

## Charles A. Hyer

This is a photograph of Charles August Hyer, son of Charles Henry Hyer, the owner of the Hyer Boot Company in Olathe, Kansas. The back of the photograph is incorrectly labeled as Charles H. Hyer. Charles H. Hyer, the son of a German shoemaker, arrived in Leavenworth in 1870 and worked, for a time, building railroads. He soon moved to Olathe and got a job teaching shoe and harness making at the Kansas School for the Deaf. With the money he saved, he opened his own shoemaking shop in Olathe and asked his brother, Ed, to join him in running the business. In the years that followed, the Hyers developed a measurement chart to send out with their flyers that enabled customers, even cowboys at the remotest ranches, to order custom made boots to fit their precise size and fashion preference. The business blossomed and, by 1900, it had grown from two employees to 15. During World War I, the Hyers made boots for the officers at Fort Leavenworth and at Camp Funston. By the 1960s more than 70 people were busy making boots for a worldwide clientele. Charles Henry Hyer married Minnie Katherine Allsteadt, and they had five children: Charles August Hyer, pictured here and born August 18, 1891; Anna Fredericka Hyer, born 1880; William Henry III Hyer, born 1883; Minnie June Hyer, born 1885; and Albert Edward Hyer, born 1896.

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