

EPHRAIM McDOWELL
FATHER OF ABDOMINAL SURGERY
BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Ephraim McDowell was born in Virginia in 1771 and migrated to Kentucky in 1783 where he died in 1830. In 1817,¹ he described briefly three cases with ovarian tumors, which he had excised by abdominal operation. A letter to the editor of the *Eclectic Repertory and Analytic Review*² in 1819 gave further details of the technique used in his original operation, and recorded two additional cases. A card³ addressed to the profession and especially the faculty and medical students at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky in 1826 defended the feasibility of the procedure and certified that the original operation had been performed by him (and not his nephew). A letter⁴ written to medical student Robert Thompson in 1829, one year before his death, adds much to our knowledge of McDowell's personality, his technique, facts relating to his ovarian tumor operations and, in addition, his development of an operation for hernia. One letter related to the sale of a slave.⁵ Finally, his will⁶ as recorded in the courthouse in Harrodsburg in 1830 reveals some of his activities, success and generosity of nature. These five writings represent all of the personal records left to posterity by a man who was the "father of abdominal surgery."

In 1852, Samuel D. Gross, professor of surgery at the University of Louisville Medical Institute, presented a report⁷ on Kentucky Surgery before the Kentucky Medical Society. This long and detailed monograph dealt largely with McDowell and contains personal information obtained from his brother, Colonel Joseph McDowell, his son, William Wallace McDowell, and his nephew, and partner, Dr. William A. McDowell. The latter at that time was living in Evansville, Indiana. The details gleaned by Gross from these interviews, published only twenty-three years after McDowell's death, and the few writings of McDowell form the basis of deduction as to the personality and character of this pioneer surgeon. Gross was the first of his time to realize the importance and priority of McDowell's contributions.

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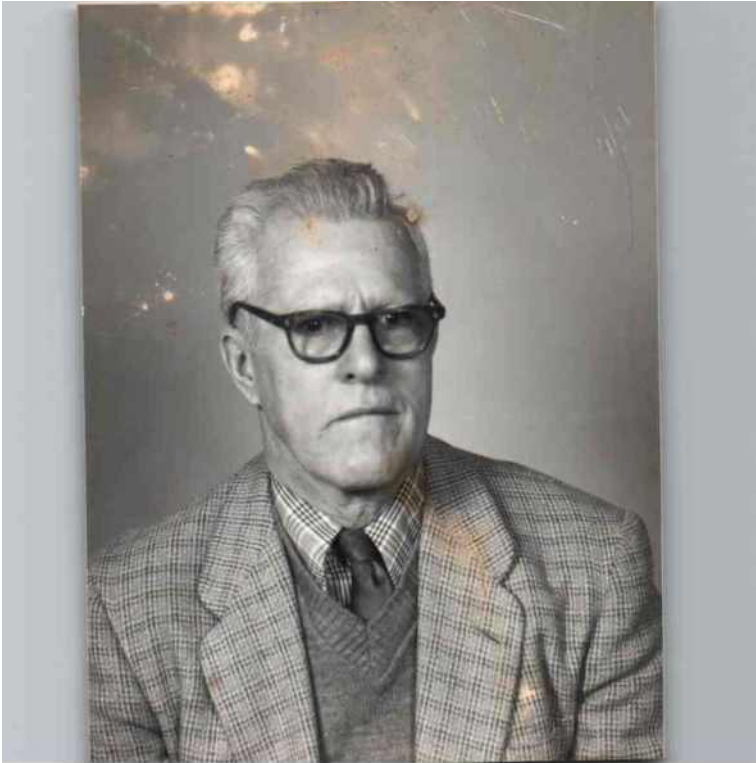
four of them. The Indians pursued and captured Boone and Stewart, carrying them to the Scioto country. There the white men managed to escape, and coming back, found their camp deserted and their fellows gone. The subsequent career of Boone and Stewart is well known, and falls without the scope of this paper. It might be interesting to know, however, that Mooney was one of the first men killed at Point Pleasant (1774), being shot while on outpost duty with a young man named Richard Hickman.

Again our hero had been robbed of a fortune. He set out for his Pennsylvania home to rest and recoup; but there his worst misfortune awaited him: his wife had died while he was in the wilderness. This was one of the minor items of the cost of the conquest of the continent which we so cheaply enjoy. Again the dauntless old trader fitted out for a trip into the wilderness, perhaps with some of his part of his wife's estate; for, in a letter written from Philadelphia and published in a London paper, January 3, 1772, two years after he had left Kentucky, it is stated that "Several Senecas have lately been killed by our people, and the Indians in revenge have murdered a whole family on Buffalo creek, and four farmers on Youghooughany; and they have likewise killed Robert Parsons, the trader, and robbed John Findlay of above five hundred pounds worth of goods."

Again Findley went back to Lancaster, and transferred to his two daughters—Esther, the wife of William Patterson of Juniata, and Margaret, afterwards wife of William Wurtz—his life estate in two pieces of land which had belonged to his wife. Doubtless this act was to raise another stake; for, still dauntless, he again set out for the wilderness in his fifty-third year, and according to a tradition, preserved by Reverend J. B. Finley, he died soon afterwards, far from his loved ones—perhaps with his boots on. Collins in his *History* states under "Mason County" that John Finley made surveys in Kentucky in 1773, but there is no evidence that he was the same man as the subject of this paper, save that the context implies that he was.

It is difficult for Americans of today to appreciate the adventure, the hardships, the perils of such a career, or to understand the motives and ambitions that impelled it. These things can be realized in part by a study of the conditions and the problems of that age. However, they cannot be presented in so short a paper. It must suffice us to know that such a life was lived, that many such were lived; and that by reason of such hardships and perils, such ambitions and sacrifices, Kentucky and the western continent is the heritage of us and of our children.

LUCIEN BECKNER



October 8, 1979

Kathryn Owen
423 E. Broadway
Winchester, Kentucky 40391

Dear Mrs. Owen,

I was very glad to get your letter, and learn that you have found the marriage record of William Morgan and Rachel Flamster, on March 1, 1796. I don't need a certified copy, but would like to have a copy of the exact wording of the marriage bond. If it is easier to make a typed copy, rather than a zerox copy, that is O. K. You didn't say how much money I should send for the copy, so I'm enclosing \$2.00 in cash. If this isn't enough to cover the cost, please let me know.

I'm also very interested in the Nancy Morgan, who you said was married to Robert Owen, a relative of yours. You didn't say if you were an employee of the county clerk's office, or someone who does research for people interested in genealogy. If you have the time and can help me find out more about the Morgans, who lived in Clark County, I would be very grateful. I'd be glad to pay you for your time.

I have traced my family back to Clay County, Indiana, and before they lived there they were in Henry County, Kentucky. My great grandparents, Russell A. Morgan & Harriett Bryan Morgan were married in Henry County in 1826, and four of their children were born there, before they moved to Indiana. Just recently I learned that Russell Morgan's father, William Morgan, had lived in Clark County, Kentucky, and I am trying to find out more about him and his family. That's why I want a copy of the marriage bond of William Morgan & Rachel Flamster. I'm not sure that Rachel was his wife's name, but it could be.

I also know that William Morgan had a sister, Sarah Morgan, who was born in 1774, and died in 1838. She was married to Cornelius Ringo. William Morgan had a son, Preston Morgan, who was born Feb 17, 1799 in Clark County, Kentucky. That's the only real proof I have of them having lived in Clark County. He also had two other sons, Russell and Thomas. Russell was my great grandfather, and he was born on July 1, 1805, but I don't know what county.

That is just about all the information I have on William Morgan and his family, and of course I would like to know more. Even where the family lived before coming to Kentucky, I think it might have been Virginia. If you don't do research yourself, and you know someone who does, I would appreciate your help in getting in contact with them.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Elnora M. Dorsey

Mrs. Elnora M. Dorsey
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Letter # 4,045

March 6, 1970
2568 Gazelle Court
Cincinnati, 45239, Ohio.

Dear Miss Owen:

THANK YOU!!!! for the post cards, and your kind letter.

I am enclosing the sheet of the entire family of my Great Grandfather, REVEREND GEORGE GREEN BOON, with his two wives, MARY BERKLEY BOON and JANE PLUNKETT BOON. You may keep it, if you like.

I worked hard and long to get all the proper names, who they married, when born, when most of them died, etc., so treasure this particular part of my family research, very much.

Would you write up the article, for your newspaper, or another? Could I proof read it, to be sure it is all correct, before it is printed? I am sure it would make him very proud to be written up, surely he wanted his family to be known of, or else why did he so carefully write this old Diary, telling of he and his family background?

I would like this old picture to be included, if copy of it could be made, not ruining this poor one, I do have.

In other words, you find out for me, what is entailed, and I will co-operate 100% with you and the paper.

Do you remember when you wrote me, about JAMES NELSON, Jr., of Clark County, of his large family, his Will etc.,? Well in doing legal research, in the records at the court house in Lexington, Kentucky, I found the entire NELSON family all over the records. In all cases, this great Grandfather of mine, was the man who seemed to advise the entire NELSON FAMILY of 10 children, how to handle the estate of their late Father, JAMES NELSON, Sr., who died in Clark County, 1827. I know MRS JAMES NELSON Sr., was an older sister of REVEREND GEORGE GREEN BOON. she born in 1783, and he in 1781, in King George, Virginia, Thus JAMES NELSON Jr., was one of his nephews.

Our entire Boon family, came to Fayette County, in 1806, all settled there. One older brother, MAJOR WILLIAM BOON 2nd, three older sisters, MARY...NANCY...ELIZABETH, and their widowed Mother, MRS WILLIAM BOON, 1st, whose husband had died in King George, Va., in 1795. They came from their Plantation home, called "POPLAR GROVE".

I would like to ask the writer of the article, to be so sure, to spell his name as B O O N and no E. You saw his signature in 1821, so definitely B O O N.

I have written to and heard from several hundred BOON kin, around about 23 states, since I began my research work, in 1962. I have heard from 90% of them, they all descended from the DANIEL BOONE LINES. YET!! no one, to this day has one bit of

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proof, legal or other wise, to substantiate this. They become angry with me, when I persist in my knowledge, then one by one they gradually accept it, and offer to help me, as to their particular connections, with our BOON family, of Northern England, King George County, Virginia, and Fayette County, Kentucky.

I have lots more material, I can let you read of him, as to his ability to run a large sized farm, with so many slaves, so many horses, his sales, to the markets of the south, etc.

Would it be possible, if this article was written and produced, in your Winchester paper, I might be given some credit, for the facts written? I am his Great Granddaughter, by his 10th child of his 1st marriage to my MARY BERKLEY BOON, JESSE DANIEL CREATH BOON, who died in 1878, in Walnut Hill, lived all his life from 1830, when born, in and around Athens. He was a student, according to the 1850 Census, but a BLACKSMITH of the town, in 1860 and 1870 Census records. Lived in Lexington, for a while, but died at Walnut Hill, where I assume he took his children, around 1869, with kin of his wife, my Grandmother SARAH ELIZABETH DOUGLASS (MRS JESSE DANIEL CREATH BOON), This family was CATHERINE KENT (MRS DAVID S. CHRISTOPHER) and her youngest brother, DAVID D. KENT, who at that time, was the POST MASTER, at Walnut Hill, Kentucky, DAVID and CATHERINE KENT CHRISTOPHER were brother and sister to my own Great Grandmother on the line back of my Grandmother, Sarah E. Douglass Boon, namely NANCY KENT (MRS PLEASANT DOUGLASS).

I know of the KENT lines completely, back to 1775. I have not found one person yet, in the area of Walnut Creek, or Athens, Ky, who ever heard of my Grandmother Sarah. I would so like to learn of she, more in detail.

I have a complete write up, by Dr. Leo T. Crismon, President of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society, 1946, of our REVEREND GEORGE GREEN BOON, This entire article could be included in the write up, if space available, About 6 paragraphs.

Who ever carelessly copied it, had the name of BOON, then BOONE, as I repeat, BOON is the correct spelling, of our family name.

May I ask you for at least 15 of the post cards. It would make so many of my BOON kin happy, to have one, to know that is where their Great Grandfather, REVEREND GEORGE GREEN BOON played his fiddle, for the last time, way back, before 1815. His diary tells that story, as you have read.

I have been told, I am the 1st to try to get it all together, rightnames, right dates, places, old pictures, old love letters, old files, old Bibles, old court records, old census records, among a few of the things I have dug for.

But its been a real joy, as everything was entirely new to me. I knew nothing when I began, only my own Father, JOHN BOON down to JESSE DANIEL CREATH BOON, had been born in the town

-Athens

INN, at the corner of Athens Boonesbor Rd and Cleveland Pike, It still stands today. He was born there March 21, 1864. I had never heard of being from a Baptist Minister, or a Virginia English family. So as I found piece by piece, it was like reading new pages of a new BOOK to me.

Might I suggest, that if you have record of the information you had, of JAMES NELSON Jr., which you sent me, you could make a notation, he was thenephew of this REVEREND GEORGE GREEN BOON, of Clark and Fayette County, Sulphur Well Rd, out of Athens, Kentucky, from 1806 till 1854, when he died, in Athens.

To this day, I have not found his old grave yard. I found the farm land, part of it, have many pictures of the old home, his slaves built, in 1807, have an entire description of the entire interior, due to the kindness of the tenant of this old BOON home, from 1920's till 1962, when the old home finally burned to the ground.

Mrs W. Bradley Gentry

But if you are not too tired of this longletter, I will now tell you of my good fortune this week.

I have been working for about 6 months, on newly found lines back in Virginia, of my Great Grandmother, MARY BERKLEY BOON (MRS REVEREND GEORGE GREEN BOON). I know now I am descended from 5 new family lines, namely, MILLS...THATCHER...DEANE.. BIRKETT and JONES.

I was told by a geneoligist there, two old grave stones were readable when he found them, in 1964, of JOHN BIRKETT and ANN MILLS BIRKETT, my 6th Great Grandparents back.

Yesterday I was sent 8 pictures of the old stones, still there, lying cracked, flat down, in an old private cemetery, on a large farm, near Leedstown, Virginia,

I know this land was patented by WILLIAM MILLS, my 7th Great Grandfather, who died in 1661, to his daughter, this Mills girl named Birkett, then thru her sister to her daughter, 4 generations in 4 different named counties, but still all one and the same land and old plantation home.

The words can still be read. I am over joyed at this find. Only some one like you can appreciate what this means, to see grave stones of kin who died ~~279~~ years ago, and can read their beautiful names today, 1970. *279 years* *309 years* *Mills there 1661*

I have bought the Book of all of these families, in the old marriage records of Richmond counties, from 1600 to 1783. All five are written up, as well as these old graves.

I'll sign off for this time, may I hear from you?

Sincerely Yours,

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#4,107

June 7, 1970
2568 Gazelle Court
Cincinnati, 45239, Ohio,.

Dear Friend Kathrynxx:

Kindly forgive me for spelling your 1st name wrong. I have
9 of them in my list of friends and all spell it differently.

Thank you for the papers you sent me 1st, I do hope I will get
a few more, but at least am so grateful for your intervention,
in my behalf and getting the write in and done. I think it was
splendid. I am only sorry for the 5 or 6 errors, I can see
how they were made, with so many names in it etc.

But should you keep a copy for yourself, will you correct,
if you should write them up in any way, so they are absolutely
right,

I will list them as they should have been:

Reverend Boon, if born in 1781, and died in 1854, was only 73 then,
he was just 69, when his 19th child was born, in 1851, NOT 93.
+ hope no one thought I was a fool, to assume this was a fact, if
+ gave out the material. But these things happen, as you know.

The family came to Kentucky in 1806, not 1805.
The errors in the childrens names were as follows:

ELIZA JANE BOON married 1st JESSE M. DANIEL
" 2nd BEAUFORD A. SPURR

not SIDNEY CHRISTIAN

CHARLES WM BOON married 1st MARTHA WOOD
" 2nd ANNE FORBISH

not ANGIE DOLLINS.

BENJAMIN JAMES BOON married ANGIE DOLLINS.

This name was omitted entirely, of Ben's.

So you can see it was a superb article, with only these errors.

Your 2nd envelope just came, thanks for 2 more copies of the
article. + am sending you \$6.00 hope \$1.00 of it will cover
the cost of the papers. Thank you for your kindness.

I have heard that in Leedstown, Va., area, where I found the
old grave yard of my ancestors, BIRKETTS and MILLS, is a
gentleman who is a direct descendant down of the HUNGERFORDS
and PRATT family, who came after the MILLS and BIRKETT ones
so he must be a kin of mine somehow. I hope he will answer me,
telling me of the old history as he knows it of the cemetery, but
more so, of the old families. I never know when I write who
will answer me. I learned early, dont have faint heart, you
just never know who will respond. Thats how I learned it all.

I have heard twice from the lady, who owns the large farm, on which the old cemetery stands, and is so well cared for, after over 300 years. She is so curious to hear from me, how I located the old place, and said I know already more than they do of their own property's history.

I have heard ^{ne} it was C. A. HOPPIN who seems to be the one who wrote up the old graves, he must of known of the families, as it was contained in his HISTORY OF THE WASHINGTON-WHEELWRIGHT families. I do not know how they connect to my MILLS...BIRKETT.. JONES..DEANE..THATCHER ones, but they have to.

I will appreciate your returning all my material to me, that you gave Miss Hume to use. I am anxious to see how she got the name SIDNEY CHRISTIAN as a marriage to one of my BOON women, ELIZA JANE, as her 2nd husband, who really was BEAUFORD A. SPURR.

Now I know when my own Grandfather, JESSE DANIEL CREATH BOON married my SARAH ELIZABETH DOUGLASS in 1856, it was in a double wedding service with her sister MARGARET A. DOUGLASS marrying SIMEON CHRISTIAN, 1856.

I know SIDNEY CHRISTIAN, possibly his brother ???) married the daughter of ELIZA JANE BOON DANIEL SPURR's, who was GEORGE ANN SPURR. Can you figure out, where the error came from? Not that it matters.

I would like a copy of anything you write, which names any of my family?

Dont forget the snap shot of you, please. I would feel very happy to have it, place it on my wall, together with some other good friends who made my work possible.

Thanks again, Kathryn.

Sincerely Yours,

Thelma Boon Sellards

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BOONESBOROUGH

ITS FOUNDING,
PIONEER STRUGGLES, INDIAN EXPERIENCES, TRANSYLVANIA
DAYS, AND REVOLUTIONARY ANNALS

With Full Historical Notes and Appendix

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vention of Virginia, and of an Executive Committee to voice the wishes of the people, which was done on the 20th of the month by the adoption of a petition¹ to the Convention, which in its own unique way prays for the incorporation of West Fincastle as a county of Virginia. This was not what the high-spirited and adventurous Clark was after, but the people had settled the matter and he acquiesced. He declares in his Memoirs:² "I wanted deputies elected at Harrodsburg to treat with the Virginia Assembly. If valuable considerations were procured we would declare ourselves citizens of the State, otherwise we would establish an independent government." The Convention adjourned before these proceedings could be submitted to it, but not before it had made provision to accurately determine Virginia's chartered interests in the Kentucky territory, and for an inquiry into alleged illegal purchases from the Indians,³ both of which were ominous for the Transylvania Company, and brought from it a warning proclamation as to settlement on disputed lands.⁴

¹ Appendix V.

² Dillon's Indiana, Volume I, page 128.

³ See journal of Virginia Convention, pages 63 and 83, for resolution adopted June 24, 1776, against purchase of land from the Indians without authority from the State, and for act of July 3, 1776, appointing Commissioners to examine into such illegal purchases.

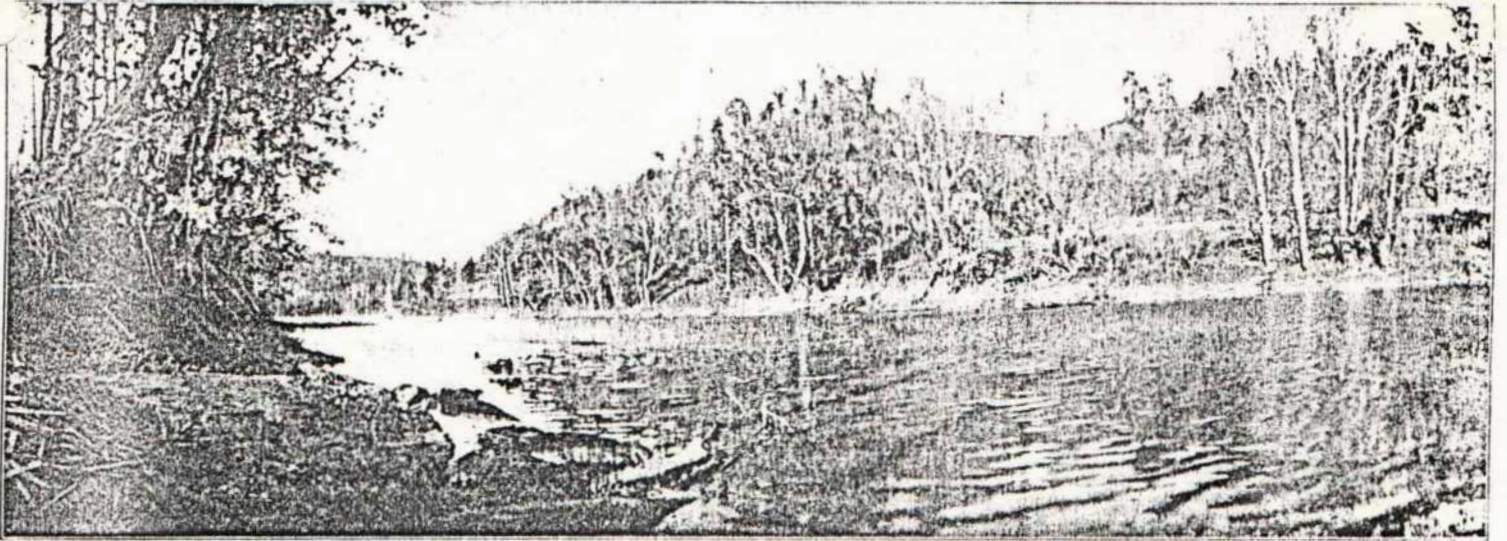
⁴ See Appendix W.

The summary action at Harrodsburg against the Proprietary government made but little stir in a region that was by this time constantly exercised about threatened Indian hostilities, and from which many an apprehensive soul had already departed. The tribes still claimed to be friends of the "Long Knives," but all the same Indian "signs" and alarming rumors increased, and early in July the significant fact was noted that several of the men who had left the settlement on hunting trips had never returned. Boonesborough was anxious, but more than six quiet months had elapsed since the murder of McQuinney, and no enemy had threatened the station yet.

It was as quiet as ever on the afternoon of Sunday, July 14th, and the customary Bible reading was over, when Elizabeth and Frances Callaway, daughters of Richard Callaway, and Jemima Boone,¹ daughter of Daniel Boone, started in one of the rough canoes of the settlement to visit a family located on the other side of the river, and only a short distance from Boonesborough. They had crossed and were only a few yards from a landing when the canoe struck a little sandbar nearly opposite a spot on the shore which tradition says is the same now known as "The Four Sycamores," from the four trees

¹ Boone's Narrative and W. B. Smith. Floyd's letter of July 21, 1776. See extract, Appendix X.

of that kind which afterward grew there, and which still designate the place. And here, when neither the faintest sight nor sound had intimated the presence of an enemy, the little boat was suddenly seized by five Indians — four Shawanese and one Cherokee — who darted from the thick cane that bordered the river. The eldest of the girls, "Miss Betsey," though startled and terrified, instinctively dealt one of the savages a blow on the head with a paddle, while her younger companions, paralyzed with fear, covered their blanched faces with their hands. In a moment, while too breathless and bewildered to give an alarm, they were rushed through the shallow water to shore and then up a densely wooded ravine to the summit of the high and lonely hills that stretched along that side of the river. From there, made dumb by a threat of the tomahawk, they were marched in silence through streams and canebrakes and woods toward the ancient "Warriors' Trace" that led to the Ohio. So cleverly had the savages managed that it was hours before the girls were missed — for it was not until milking time that the alarm was sounded by a hunter who had gone out to meet them. In the midst of the grief and excitement that ensued, and after exasperating delays, one band of riflemen under Daniel Boone and another under Colonel Callaway, comprising about twenty men in all, started in pursuit. This force



THE HILLS OF CLARK, ON THE KENTUCKY RIVER OPPOSITE BOONESBOROUGH,

Showing on the extreme right the traditional locality, now designated by "The Four Sycamores," where the three girls were captured by the Indians July 11, 1776.

included,* besides the leaders, John Holder, Samuel Henderson, Flanders Callaway, William Bailey Smith, John Floyd, Nathaniel Hart, David Hart, Nathan Reid, John Gess, David Gess, and others, from Boonesborough; and John Martin, John McMillan, and William Bush, who had recently built improvers' cabins across the river in easy distance from the fort. The outcome of this romantic incident is familiar to every reader of early Western history. The savages were surprised, routed, and two of them killed as they halted three miles south of the Upper Blue Licks, the tattered, torn, and despairing girls were rescued unharmed, and, after a torrent of happy tears and exclamations, were caught up on horseback and brought back worn out but safe to the rejoicing settlement.

But the event was a prophecy of evil. It was the beginning of days and years of trouble, and the rescuing party did not return a whit too soon. In fact, some mischief was done before they did return, for Indian stragglers went to Nathaniel Hart's clearing,[†] burned his cabin, and ruined his young apple trees, while the force left behind was too small to punish them. The news brought in by scouts and messengers was plain enough. Small parties of hostile Shawanese were haunting all the stations. The Indians had dug up the hatchet. Such of the neighbor-

* Names from John Floyd, John Bradford, and Draper manuscripts.

† Cited States Historical Register.

*It is possible but not probable that
Wm. Bush was closely associated with
two John Martins?*

*This would be a considerable time before
Holder came across the river*

I haven't checked his references →

Aug 15, 1986

Dear Kathryn,

Got back safely, had a rewarding and enjoyable trip. I'm sorry to say that my second roll of film apparently slipped off the winding mechanism and I got no photos at your house. Could I try again?

I really enjoyed looking through the Owen book, have you thought of the Wilson Club as a repository, although I don't care much for Journals, it would probably be safe there and only those people who asked for it would have access.

I remember saying I would send you something, besides Goff Pedford's work on Bush, Martin + McMillan being across the river (now called) Long before Holder. I'm enclosing a few pages from Raub's Bonewood. His footnote gives references but I haven't checked them. I suspect that Holder bought his land across the river from Bush or John Martin but I haven't researched this so I really don't know.

(2)

I'm also enclosing some zapped copies of the photos I took at Mrs Barber's of the horse and mill. Barbara enlarged them a little so see what they would look like. I plan to have a specialist see what he can do with the negatives.

I hope you are feeling better and have gotten rid of those bug by now.

You mentioned that I might copy your CREED family history, I completely forgot to ask you for it before I left. If I may, I'll pick it up the next trip down.

No need to answer, I know you have a lot of correspondence to deal with.

Best Regards,
Bob Martin

June the 17th 1794

Sir these may authorise you to grant licens to
Joseph Boone in my name & be clear in so doing
from any damage that can arise from the same
given from under my hand this day above mentioned
in the presense of Elias Newkirk Pebeck at Lock
T^o M^r Bullock Clark County

Oct. 8, 1964

Dear Kathryn:

Our last letters must have passed in the mail. I was so anxious to get the "John Owen papers" back in your possession, I did not wait to hear from you before returning them. Again let me thank you for sharing the papers with me. I feel that I know my Clark County relatives much better since reading about their "trials and tribulations".

Was glad you fell heir to the old Owen photographs. Didn't know you had started an album - those old pictures will make a wonderful addition to it. I copied much of the material in your "red Book", but of course not all of it. However, my records were complete enough for me to recognize all of the names you mentioned.

You and I came to the same conclusion - that John Owen probably served in the County Militia. My main interest in his military service was to establish the dates of his birth and death. Doubt if county records would have such dates.

Don't think I had received the Samuel Boone pension application from the General Services Adm. when I last wrote you. I was more than pleased with the information I received. I'm enclosing the main information from the Elizabeth White affidavit.

Some time back you looked for a Will for William White in both Clark and Estill Counties. His widow was a resident of Madison Co. in 1832, so if William White did leave a Will, it might be in that county. I'm going to write that county to see if they have a record of one.

I have a feeling that Elizabeth (Boone) White died after Sept. 24, 1832 and before March 1834. In 1832 Samuel Boone applied for pension for his service in the South Carolina Militia, supported by affidavits by his sisters Elizabeth White and Rebecca Jones. Then in 1834 he made a second application for his service fighting Indians in Ky. at Boone's Station, Bryan's Station, Strode's Station and Blue Licks. In 1834 Rebecca Jones signs a second affidavit, but Elizabeth White does not.

When I received the enclosed cartoon, I thought about you "swinging from ladders".

Best wishes,

Grace

State of Kentucky)
)
Clarke County)

I, Elizabeth White, state that I now live in Madison County and State aforesaid, where I have resided for several years past - that I am upwards of eighty years of age and am the widow of William White, deceased - that I am the sister of Samuel Boon who now resides in Clarke County and State aforesaid and formerly resided for a great many years in Fayette County in said State - and that Rebecca Jones, who now resides in Fayette County aforesaid is also the sister of said Samuel Boon - that said Samuel Boon is upwards of seventy four years of age - that during the revolutionary war said Boon lived on Congaree River in Camden District, South Carolina in his said Boon's father's family - and that she was then an inmate of said family and she well remembers that during said revolutionary war, he was drafted four different times to serve four distinct tours of duty in the Militia of South Carolina..... that owing to her great age and consequent infirmity, aggravated by a fall during the last winter, she is unable to ride to the Clarke Circuit Court to make the foregoing statement before the Judge thereof in open Court. As witness my hand this 24th day of September 1832

Attest:

R. G. Cooper

Elizabeth White

Dept. of Vital Statistics
Winchester, Kentucky

10 May 1963

Gentlemen:

I, Ronald Gene Boone, am the great-great-grandson of Ira Boone who was born in Clark County, Kentucky on 22 Jan 1849. Unfortunately, my records do not show the names of his parents.

Since I have no known family in Winchester who could come to the court house to see if there are any records showing the information I need, it is necessary for me to make this request of you. Will you be good enough to determine if any record was made of his birth and if it lists the names of his parents? He was a Methodist, if that will help you in your search.

I am enclosing \$1.00 to pay for the service and a stamped, self addressed envelope for your reply. Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Ronald G. Boone

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1426 South 46th
Tacoma 8, Wash.

Edgar Boone + c from J. N. Boone - 1901
Bk 69 - p 23 int in 38 a

J. N. Boone + c 1880 - 1901 - wife Ma
Fannie

p 23 - Bk 69

date May 30, 1901 bet J. N. Boone of 1st
pt and Fannie Boone, J. N. Boone +
Edgar Boone who are wife + ch of sd
first party - parties of 2nd pt of Boone
& Apple & one killer convey to Fannie
Boone an undiv half int her her life
in land hereafter described lying near
reloc. view land which was inherited
by sd J. N. Boone from his father
square Boone deed

last deed for J. N. Boone 1901

Fort Scott, Kans.
Nov. 27, 1965

Dear Miss Kathryn Owen:

Thanks so much for the information on George Boone, son of Edward & Olea Bryan Boone who married Patty Hazelrigg.

You gave me their children's names, do you know any way to find out their date of birth death, or who they married. I am especially interested in Squire and Lev's children too.

Here is your \$1.00 and another, to find out more, if you can't — just keep this extra \$1.00 as it would be much trouble searching, even if you don't find more.

Hope you have some luck.

Sincerely

Mrs. Pansy B. Schafer
515 Margrave,
Fort Scott,
Kansas - 66701

Ch Ch & Ed + Martha^B Boone

Mary Boone b abt 1764

George - lived on Stoner Creek Ky - died at advanced
age later date.

Joseph married a Miss Fry - Wounded at St. Claus
Ky

Sarah Boone

Jane Boone m Morgan Morgan

Charly m. Francis Alledge

James Hay

• Peter Schell died on Wallis & Stoner
Sept 11, 1821

born ca 1754

Wife Mary died Sept 28, 1825

married ca 1782

April 14, 1965

Mrs Thelma Boone Sellards
2568 Gazelle Court
Cincinnati 39, Ohio,.

DEPUTY CLERKS OFFICES
CLARK COUNTY COURT HOUSE
Winchester, Kentucky,.

Gentlemen:

Kindly advise ^{if} your offices have a record of a marriage in 1835 of MISS JANE PLUNKETT of Clark County, to REVEREND GEORGE GREEN BOON of Fayette County, out of Lexington, Kentucky?

I know he married her in 1835, she was 22 years old, he was 54.

He was my Great Grandfather, who was from King George, Virginia and the Boon family came to Fayette in 1806. His 1st wife died in 1834 and left him with 11 children, thus the marriage to care for them.

If you have this record, please forward a photostatic copy to me, and tell me what I am to pay you, and I will return your check by return mail. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely Yours,

Mrs Thelma Boone Sellards
2568 Gazelle Court
Cincinnati 39, Ohio,.

Thelma Boone Sellards

BOONE FAMILY RESEARCH ASSN.

of Missouri

Prescott, Kansas 66767
May 17, 1965

Miss Kathryn Owen
423 E. Broadway
Winchester, Ky.

Dear Miss Owen,

What a nice answer to my letter and a still nicer act of sending such welcomed information. Would you believe that you are the first person yet that I have ever received any information from, that either did not want some in return--or wrote that, for \$3.00 an hour they would see if they could find anything? Sort of restores one's faith in the human race. Seems this 'ancestral worship' has gone far beyond the bounds of an enjoyable hobby. I'd say it has turned very commercial. I do hope, that sometime, I may be able to help you in some way, if not, I shall then help someone in your name.

How I would like to come to Kentucky and find out so many things. I have only a few 'missing links' in my chain--but others' wants have become almost as interesting as my own. Leonard Beall could very well have been the father of Rebecca Beall (Rec Bell) who m. Boone Elledge. If d. before 1804, another would have had to be the surety of the marriage bond. Robert (Robin) Alcorn was a brother-in-law of Boone Elledge--he had m. Mary (Polly) Elledge, also a child of Francis and Charity Boone Elledge. My great-great grandfather (Rebecca's son) was Joel Leonard Elledge. Leonard was an Elledge name, and I just assumed it was from that side--could very well have been from his grandfather Beall. Also, if he is the father and d. before 1804--could account for Rebecca being always referred to as the sister of Tabitha (who m. William Elledge 1811) and Alexander, an early pioneer of Pike Co Ill. I shall, at least have a name or two to look for.

The Edward Elledge that m. Mylindy (Malinda) Scholl--1st cousins-- and the Jesse Elledge that m. Elizabeth Phillips were brothers of Boone Elledge. Peter Scholl's wife, Mary Boone was the sister of Charity who m. Francis Elledge. Should you happen across any more records pertaining to any of the Elledges, sure would appreciate it if you'd save and send to me. Some day, if I'm 'big' enough and live long enough, I intend putting all Elledge Family History into a book. Titled "The Boones History Forgot". The Elledges were as closely allied with the Boones as any other family--but historians seem to either lost, misplaced, or forgotten them, sometimes giving the children of Edward and Martha Bryan Boone to some one else's credit. (Lord knows, they each already had plenty of their own!!)

Do you suppose Dr. Doyle's file has much other data regarding the Boones? I have found this Historian's job a never ending task, tho' a very satisfying one. Should you or any of your close friends need any Kansas-Missouri records checked, do let me know.

Prepared by his Great Granddaughter

MRS THELMA BOON SELLARDS
2568 Gazelle Court
Cincinnati, Ohio 19

1768

REVEREND GEORGE GREEN BOON

King George, Virginia
Fayette County, Kentucky

*Sulphur Lilly Road
out of Athens, Kentucky*

Born 11/25/1807
Died 11/3/1894

Married 12/5/1805 Mary Berkley

Westmoreland Co., Virginia,

Born 11/30/1787
Died 7/19/1834

"
Fayette County, Kentucky

Children: Born
1. Eliza Jane 11/29/1807

Married
Jessie N Daniel
Buford Sparr

2. George Green, Jr 11/25/1809

Susan Sparr
Patience Sparr

3. Daughter 7/20/1812

4/ John Berkley 7/5/1813

5. Polly Ann 1/21/1816

6. Milton Rhodes 8/4/1818

7. Julia Ann 8/8/1821

8. Charles William 10/17/1824

Drewery J. Watson
Catsy J. Aker
Thomas T. Wyant
Martha Wood
Anne Ferbish
Angie Dollins

9. Benjamin James 8/18/1827

10. Jessie Daniel 4/12/1830 MINE

Sarah E. Douglass MINE

Creath

11. Ellinor Louisa 9/16/1833

Jas. Cunningham

Married 11/3/1835 Jane Plunkett

f Clark County, Kentucky,

12. Parthena Nancy 11/9/1836

Jane

13. William Watson 7/5/1838

Mary Alford

14. Henry Harrison 2/18/1840

Josephena Hart

15. James Harvey 12/24/1841

Annie Parsons

Marshall

16. Mary Catherine 12/13/1844

17. Martha Jane 8/23/1846

18. Julia Ann 12/5/1848

19. Daniel 2/13/1851

Mary Ann Cornallie

Order in Which They Died:

Infant Daughter 1812 5 days

Parthena 1838 2 yrs.

John Berkley 1852 39

Martha Jane 1869 23

Mary Catherine 1869 25

Eliza 1870 63

Polly Ann 1877 61

Jessie Daniel C. 1878 48

Henry Harrison
Milton Rhodes
George Green, Jr.
Ellinor Louisa
Benjamin James
Charles William
William Watson
James Sparr
Joseph

- 1. George Boon
- 2. Margaret E. Boon
- 3. John Boon - My Father

According to the records
they died from 1812 to 1878
William Watson Boon's record
COMPILED BY THELMA BOON SELLARDS
Boon

George Boone wife Hester
1816-1832 4 deeds

3rd one deed for John Morgan 175a - 1818

1 " " to Wm " " 1821

Last deed to Benj Talbot 1832-1831 acres

Kathryn Owen Rk 26 P 93

423 E. Broadway

Manchester Ky

1st for Eli Clendorn 20a ~~4391~~

2nd from Samuel & Wm 111 acres



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& Rebecca Lock KA

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MILES F. STORM
P. O. BOX 782
WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA

7 May, 1963

Clerk of Circuit Court,
Clark County
Winchester, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Can you please furnish me with a copy of
the Will of Martha Boone; Will Book I, page 7,
probated July 23, 1793. My check for \$2.00 enclosed,
which I understand is the copying fee.

Do you have any records which name her husband?
What was his name, how did he acquire his land -- by
grant or soldier's bounty? I should like to have
copies of these, also his Will or Administration.

Thank you! I am,

Very truly yours.

Miles F. Storm

Do you have any Deeds, Wills, etc, on any STORM names,
prior to 1820?

*No wills for Storm prior 1820
First Storm deed is for jail - wife Catherine 7*

MILES F. STORM
P. O. Box 782
Winter Haven, Fla

JOSEPH BOONE -

Census records indicate he was born in Virginia, ca 1761-1765.

His pension application states he was a resident of Fayette County in 1790, when as a private in Kentucky Militia, he was a member of Gen. Harmer's "illfated expedition against the Indians", was wounded and taken back to Fayette County. This record states that he continued to reside in Fayette County until caa 1800-'01; in Madison County ca 1801-1811, then in Bath County from 1811-1822. He moved then to ~~Ky~~ Shelby County, Ind. where he resided until his death in 1849. Shelby County records indicate that he "entered land" there in 1823.

The Census Records of 1810-'20-'30 indicate a wife in the same age brackets. (1830-- Age 60-69)

The ¹⁸⁴⁰ ~~1850~~ Census puts him in the 70-79 age bracket, but with a wife in the 40-49 bracket. This presumably, his second marriage, was to Cassandra Fleming, who survived him; probably a Fleming widow. Census Record figures indicate he was born in Kentucky ca. 1792,

Joseph Boone was relieved of Poll Tax, Age 65, in 1826 - (b.1761)
Another record states he died in 1849, age ~~88~~ 88.

My grandfather married Joseph's daughter, Rebecca Jane Boone, in 1846. She was born in Indiana, 1827.

From 1810 Census Record - Madison County, Ky.

Joseph Boone Age 45 plus, wife same
Squire Boone Age 26-45, wife same
John Boone Age 26-45, wife same

Have you come across any Fleming records in Clark County?
particularly those connected with the Boones.

Lucy Flemmen(Fleming) m. James Hazelrigg- Oct 30, 1793- Clark Co.

The Owen family, among the first settlers of Paducah,
are among my wife's ancestors

Only Storms Joel 1839-1859
Wm Storm 1861 - wife Jane Lockwood
Wm & Storm

Cincinnati, Ohio,.
May 7, 1963

County Clerks' Office
Winchester Court House
Winchester, Kentucky,.

Dear Sir:

The Lexington, Fayette County Court House clerks office has suggested that I write to you, if you have a record of a will, or administration papers on the estate of a GEORGE GREEN BOONE, of Athens Kentucky, who died November 4, 1854.

His wife Jane Plunkett Boone did not die until 1880 and you may have her estate records there too.

We know that he owned two farms, a grist mill, two factories, and was a well to do man. So if he left no will, there would have had to be some administration of his estate on record, as he left some 18 children and wife.

Will you kindly tell me if you can send me a photostatic copy of this information? I will send a check for the \$1.00 at once, upon receipt of your answer. I am enclosing an envelope for your convenience. May I hear from you ?

We were told that back in the mid 1800's Athens lay in two counties, Clark and Fayette.

Sincerely Yours,

Thelma Boone Sellards

MRS THELMA BOONE SELLARDS
5423 Fox Road
Cincinnati, 39, Ohio,.

I do not wish to hear from a journalist,

No will of George Green Boone

Warrens Owen

I wrote you about Susanna Boone she was in
St Charles Co near Mt Maryland. Rebecca lived
at home of her sister Lavinia 4 years after her
maybe she is in Barrow Farm Cemetery. Would
like a picture of the Graves would like a
copy of People the Children of Daniel married
He of the Children Willing also one died in
Virginia. I have a Picture of Graves of Daniel
Boons Parents in N.C. has in a book of N.C.

Yours truly
Frank Heddlund
R05 Salem Ohio

MILES F. STORM
P. O. BOX 782
WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA

28 May, 1963

Miss Kathryn Owen
Winchester
Kentucky.

Dear Miss Owen:

Sorry that absence from home delayed this reply to your nice letter with the copy of Martha Boone's will and the most interesting information about the family.

I was interested in Martha's will because a reference mentioned a Joseph Boone as one of her heirs. I'm still not certain that he is the Joseph I am seeking, though it's the closest I've found yet. Perhaps the enclosed data will be of interest, and also help you to tell me if I'm on the right track.

You will see that my grandfather married (1846) Rebecca Jane Boone, daughter of Joseph and Cassandra ? (~~Fleming~~) Boone. She was born in Indiana, March 9, 1827, after her parents had moved there from Bath County, Ky.

Yes indeed, I shall be most happy to have any data you can send me concerning Boones and Joel Storm.

Your mention of the marriage of Joel Storm and Catherine Palmer was indeed a real "bonus". My grandfather, born 1820, (yep, I'm pushing 70) had three half-brothers; Joel, Thomas R. and James A. Storm. They were mentioned in his obituary (1907) and I have been trying to learn more about them. Possibly through them I may find a clue to their parents and grandparents, and then connect with one of the numerous recorded lines in New York State.

I have our record completed starting with my grandfather's birth in 1820, and only need to identify two, possibly three generations to complete the line back to the founder of our line, Dirck Storm, who emigrated from Holland to New Amsterdam in 1662. Indeed, I have his line in Holland back to 1400.

Thank you again, Miss Owen, and I hope to hear further from you. Meanwhile, with best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours.

Miles F. Storm

Any data concerning Joel Storm, or possible sources, will be of the greatest help.

I know about almost every Stivers who lived in Athens from 1800 to 1880. I have yet to find him. This is of great importance to me.

When I started my Boon research in 1962, I did not even know the names of my own Grandparents. I now know of my Boon family back to 1750 in King George Va., and of my Greens to 1736. I have been told by about 200 Boon*Boone kin that they all were reared, as I was, to believe we descended directly for the DANIEL BOONE. All this work of mine, has divulged not one iota of a connection yet. Many apparent, no proof. I know for instance when my ev. Boon was ordained as 1st minister of Boonescreek Baptist Minister in Athens in 1815 and presented his credentials to perform marriage ceremonies, SAMUEL BOONE, bro. of DANIEL BOONE was one of his sureties, along with Rev. Boon's older brother, MAJOR WILLIAM BOON II.

I learned to my great delight and satisfaction we are descended from an aristocratic plantation family of upper Tidewater Virginia, lived on a Plantation, called "Poplar Grove" till 1806. I know a great deal from 1750 to today. with all proof.

I want to find some one who can tell me of my grandmother SARAH ELIZABETH DOUGLASS BOON. Where my David D. Kent family came from in Va., Where my Gr. Father, JESSE DANIEL CREATH BOON was buried in 1878.

I know from my census research, there was a post office and grocery store at Walnut Hill, Ky., and if the obit said my Jesse died at Walnut Hill, its possible he was with my Grandmothers Kent family at that time.

DID YOU EVER HEAR OF A SIMEON CHRISTIAN? He married my Gr. Mothers oldest sister, Margaret M. Douglass 4-17-1856 in a double wedding when my Grandparents Jesse and Sarah Married in ex. Census shows its possible he was of the Thomas Christian family and the Adams family of Fayette and Athens.

I have located my George Green Boon in the 1850 census at Clarks County, with Jane Plunkett Boon, and 6 of their 8 children. I note a Thomas Kent, who I understand was anephew of Simon Kenton the Daniel Boone Scout, as a neighbor next door to my Boons. Do you know how to ascertain the location of the farm they lived on in 1850?

Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,

If I have any information that will help you, I will be happy to send it to you. I keep record of all my findings.

Thelma Boone Sellards

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P.S.

I forgot the most important thing, I wished to ask you about.

Is it possible in or around Winchester, there is a community called Flanigan, and an old FLANIGANS TAVERN?

I have been sent a copy of an old Diary, my Great Grandfather Reverend George Green Boon, wrote, before his death, in 1854, and in it, he tells about his being a musician, a fiddler, and how he played at this Tavern, in 1810. It seems shortly after this he got religion, and felt then, playing this fiddle, was the worst sin of all.

He was ordained a Baptist Minister, in Athens, in 1815. If this old Tavern still stands today, is it possible I could learn its history, and arrange to have a snap shot of it, for my Boon work?

I have located the old DAVIDS FORK BAPTIST CHURCH on Cleveland Rd, out of Athens, where he went, to listed to Rev. Vardeman, speak, and it seems he then became very interested in Ministry.

Thanks again, Miss Owan, for anything you can help me with, at this time.

47. My w's m. was a dau. of old James Bryan. My w's f. was a son of old Wm. Grant and Wm. Grant married ELIZABETH BOONE, a sister of DANIEL BOONE. (Israel Grant, a grandson of Betty Grant, a sister of DANIEL BOONE.) (B. was my wife's father.) (Col. James Grant's f. was named Israel.) 1. John Grant. 2. Sam - killed in Harmer's defeat. (No. in Indians in 1789, at Col. Robt. Johnson's defeat - L.C.D. 3. William Grant. 4. Israel - my w's f., was wounded by the indians, at Great Crossings, old Dick Johnson's. 5. Moses - wounded in Harmer's defeat. Sam: went back after him and they were both killed in that defeat.

These 5 were sons of old Wm. Grant. Grant country was named after Sam: & Moses - A petition was sent to the Legislature, when that Country was laid off, that it might be Grant County, named after those (two) men.

48. My w's bro. Wm. was killed in the Bull-pen, at Dudley's defeat, at the rapids. My w's youst bro. Israel. was killed in Calloway Co. by 2 men. They thinking he had mule money with him. He went to St. Louis to buy mules, but didn't buy. Left the money at his home and went into Fulton. Hadn't but \$60 - with him. They took that but it was gotten again.

49. A Bryan married: a BOONE - DANIEL B's sister. Old Col: _____ [illegible] Smith was her 2d husband - and they were married when Smith was 83 and Mrs. Bryan was 82. Gen. Squire Grant said he thought that the BOONE family was a credit, but for them to marry at that age was a d----- shame. Another of DANL. BOONE's sisters, married a Grant & another a Mitchell. (This is an error - a sister of Squire & Israel Grant married a Mitchell. L.C.D.)

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NOTE: For those unfamiliar with the name of Rev. John D. Shane, we have this word of explanation from the late Col. Lucien Beckner:

"Rev. John D. Shane was born in Cincinnati in 1812. In 1842, he was ordained a Presbyterian minister and died in 1864. He lived in central Kentucky about ten years. He spent much of his time collecting material with a view of writing a history of the Presbyterian church in Kentucky and the Mississippi valley. After his death, his collection was sold at auction. The larger part was bought by the Presbyterian historical Society at Philadelphia. Lyman C. Draper purchased 16 volumes of manuscript notes and four volumes of scrap-books. The volumes of notes procured by Draper show, among other things, about 200 Kentucky interviews, varying from one to a dozen pages."

¹Kathryn Owen. "Who Was Who in Early Clark County?" Clark County Weekly, February 15, 1980.

²Draper Mss. 15CC5-12. State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1858.

BOONE FAMILY RESEARCH ASSN.

of *Missouri*

It seems such a small thing to say thanks, again and again, but I'll say it anyway. Bealls were in Harrison Co Ind at the same time the Boones and Elledges were. Many went that road to Ill. Some went direct, accounting for the about 20 years of earlier settlement there (ca 1800) Our family records show that many left Ky. about the time of the War of 1812. The migration patterns and the picture they leave and the story they tell are, indeed, quite a panorama to unfold. We all seem to have got started on this family-tree climbing, about 20 years too late. Then too, the ones before us that have written accounts of the pioneers did not let fact interfere with their fiction--sometimes, but not often. They thought a Daniel was a Daniel--and took it from there, never stopping to think--~~the~~ Daniel Boone was dead before theirs was born. You'd be amazed at the records that come in--generations skipped--women having children at 65--simple Arithmetic could solve many of their problems. But then I wouldn't have anything to do being the historian.

I am real proud of our Association. Mostly it has been share and exchange--and some of the grandest people in it. Perhaps all groups were so at the beginning, but have now turned it into a job of research. Most genealogical magazines have more ads than articles for the reader to get through. Here--how I do run on.

Most sincerely,

Florine Norbury
Florine Norbury
(Mrs. Fred Norbury)

Racetrack Proprietor, Preacher

ed...I soon learned to curse and swear, and as I grew up I learned to gamble, and play the fiddle, perhaps the worst of all vices, and sometimes, but seldom, thought of religion."

At the age of 24, George married Miss Polly Berkley, who was about 16, in Westmoreland County, Va. In the spring of 1805, the newlyweds, along with Boon's mother, sisters and one brother, moved to Kentucky.

The diary reports that Boon purchased land on Floyd's Fork of Boone Creek in Fayette County from George Rogers Clark Floyd, the son of Col. John Floyd of Virginia.

Mrs. Sellards reports that the land was part of the Woodstock plantation and that it lay partly in Fayette and partly in Clark County, near Athens.

A change of scene did not seem to cure Boon's evil ways, however, for he lamented, "But, alas, I still continued swearing and playing the fiddle."

His talent at fiddle playing led him to be invited to a musicale at Maj. Montgomery's spring on Independence Day, 1810, and after that to Flanigan's Tavern in Winchester (located near what is now the Brown-Proctor Hotel). Boon was paid \$28 for his efforts, and reports that, as he was coming

home the next day, he "felt very solemn...and my conclusion was that I was engaged in the Devil's cause, and if I continued in this cause, I should be damned."

His reflections continued several days and he vowed to repent. "The thought came to mind, what can you do. Why I concluded with the help of the Lord I could leave off playing the fiddle...I could quit swearing...I could get and read the Bible, as yet, I had none... I could go to a meeting and I could try to pray to God."

Soon, a letter arrived from his brother William, extolling the powerful preaching

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Rev. George Boon: Landowner,

By MARTHA HUME

Meet the Rev. George Green Boon, wealthy land-owner, proprietor of a racetrack, horses, mills and distilleries and Baptist preacher in Fayette and Clark Counties from 1815 until his death in 1854.

And, not the least of his outstanding attributes, the Rev. Mr. Boon fathered 19 children by two wives, the youngest child, Daniel Boon, being born when his father was 93 years old.

The Rev. Mr. Boon was discovered, or more correctly rediscovered, by his great granddaughter, Thelma Boon Sellards of Cincinnati, after some eight years of study in search of her ancestors. Beginning with

only the name of her father, his mother's maiden name of Douglass and no first name for her grandfather, Mrs. Sellards ferreted out her complete line of ancestors.

Among them was the Rev. George Green Boon, whose highly interesting life reads like "Pilgrim's Progress," as he progressed from a cursing, swearing fiddle-playing young man, to a respected and highly revered minister in Fayette and Clark Counties.

His life began on Nov. 14, 1781, in King George County, Va., as the son of William and Keziah Green Boon, who were of English-Swedish descent.

The Virginia Boons lived on a large

plantation, dubbed Poplar Grove, in the Tidewater area of the state. Mrs. Sellards found that the family raised tobacco and William Boon owned many slaves, was a court commissioner and a respected church man.

William Boon died sometime between December, 1794, and February, 1795, leaving his wife and seven children, the youngest of whom was George.

Although his father had always been an extremely pious man and had instilled the principles of religion in his children from an early age, George soon fell in with "wicked boys" and in his diary, reported "My heart became hard and I grew wick-

July 28, 1962

Dear Sirs,

I have been interested in the Boone Family and wondered if you could help me. My 7 times great grandfather was Joseph Boone, brother of Daniel Joseph Boone came to Kentucky with Daniel Boone. He had a daughter named Esther who married Richard Sessions. I don't have the dates of birth & death of Esther, Joseph or Daniel

I also need the names & dates of Daniel Boone's brothers & sisters. Do you have any literature on the Boone Family? I also am interested in Daniel Boone's grand parents & am

John Morgan from Glamorganshire, Wales

Sarah Morgan = Squire Boone
1711-

Joseph Boone = _____ John Sessions
?

Esther Boone = Richard Sessions

Peter Cromarty = Sarah Boone Sessions
1787-1864 -1863

Elinor Jane Cromarty = Isaac Clarke Wright
1808-1880 1803-1864

Dr Adolphe Jas. Vidal = Maggie Clarke Wright
1844-1905 1845-1883

Callie Leatha Smith = Adolphe Louis Vidal
1891- 1880-

Florence Carolyn Vidal = Mack Lynar
1921- 1916



Clerk of County Court Mar 16, 1967
Dear Sirs

I am interested in history of
old ~~history~~ Fort where Daniel
Boone settled. I have documented
proof that some of ancestors was
there. Would you please answer
and tell me who I can write
to for this information. I would
like the names of the first settlers
who come there with Boone
Is there any kind of marker
in your Co. Stating the names
of the first settlers.
any help would be most
appreciated

Thanks

Mrs Paul McAnally