoiled in the heat. It follows that he had a bad time with ptomaine which had a lot of side effect. Fred became deaf and had an infection of the bone. They did not have penicillin or like antibiotics at that time. Medicine was only beginning at that time. The parents of Fred moved away to Auburn Washington. When I was 6 or 7 and Fred already had surgery on his knee, and that is another story. When the surgery was performed it was on the wrong knee to begin with. They patched that up, and operated on the other knee. It shows how the doctor paid attention to what he was doing. No Medicare or lawsuit, neither; those ideas had not been thought of. Grandfather after his wife died had a house to keep and Fred to care for. And Fred could only get around on crutches and his wheel chair.”– Rose Corbin (letter to Karen Boje).

“My father went to Auburn when he wanted records of his birth, in the family bible, which the grandparents did not allow anyone to touch.”

First child is Louise; Second is Edward; Third is Marie (born 1900); Marie, married Charlie Boswell. Fourth is August born 10-10-1894), Fifth is Fred (a disabled artist who ate bad meat at picnic, lost his knee, had poisoning of the bone); he was awesome artist; Vernon has all Fred’s art. Last is Ernest (born 11-18-1986), who Rose says might have been gay (never married never had kids). Ernst is buried in the St Joseph Cemetary in Spokane County: Boje, Ernest T., b. Sep 17, 1904, d. Nov 24, 1986, C-76-12/1, US Army, along with:

Boje, August Michael, b. 1894, d. Jan 16, 1974, SH-7-10/1, s/w Catherine

Boje, Catherine E., b. 1900, d. Aug 16, 1972, SH-7-9/1, s/w August M.

Boje, Dorothy, b. Sep 26, 1927, d. Jun 15, 1982, SH-7-9/2, w/o Vernon

Edward is the brother who married Puyallup Indian, and had children, Glen, Ida, Alex and Fred (old phone number is 253-472-9002, disconnected).<sup>1</sup> There were others that did not live to maturity; one being named Rose (there were nine children in all). August Michael Boje married Catherine Esther Haigh (b. 1900, d. Aug 16, 1972).

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<sup>i</sup> It is possible they moved to the Cheyenne Indian Reservations in Montana BOJE, ADOLPH & EDNA; BOJE, FLOYD & CAROLYN; BOJE, LILLIAN; BOJE, WILHELM & ANNA.

<http://www.cheyenneancestors.com/dawson/dwsinde.html> See also

<http://webclass.dawson.edu/rosew/Ourtimesourlives.htm>

In the Dawson Cemetery it lists

LAST	FIRST	BURIAL	LOT	OWNER	BLK	GRV	
BOJE	ADOLPH	1953	"BOJE, ADOLPH"	113	1	63	63B
BOJE	LOUIS	1956	"BOJE, LOUIS & BELLE"	113	1	63	
BOJE	ANNA	1948	"BOJE, WILLIAM & ANNA"	113	1	129	
BOJE	BELLE	1963	"BOJE, LOUIS & BELLE"	113	2	63	
BOJE	EDNA	1986	"BOJE, ADOLPH"	113	2	63	63B
BOJE	WILLIAM	1942	"BOJE, WILLIAM & ANNA"	113	2	129	
BOJE	JOHN	1986	BOJE	167	AmLn		