## **Hoppy Facts**

Born: June 5, 1895

Died: September 12, 1972

Married to Grace Bradley on June 5, 1937

First movie: "Why Change Your Wife" Directed by Cecil B. DeMille, 1919

Last movie: Cameo appearance of Hoppy and Topper in "Greatest Show on Earth" Directed by Cecil B. DeMille, 1951

First Hoppy movie: 1935

Purchased Topper in 1937

First TV Show: June, 1949

Endorsed over 2400 products. The first was in 1948, the Aladdin Lunch Box



Fans of Hoppy share thoughts and pictures on a Facebook Group called HOPALONG CASSIDY FESTIVAL RETIRED. You are most welcome to join the group and ask questions or share your thoughts of Hopalong Cassidy.

Have a HOPPY day and a TOPPER of a lifetime.



- 1. Tourist Information Center 627 Wheeling Ave.
  - **2. Collectibles Display** 700 Wheeling Ave.
  - **3. Mural** 122 Southgate Pkwy.
    - 4. Bronze Statue 1022 Carlisle Ave.
  - **5. Monument** 150 Highland Ave.



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# HOPALONG CASSIDY TRAIL



William Lawrence Boyd, born June 5, 1895, in Hendrysburg, Ohio moved to Cambridge in the early 1900's. He attended school here for 7 years. He always called it "home". Since 1990, the goal of hundreds of fans from around the world has been to bring recognition of his accomplishments in movies, television, radio, comic books, newspapers and merchandising. Cambridge, Ohio has done that and is now known far and wide as Hoppy's Hometown.

Welcome to the world of Hopalong Cassidy!

### **Sites of Interest**

#### **Tourist Information Center**



Collectibles
from the
estate of
local resident
Gordon Smith
are included
in the display
at the Tourist

Information Center, 627 Wheeling Avenue.

### **Country Bits**

Private collection of items endorsed by Hoppy since 1948 in the east window of COUNTRY BITS, 700 Wheeling Avenue, Historic Downtown Cambridge.





#### **Mural Picture**

Hendrysburg to Hollywood mural painted by Sue Dodd in 2009 at the Longinie building, 122 Southgate Parkway and Turner Avenue. In the Longinie-Gibson Insurance office is an exhibit of the life of William Boyd.

#### Guernsey County Senior Citizens Center. Inc.

Life size bronze statue by Sculptor Alan Cottrill, dedicated June 3, 2016 at the Senior Citizens Center, 1022 Carlisle Avenue.

#### **School Monument**

Four look-a-likes "stand ready" at the monument dedicated in 1992 at



the site of the school attended by William Boyd. Eastside School, Wheeling Avenue at

Highland Avenue was later known as Park Elementary. Hoppy donated playground

equipment when a new building was erected in 1956. That school was closed in 2003. It is now the site of the Cambridge Municipal Court.

Hoppy's widow, Grace Boyd, visited the school each of the 12 years that she attended the festival.

#### **Other Hoppy Sites**

Engraved bricks on the patio of Christ Our Light Parish and St Benedict School, 220 North 7th Street. Northwood Cemetery, North 10th Street, site of the monument noting the death of his brother, Frances Marion Boyd, born June 13, 1906 and died December 29, 1906.

William Boyd and his family were members of the Second Presbyterian Church, West 8th Street. The church is now the Southern Hills Baptist Fellowship.

The family lived in several locations in Cambridge but always in the East Side School District. Only one address has been documented. The address of 1143 Steubenville Avenue was used in the newspaper article announcing the death of his brother in 1906.

### **Hoppy Talk**

A fan club, festival and newsletter began in 1991 under the leadership of Laura Bates. The festival showcased Hollywood Stars and Hoppy's widow, Grace Bradley Boyd, which, in turn, brought many fans. One year, the attendees were from 47 states, Germany and Canada.

The club, newsletter and festival celebrated their silver anniversary in 2015 and officially ended all three segments with the dedication of the bronze statue on June 3, 2016. Information at 740.826.4850.

In 1992, Laura displayed her private collection in a downtown location and later moved to the 10th Street Antique Mall. In the summer of 2016, the museum was downsized to a collectibles display at COUNTRY BITS, 700 Wheeling Avenue, downtown Cambridge.

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