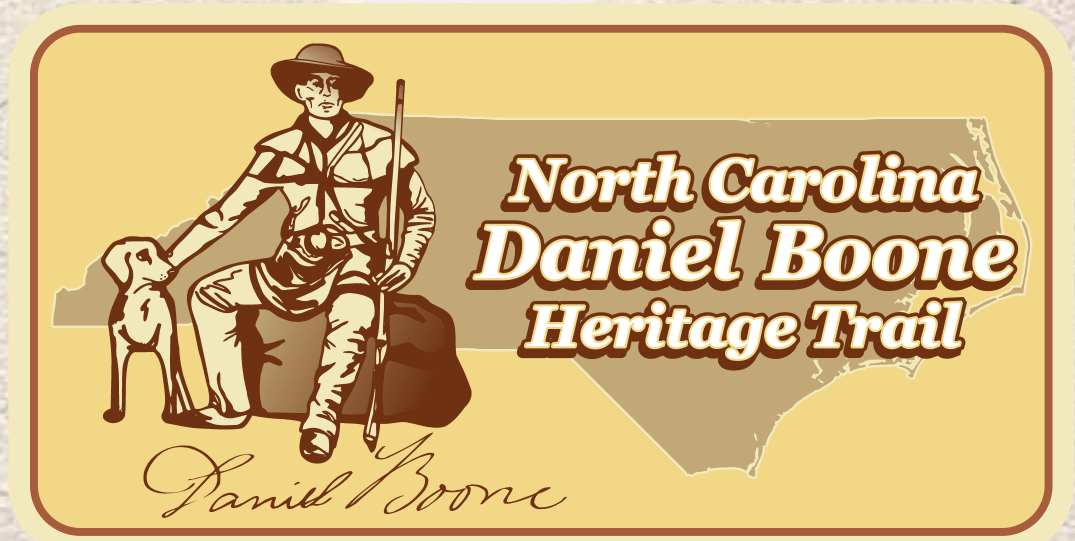
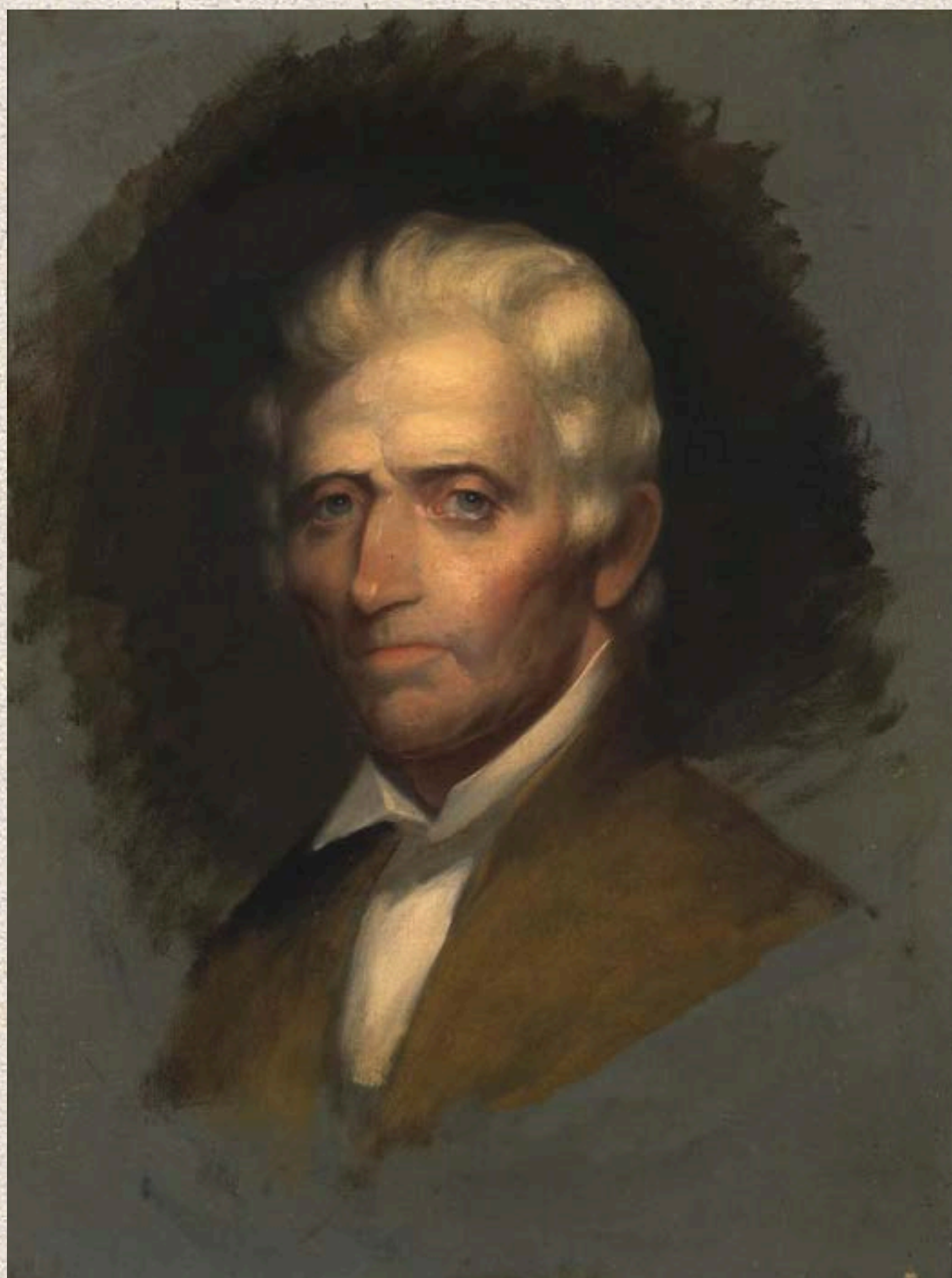


Spring 2025



THE TRAILBLAZER

The North Carolina Daniel Boone Heritage Trail, Inc.



Our Mission

To identify and celebrate the life, journeys, and cultural heritage of frontiersman Daniel Boone in the Carolina Colony from 1752-1773 through educational and historical interpretation.



The North Carolina Daniel Boone Heritage Trail will feature living history programs during the Daniel Boone Festival in Mocksville, Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us as living history presenters in colonial dress share with visitors what life was like on the frontier at the time of Daniel Boone. Centered around the c. 1840 Carolina Frost log cabin visitors can learn about old flintlocks, tomahawk throwing, colonial music, cooking, 18th century fishing tackle and more. The Carolina Cabin is located one block south of the town square. Look for signs.

Board member Lee Crook said “We are pleased to be part of this festival and to share some of the history of Davie County. Learn the story of Daniel Boone and his importance in American History in a colonial setting.” This programming is made possible in part by support from Mocksville Tourism and Development and Davie County Chamber and Tourism. To learn more log onto wwwdanielboonetrail.org or follow us on Facebook.

DAR Boone Trail Marker for Mulberry Fields Road

By Robert Alvin Crum

There is a cast iron plaque mounted to stone in Yadkin County just to the west of the Yadkin River and the Shallow Ford. The inscription on the plaque says,

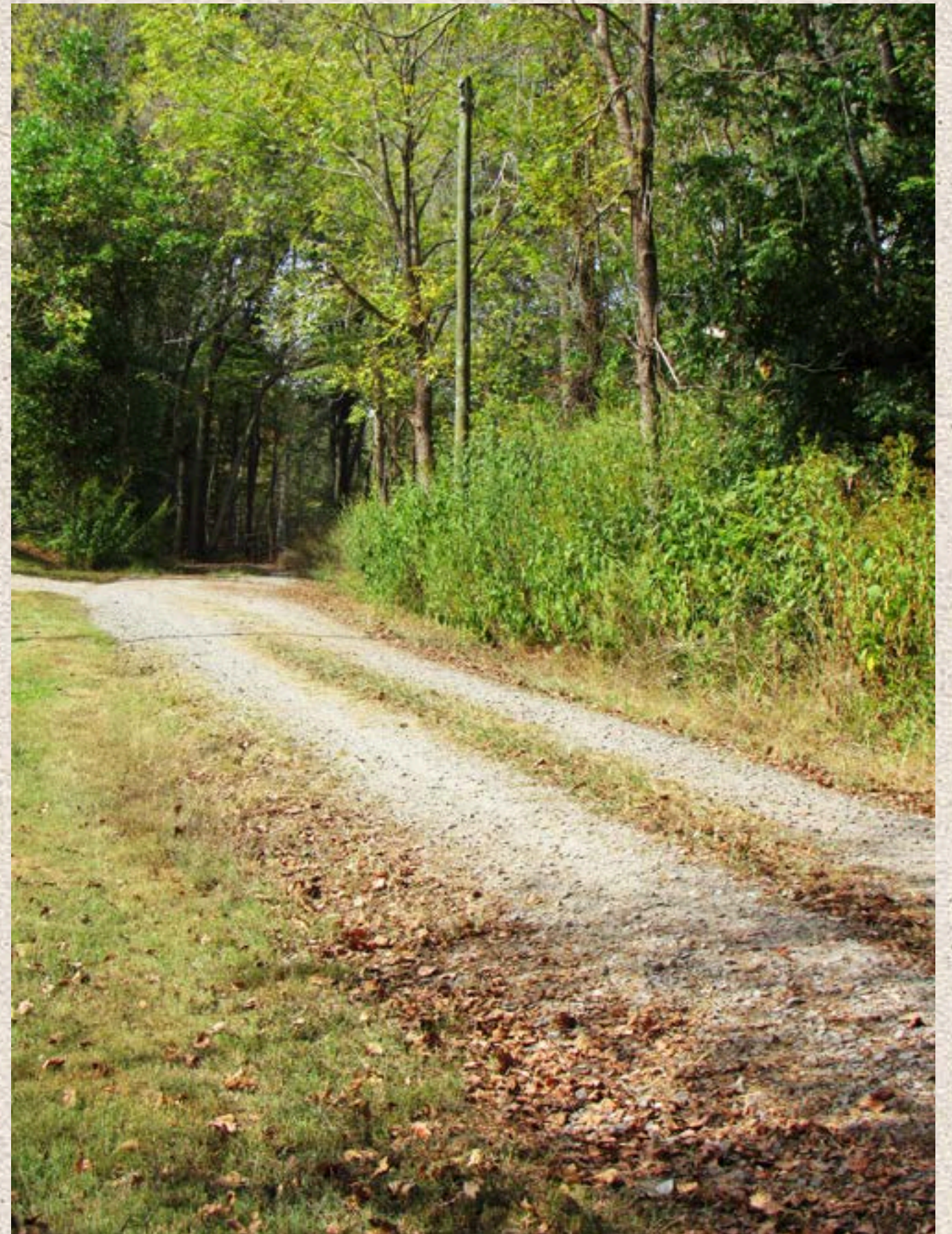
“DANIELBOONE’S TRAIL / FROM / NORTH CAROLINA TO KENTUCKY / 1769 / MARKED BY THE N.C. DAUGHTERS OF THE / AMERICAN REVOLUTION.”

In 1913, the Daughters of the American Revolution placed and dedicated this marker here as one of thirteen along the North Carolina part of the trail that follows old U.S. Highway 421. This marker is located on an unpaved road running behind houses adjacent to Courtney-Huntsville Road. When placed, this marker’s address was Mulberry Road and High Street, and the closest street address today is 4021 Mulberry Fields Road, Huntsville.

The location of this plaque using the 1769 date is in what was the Bryan Settlement. Beginning at this point and following what became the Mulberry Fields Road would take you west into the Brushy Mountains and the area where Wilkesboro and Wilkes County are located today.

Daniel and Rebecca Bryan Boone lived in the Bryan Settlement beginning in 1750 and 1748, respectively. After they married in 1756, they lived a few miles south of this marker at Sugartree Creek from 1756 to 1767. They and other families moved farther up the Yadkin to Beaver Creek in what is today Wilkes County.

The trail or road they traveled to and from the Bryan Settlement would have been the Mulberry Fields Road.



Mulberry Fields Road in Huntsville. Taken by Robert Crum.



Mulberry Fields DAR marker.
Photo by Robert Crum

If you read the Rowan Minutes 1769, page 171 and in *The Land of Wilkes* by Johnson J. Hayes, page 25, you'll find the following:

“In 1769 the Rowan County Court appointed a jury to lay out a road from Shallow Ford in the forks of the Yadkin through the great gap of Brushy Mountain, the nearest and best way to George Boone's at the mouth of Beaver Creek, to strike the Montgomery Road near the main Yadkin. Appointed as jurors were Morgan Bryan, Sr., Daniel Boone, Luke Lee, William Wilson, William Barton, Acquilla Greer (on Moravian Creek), William Livingston (Beaver Creek), Christopher Miller, John Jones, Peter Sprinkle, and Thomas Baker. Henry Skidmore was appointed foreman.”

This Morgan Bryan, Sr. is not the grandfather of Rebecca Boone Bryan, but her uncle, who lived from 1728 to 1804, and the son of Morgan Bryan who lived from 1671 to 1763. As you can see, Daniel Boone is also on the jury appointed to lay out the road, and it is to go from Shallow Ford to George Boone's (Daniel's brother) land on Beaver Creek in today's Wilkes County. If you want to follow today the approximate route of this road that became known the Mulberry Fields Road, you can travel west on U.S. Highway 421 from the DAR marker in the Shallow Ford area to Wilkesboro in Wilkes County, North Carolina.

Mulberry Fields Road was an important route for Daniel Boone, his extended family, the Bryans and many others when heading west and when returning east to the Bryan Settlement. Is it any wonder that in 1913, the Daughters of the American Revolution marked the beginning of the Mulberry Fields Road as an important part of the “Daniel Boone Trail?”

JOHN AND SARAH (BOONE) WILCOXSON

By Barbara Pipek

Sarah Boone was the second child and eldest daughter of Squire Boone (1696-1765) and Sarah Morgan (1700-1777). Sarah was born in 7 June 1724, in New Britain Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Sarah lived in the old homestead that was later called the “Daniel Boone Homestead”. John was the son of George Wilcoxson (1692-1739) and Elizabeth Powell (1696-1740), born 6th of September 1720, in Berks County, Pennsylvania. John was apprenticed to Sarah’s father Squire Boone to learn weaving. John was sent to live in the Boone household. The Boone’s were Quakers (Society of Friends) and the Wilcoxson’s were not. Living in the Boone household at this time were 9 of the 11 children of Squire and Sarah Morgan Boone.

Sarah married John Wilcoxson in Exeter, Pennsylvania, on 29 May 1742. Because John was a non-Quaker his family was censured by the church, and Sarah was expelled for ‘marrying out’. John and Sarah did not go to North Carolina with her parents. They would go first to Frederick County, Maryland in 1748-49 where their son Samuel was born and did not move to North Carolina until 1752.



Barbara Pipek

They fled the Indian attacks in Rowan County, North Carolina in 1759 and with her parents. They went to Frederick County, Maryland and Culpepper County, Virginia and did not return to Rowan until 1762. The French and Indian War concluded in 1763. John and Sarah appeared on the tax list in 1759 in the Yadkin Valley, North Carolina. In 1777 the family moved to Boonesborough, Kentucky. John was not happy living in this area and about a year later the family returned to Rowan County, North Carolina.

John Wilcoxson died in 1798 in Rowan County, North Carolina (today's Davie County) and was buried at the Old Joppa Cemetery in Mocksville close to the graves of Squire and Sarah Morgan Boone, Sarah's parents.

After her husband John died, Sarah left Rowan County, North Carolina about 1805, and migrated to Madison County, Kentucky with her son Samuel Wilcoxson and his family, she died in Estill County, Kentucky in 1815, at the age of 91, while living with her Grandson, Jesse Wilcoxson, these facts were related by Sarah's great grandson Jeremiah Wilcoxson. Sarah's grave has not been located.

The Sarah and John Wilcoxson house in Mocksville, North Carolina was still standing in the 1980's and over 200 years old. John and Sarah had fourteen children – 9 sons and 5 daughters. John (1739-1833), Squire (1742-1818), David (1742-1834), Elizabeth Grant "Betsy" 1743-1818), Nancy (1746-1790), Isaac (1748-1783), Israel (1750-1780), George (1754-1830), Samuel (1755-1825), Daniel Morgan (1755-1837), William Bryan "Red" (1756-1828), Sarah (1759-1829), Mary "Polly" (1761-1819) and Rachel (1762-1823).



Many settlers making their way to North Carolina during the 18th century would have used wagons similar to this.

I descend from their 5th child and daughter Nancy Wilcoxson who married Captain Benjamin Greer who was a Revolutionary War Patriot and fought with Colonel Benjamin Cleveland in the Battle of Kings Mountain and was one of Cleveland's Heroes.

I descend from Benjamin and Nancy's son William Lewis Greer and Hannah Cartwright to their daughter Elizabeth Greer and Larkin Owens. Larkin's mother Rhoda Elizabeth Owens was the daughter of Revolutionary War Patriot Bernard Barnet Owen. From Larkin and Elizabeth to their son Hiram Owens (Civil War Veteran) and Ellen Shepherd to Cornelia Ann "Nelia Ann" Owens and Thomas M. Ashley (Civil War Veteran) to Laura Ann Ashley and Frank Miles Cardwell to my Mother Zona Eva Cardwell and Martin Rayvaughn Spears. My Great- Grandmother Nelia Ann is buried in the Family Cemetery behind our home.

As a child, my Grandmother Laura Ann Ashley told me that we were related to Daniel Boone but she did not tell me how or if so, I did not remember. It took me over thirty years to find that connection and I have been working on my Boone line since 1990. Many Boone Descendants live in North Carolina and in the Wilkes County area. There are probably more descendants of Sarah Boone and John Wilcoxson than from the rest of Squire Boone and Sarah Morgan's children put together.

**Huzzah to these amazing donors
provided door prizes for our Boone
Gathering.**

We appreciate you !

Jeff Shellman, Dan'l Boone Inn, Boone

Dooley's Grill and Tavern, Wilkesboro

Wilkes Co. Hardware, North Wilkesboro

Wilkes Heritage Museum, Wilkesboro

Wilkes Print and Ship Business Depot, Wilkesboro

Southern Appalachian Historical Association, Boone

RG Absher - Ghosts of the Yadkin Valley

Ashe County Museum, Jefferson

Wilkes County Geological Society, North Wilkesboro

Upcoming Local Events

May 3rd: Daniel Boone Festival,
Mocksville, NC

June 7th: Daniel Boone Day,
Hickory Ridge, Boone NC



Living historian Jordan Loder milk will be present at the Daniel Boone Festival in May.

NC Daniel Boone Heritage Trail Board Directors

Mary Bohlen, Pres.
RG Absher, VP
Barbars Pipek, Sec.
Linda Leonard, Treas.
Sim Delapp
Margaret Martine
Doug Mitchell
Marrena Greer
Andrew Cole
Caroline Moser
Robert Crum
Bryan Laws
Marcia Phillips
Kelly Coffey



Join the NC Daniel Boone Heritage Trail .

Memberships help us tell the story of Boone in NC Let us hear from you if you would like to know about volunteer opportunities .

Find us on Facebook at NC Daniel Boone Trail or www.ncdanielboonetrail.org. Contact us through email at ncdanielboonetrail@gmail.com

Grateful for TDA Support

Without funding from the following Travel and Tourism Development Authorities we would not be where we are today.

Davie County
Davidson County
Explore Boone
Surry County
Yadkin County
Wilkes County

Newsletter sponsored by Total Real Estate, Mocksville, NC.

