

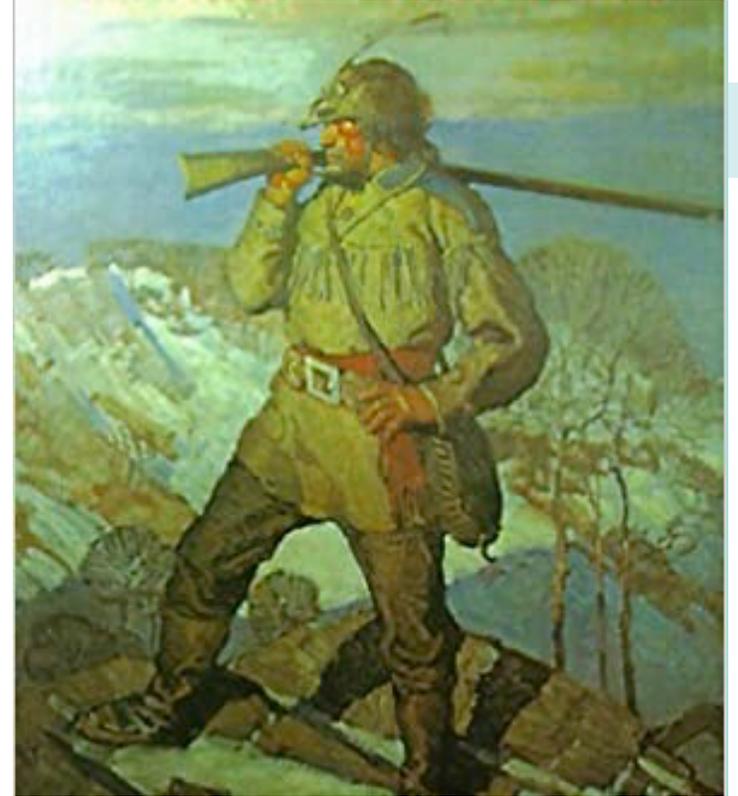
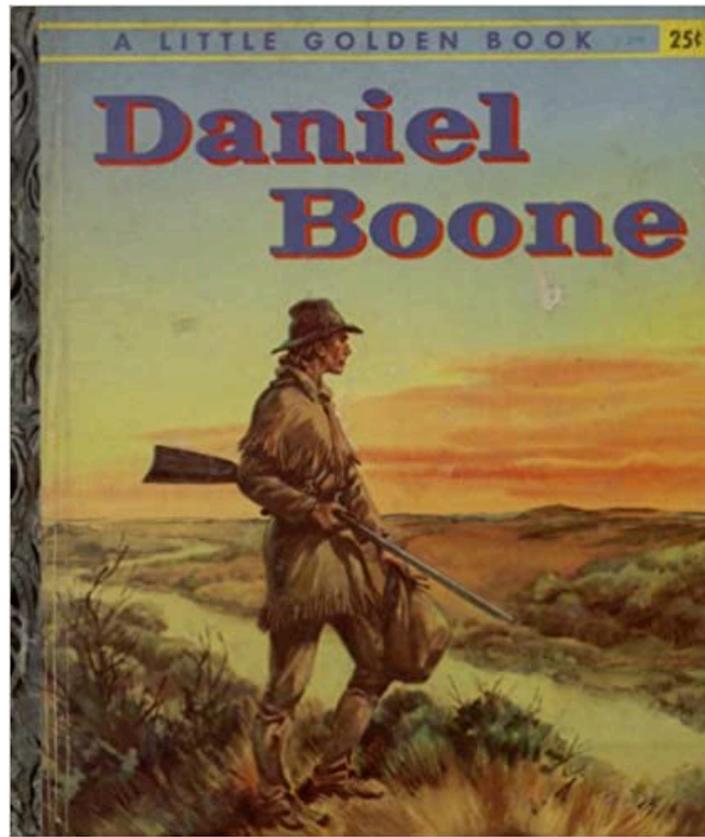
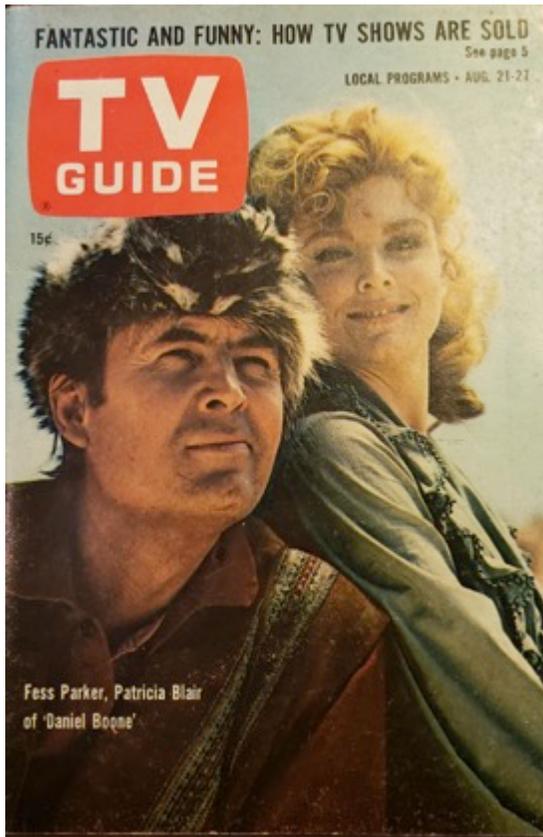
# DANIEL BOONE

American Pioneer

*b. November 2, 1734*

*d. September 26, 1820*





# FACT!

- Daniel Boone NEVER wore a coonskin cap.
  - Daniel Boone DID NOT die at the Alamo.
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Daniel Boone  
was a man..





# FOLKLORE

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1712 -  
1720

### **1712-1713**

- George Boone I sends three of his children to America: George II, Sarah and Squire. As Quakers, they were seeking religious freedom and the opportunity for land. William Penn had established the Pennsylvania colony and provided for both.

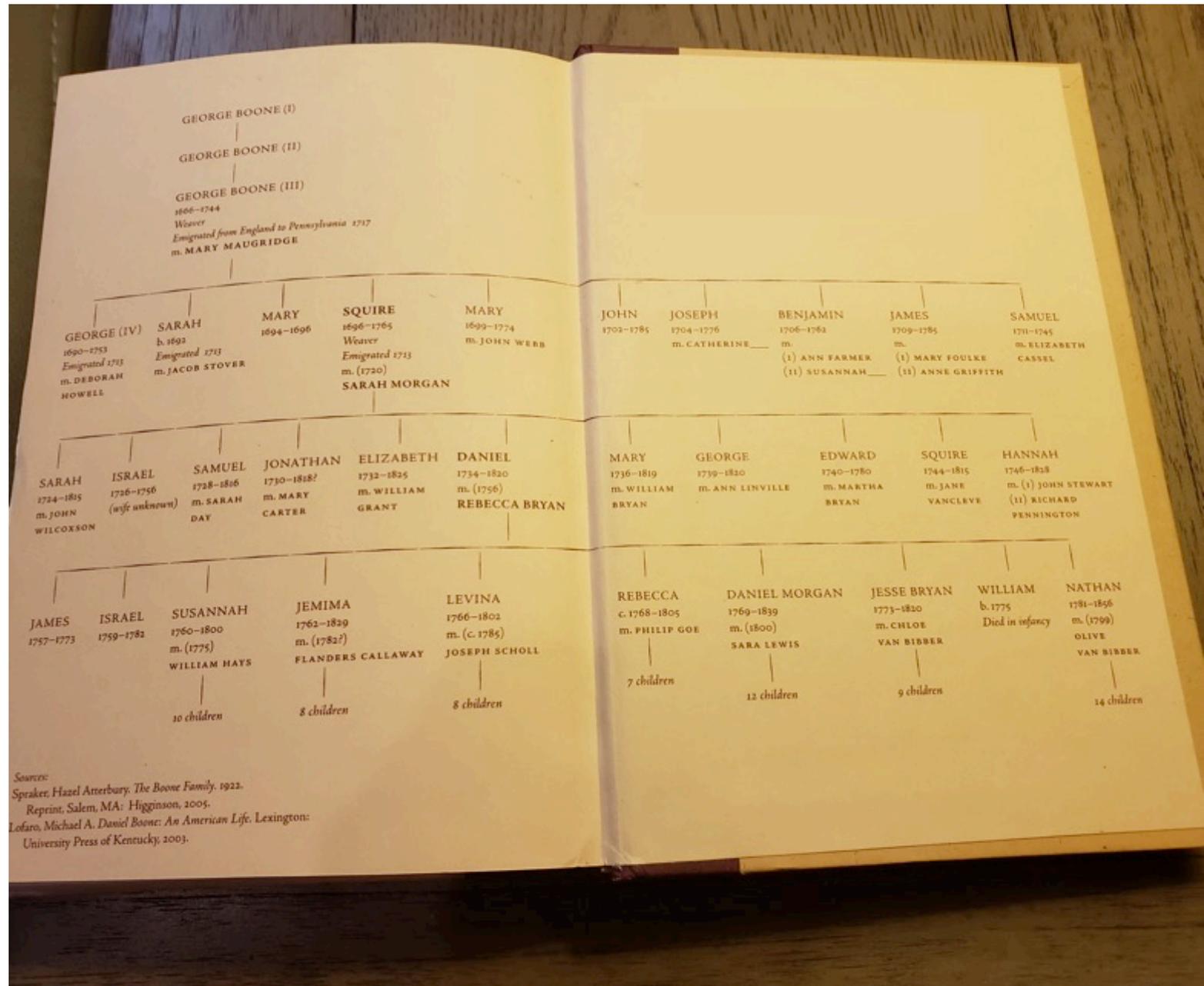
### **1717**

- George II returns to England and reports that America is the future, and the rest of the Boone family arrives.

### **1720**

- Squire marries Sarah Morgan at Gwyneth Meeting House in Exeter, Pennsylvania.

# Boone Family Genealogy





Daniel Boone Homestead  
Birdsboro, Berks County, Pennsylvania

1734 -  
1750

### 1734

- Daniel, sixth child of Squire and Sarah, is born on November 2nd.

### 1742

- Sarah, Daniel's oldest sister, marries outside the order of Quakers.

### 1747

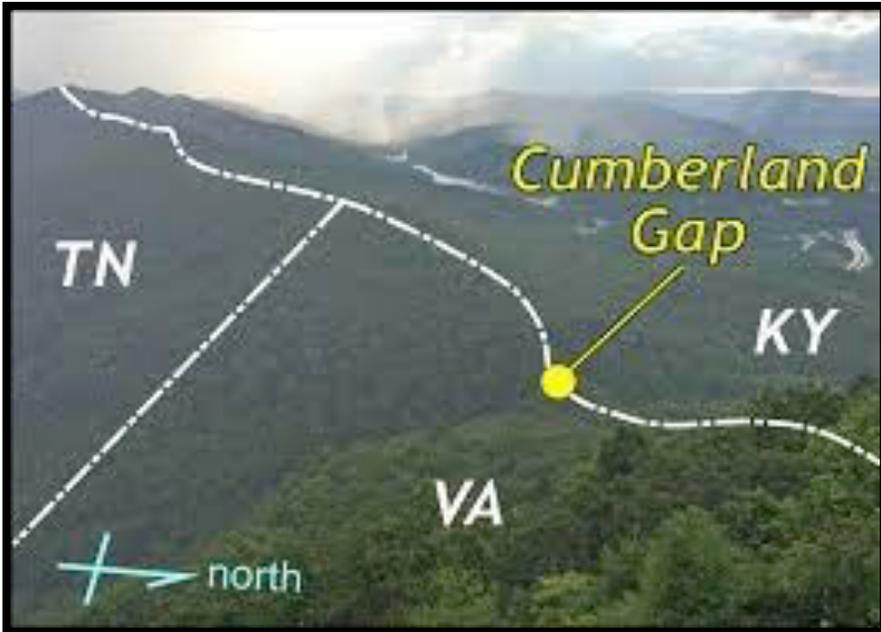
- Israel, Daniel's oldest brother, marries outside the order of Quakers. Daniel is given his first "short rifle gun" and begins his career as a hunter.

### 1750

- Squire leads the Boone family out of Pennsylvania and settles in the Yadkin Valley in North Carolina. Dr. Thomas Walker, one of the first men to explore Kentucky, names Cumberland Gap in honor of Lord Cumberland for his role in winning the battle of Culloden in 1746.



# The Appalachian Trail



# Cumberland Gap

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**1755**  
Edward Braddock and Fort Duquesne

# 1755

- Daniel and John Finley serve with North Carolina militia in the French and Indian War as waggoners in Gen. Edward Braddock's attack on Ft. Duquesne (Pittsburg). George Washington is also with Braddock and warned Braddock he was using the wrong tactics in fighting the Indians. Braddock ignored Washington's advice and was mortally wounded. Washington carried him from the battlefield. A certain Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Gage was also part of Braddock's army. Twenty years later he would be penned up in Boston and bombarded by Braddock's young Virginia aide. Meanwhile, Boone and Finley cut their horses from the wagons and escaped unharmed.

1756 -  
1762

### **1756**

- Daniel marries Rebecca Bryan on August 14th. They would have 10 children, seven of whom would marry and have children of their own. In all, Daniel and Rebecca had 68 grandchildren.

### **1759**

- Daniel moves his family to Culpepper, Virginia due to Indian attacks and again serves in the North Carolina militia.

### **1762**

- Daniel moves his family back to the Yadkin Valley.

1765 -  
1773

### 1765

- In July or August, Daniel and five other long hunters, drawn by the idea of free land, left to explore Florida. They found hunting to be very poor and a band of Seminole Indians kept some of the group from starvation. Daniel bought a home and lot in the Pensacola area before heading back to North Carolina. When he left, he had promised Rebecca he would be home by Christmas. True to his word, he walked into their cabin just before noon on Christmas Day. Perhaps the only time in her life, Rebecca refused the idea of moving the family to Florida.

### 1769

- Daniel, John Finley, John Stewart and three others leave for a long hunt in Kentucky. Indians capture Daniel and others and make them surrender all the hides they had accumulated. Warned them about “wasps and yellow jackets” and not to return to Kentucky.

### 1771

- Daniel returns to Yadkin from Kentucky.



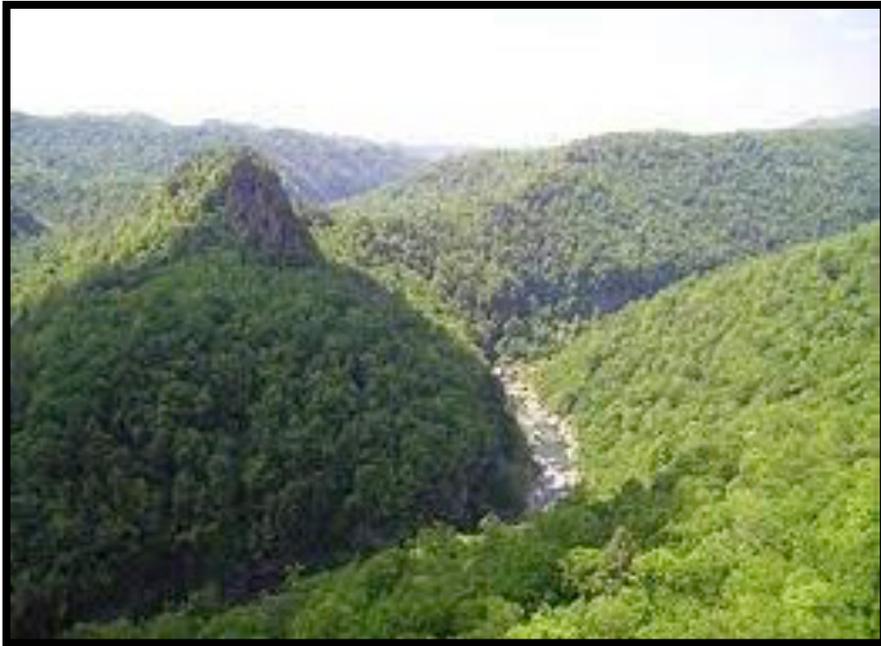
# Martin's Station Wilderness Road State Park

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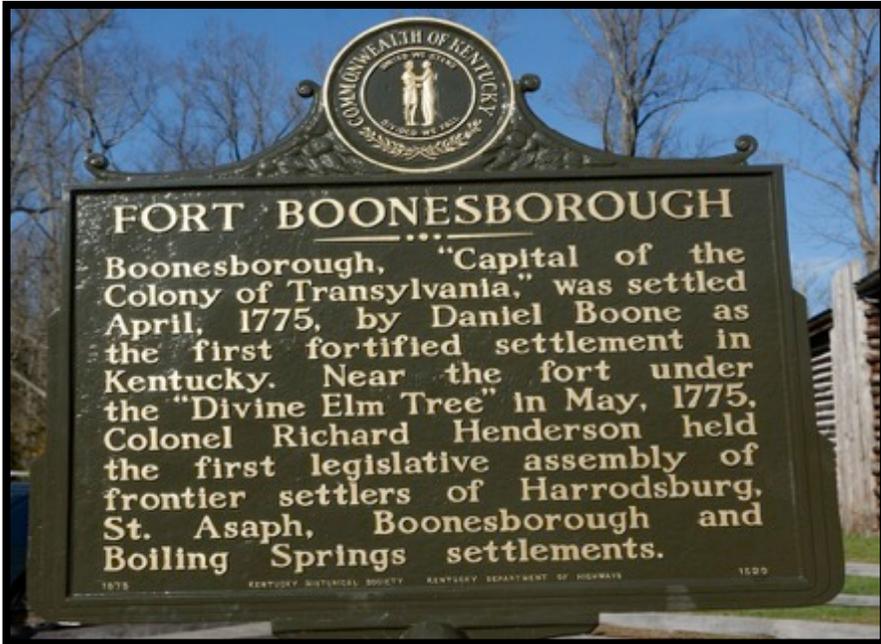
# 1775

Daniel leads a crew of axe men to cut a trail through the Cumberland Gap for Richard Henderson of the Transylvania Company. Boone and approximately 50 others establish Ft. Boonesborough. Revolutionary War breaks out in April with battles of Lexington and Concord.



# Wilderness Road Heritage Highway

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# Fort Boonesborough

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### 1776

On Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, Jemima Boone (13), Fanny Callaway (14) and Betsy Callaway (16) being bored on a nice summer day, take a canoe and paddled out on the Kentucky River. They are captured by Indians and three days later rescued by Daniel and three other men from Ft. Boonesborough. A copy of the Declaration of Independence reaches Ft. Boonesborough in August.

### 1777

Shawnees attack Ft. Boonesborough. Daniel is shot in the heel of his foot and carried into the fort by Simon Kenton who saved his life.

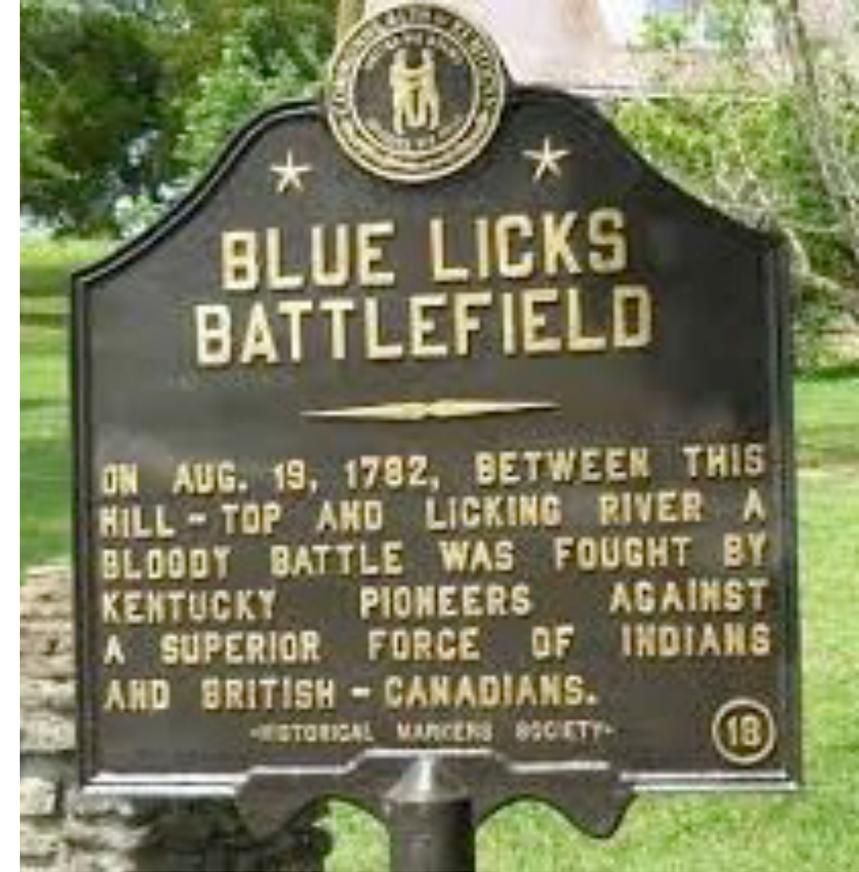
1778 -  
1781

## 1778

- In February, Daniel and 20 other men from Boonesborough are near Blue Licks, Kentucky, making salt. While hunting for meat, Daniel is captured by Shawnees. He convinces the others not to resist and they are taken to Chillicothe, the primary Shawnee town. Daniel is adopted by Blackfish, the chief, and given the name Shel-to-ee (Big Turtle). After four months, Daniel escapes and travels nearly 160 miles back to Boonesborough in four days to warn those who remained that the Indians planned to attack the settlement.

## 1781

- Daniel again serves in the Virginia legislature. Thomas Jefferson was governor. October 17th, Lord Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown.



## 1782-The Battle of Blue Licks

On August 19th, Daniel and son Israel fight at the Battle of Blue Licks where Israel is killed.



## 1784-John Filson

Boone family move to Marble Creek (Nicholsville) where Daniel meets John Filson, who writes the first “biography” of Daniel entitled “The Adventures of Daniel Boone & The Discovery, Settlement and Present State of Kentucke” (sic).

Other biographies (some more credible than others) followed in 1813, 1825, 1836, 1854, 1865, 1872, 1884, 1903, 1922, 1939, 1942, 1952, 1986, 1992, 1998, 2007, 2008, 2020, 2021 and other are underway.

1778 -  
1799

### 1778

- Boones move to Limestone, on the Ohio River where Daniel operates a store, tavern and surveying business.

### 1792

- June 1st – Kentucky becomes the 15th state.

### 1798

- Daniel Morgan Boone returns to Kentucky from Missouri with an invitation from Lt. Governor Trudeau for Boone to settle in Spanish territory with the promise of 850 acres of land.

### 1799

- Boone family leaves Kentucky for the Femme Osage Creek southwest of St. Louis, Missouri. Daniel is appointed Syndic of the area.



**1800**

Nathan and Daniel build stone home. Susannah (eldest daughter and my gggg-grandmother) dies of a fever.

**1804**

William Hays (husband of Susannah and my gggg-grandfather is shot and killed.

**1810**

Daniel joins a hunting group going to the upper Missouri River. Perhaps going as far as Yellowstone.



**1813**

March 18th, Rebecca Boone dies at 74 years of age.

**1820**

September 20th, Daniel Boone dies at Nathan's home and is buried beside Rebecca.

**1826**

James Fennimore Cooper publishes The Last of the Mohicans, part of his Leatherstocking series that features a character named Hawkeye, or Natty Bumppo, and contains the story of the abduction of the Munro sisters by Indians.



## DANIEL BOONE'S GRAVE

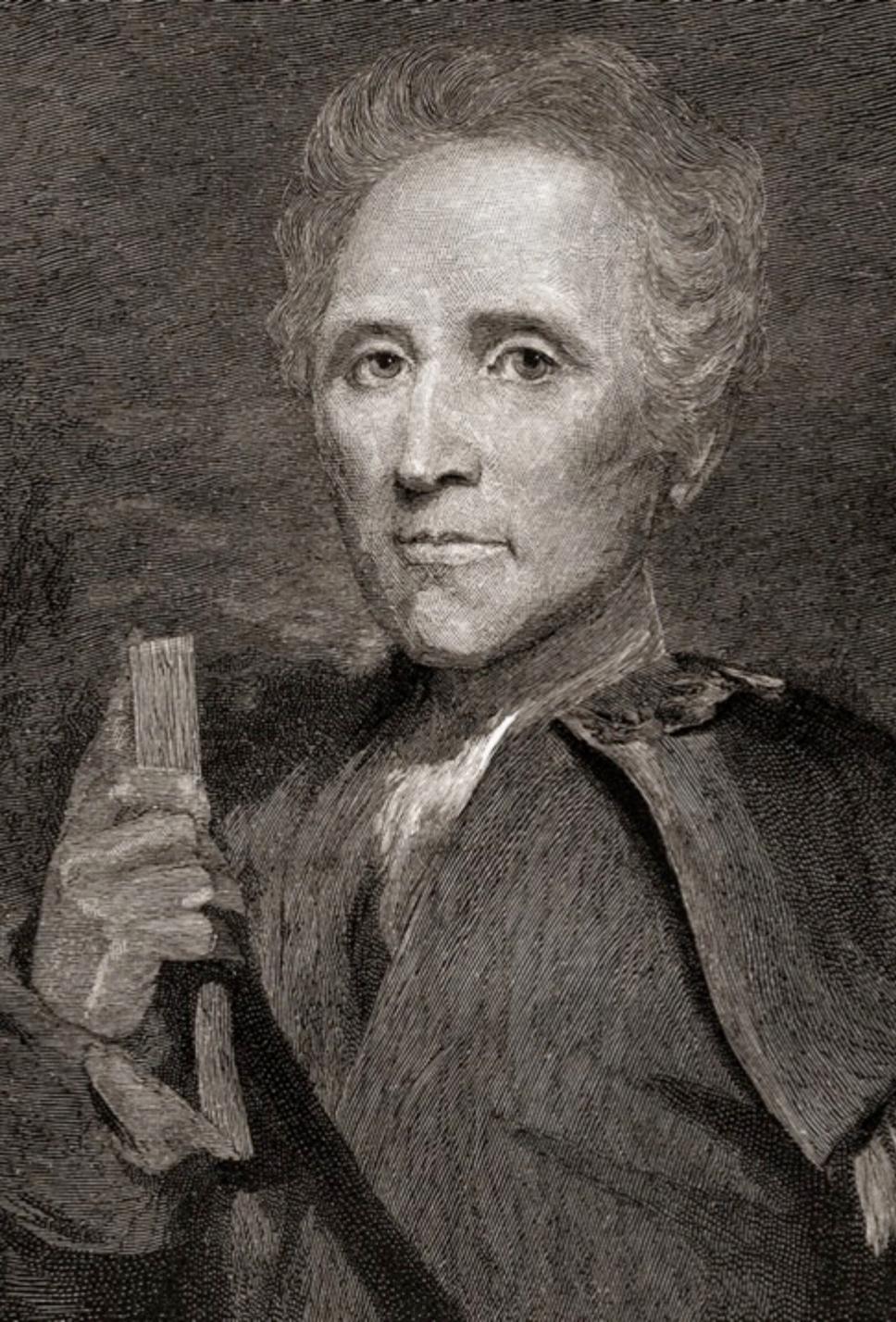
BORN 1734; DIED 1820; ENTERED EASTERN KENTUCKY, 1767; EXPLORED BLUEGRASS REGION, 1768-71; GUIDED TRANSYLVANIA COMPANY; BLAZED WILDERNESS TRAIL; BUILT FORT BOONESBOROUGH IN 1775; DIRECTED DEFENSE OF THE FORT, 1776; EMIGRATED TO MISSOURI, 1799; REINTERRED WITH WIFE REBECCA, IN FRANKFORT CEMETERY, 1845.

HERITAGE STRUCTURE BY HIGHWAY

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### 1845

The remains of Daniel and Rebecca are exhumed and reinterred at the city cemetery in Frankfort, Kentucky. Several thousand people marched in the procession.



## 1905

- Daniel Carter Beard develops The Sons of Daniel Boone, a youth program based on the American frontiersman. When Dan Beard joined the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 as one of their national commissioners, he merged his group in the fledgling BSA.
- So, why has the legend of Daniel Boone continued down through history to this day? He wasn't the first white man to visit Kentucky. Native Americans were there in the 13 and 1400's. Hernando De Soto landed on the western shore of Kentucky along the Mississippi River in 1542. French explorers Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet came down the Ohio River from Pittsburg in 1673, passing Kentucky on their way to the upper regions of the Mississippi. Dr. Thomas Walker explored southern Kentucky and in 1750 named the Cumberland Gap after the Duke of Cumberland in honor of his victory over the Scots at Culloden.
- Boonesborough was not the first permanent settlement in Kentucky (1775). Harrodsburg was settled in 1774. John Finley, Simon Kenton, Christopher Gist, James Patton, James Harrod, Benjamin Logan and Levi Todd, were some other pioneers who either preceded Boone to Kentucky or were there at the same time. Yet, unless you are a student of Kentucky history, you may know very little about them.
- My belief is that Daniel was the quintessential heroic figure of his day, and his celebrity has endured thanks to books, TV shows, children's lunch boxes, commemorative postage stamps, coins, metals, even the building and launch of a nuclear submarine.



# USS Daniel Boone

Launched June 22, 1963, and decommissioned February 18, 1994.

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# Welcome to the Boone Society

[www.theboonesociety.com](http://www.theboonesociety.com)

I co-founded the Boone Society 25 years ago and today, we have nearly 500 members in over 40 states and two foreign countries. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in learning more about the life and times of the Boone family or early Kentucky history. We hold biennial reunions in various locations and publish a quarterly magazine that always contains interesting articles.



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Questions???

