

THE TRAILBLAZER

Daniel Boone



N C D A N I E L B O O N E H E R I T A G E T R A I L , I N C .

Happy Holidays!

Emily Morgan,
Editor

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A HOME IN THE WILDERNESS

Who Are We?

- Davie County
- Davidson County
- Forsyth County
- Iredell County
- Rowan County
- Watauga County
- Wilkes County
- Yadkin County



2021-2022 Board Officers:

- Mary Bohlen, Co Pres
- Marcia Phillips, Co Pres
- RG Absher, Vice Pres
- Barbara Pipek, Secretary
- Linda Leonard, Treasurer

Board Members:

- Ann Black
- Margaret Carter Martine
- Carolyn McManamy
- Caroline Moser
- Andrew Mackie
- Sim DeLapp

Join us in welcoming new board members for 2023!

Kelly Coffey, Marrena Greer representing Watauga County and Emily Morgan, Doug Mitchell representing Surry County.

Thank you!

Thanks to the support of the Watauga, Surry, Wilkes, Davidson, Davie, and Yadkin County Travel and Tourism Development Authorities (TDA), Total Real Estate in Mocksville, and loyal supporters, we have grown in the following ways.

Over the past three years we have been able to:

- ★ Establish webpage
- ★ Production of an award-winning newsletter
- ★ Addition of two new TDA sponsors - Surry and Davidson Counties
- ★ Conducted an annual meeting at Wilkes Heritage Museum
- ★ Designed and ordered 15,000 rack cards and dispersed to NC Welcome Centers
- ★ Participated in programs at Hickory Ridge Museum in Boone and at the Boone Family Festival in Mocksville and a gathering at Fort Dobbs Historic Site
- ★ Increase in membership
- ★ Commissioned Doug Mitchell to design and make a D. Boone life size cut out that is being displayed at the NorthWest Visitor Center in Wilkesboro
- ★ New Daniel Boone Merchandise including mugs, caps, and tee shirts
- ★ NC Public TV segment on Boone in NC
- ★ Replacement of Boone Historical sign in Ferguson
- ★ Collaboration with Sculptural Artist Brenda Council for the Town of Boone 150th monument.

Here's to 2023!





Merry Holiday wishes to all our friends!

We would like to take this opportunity to send out merry holiday wishes to everyone. May you be blessed with gifts from above. During this season we would invite you to join the NC Daniel Boone Heritage Trail organization, renew your membership or send in a year-end donation to help us accomplish our mission to share the story of Daniel Boone in North Carolina.



One of our goals in 2023 is to produce lesson materials for school teachers and students in elementary grades in the Yadkin Valley region. The life of Boone is an integral part of American History and the history of North Carolina – something our children should know. Thank you for your support. Use the enclosed form and return envelope. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible.

Merry 12 Days of Christmas!

Mary Bohlen
Co-chair

V o l u n t e e r s W a n t e d !

There are opportunities for members to serve on the Boone Trail including Membership, Programs, Scrapbooks & Records, By-Laws, Fundraising, and Publicity. Please email us at ncdanielboonetrail@gmail.com

H a p p y B i r t h d a y R e b e c c a B r y a n B o o n e

Rebecca Bryan was born January 9, 1739 near present day Winchester, Virginia. Her parents were Hester and Joseph Bryan. Little is known about Hester and some records are unclear. She died when Rebecca was very young and we believe that Joseph's mother, Martha Bryan took care of her and her younger sister which would have been the custom. The Bryans were a large and close knit family.

The Bryans were of the Quaker faith and the beliefs and traditions of the family would have been Rebecca's upbringing. When Rebecca was about the age of ten, she with her grandparents and many other Bryan family members moved to the Carolina Colony.

They would have traveled down the Great Wagon Road that extended from Pennsylvania to north Georgia. The road was also known as the Warriors Path. In that time it was not much of a road, but more of a foot trail in some places wide enough for a horse or small cart. Most likely the Bryans had to clear some of the trail to be able to move with a wagon. It was a long, arduous journey filled with risks. Creeks and rivers had to be forded, rugged terrain crossed, caution of wild animals. Wolves were a noted concern.

The Bryans, after many weeks of travel, finally landed in the Forks of the Yadkin in present day Davie County, NC.

Rebecca grew into a young woman here in the Carolina frontier. She learned domestic skills from her grandmother and the woman folk of the family. With a large family of boys and young men she developed outdoor skills like riding a horse, using a rifle and hunting game.

Not long after the Bryans came to Carolina the large Boone family arrived. The Boones and Bryans were friends and neighbors. When Rebecca was about 15 she met one of her brothers' friends, Daniel Boone and a romance blossomed. In 1756 they were married and the life of Rebecca Bryan Boone on the Carolina frontier began.

We celebrate her Birthday with sweet remembrance of a beloved and remarkable lady.

C h r i s t m a s i n t h e A m e r i c a n C o l o n i e s

Christmas in the colonies of early America was strikingly different from our Christmas celebrations of today. We may not know how the Boones spent their Christmas Day but there are primary documents that shed some light on Christmas happenings. Christmas traditions in colonial America were often dependent on location and wealth of a family. Here in the Yadkin Valley region festivities would have been more modest. Feasting, hunting, and merrymaking dominated the holiday. Many of the activities were of the adult gaze, leaving children in their beds during much of the festivities! If gifts were exchanged they were handmade items or uncommon fruits, nuts, and candies. If your family was musically inclined dancing and singing would ring in the holidays and new year.

So while you are celebrating this season remember to break out the fiddles and banjos and that old Christmas lasts until January 6th!

★ Meeting Notes ★



The North Carolina Daniel Boone Heritage Trail members gathered on October 15, 2022, at Fort Dobbs State Historic Site in Iredell County. Those present were Mary Bohlen, Linda Leonard, Robert Crum, Kelly Coffey, and Patricia Johnson. Also in attendance was Scott Douglas, director of the site. Mary reported that Boone Trail merchandise was now available for purchase, consisting of caps, t-shirts, and mugs. Fort Dobbs was constructed by the North Carolina colonial government during the French and Indian War (1754-1763) as a frontier defense against hostile Indians who sided with the French in opposition to the British. Members and Mr. Douglas discussed whether or not Daniel Boone was ever present at Fort Dobbs. Although documentary proof is scarce at best, circumstantial evidence indicates that he probably was at the fort at some point.



Fun Page!



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North Carolina Daniel Boone Heritage Trail, Inc.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Email Address _____

Other Internet Address (Website, Facebook, etc.) _____

Telephone (H) _(____) _____ (C) _(____) _____

"The purpose of the North Carolina Daniel Boone Heritage Trail, Inc. is to identify and celebrate the life, journeys, and cultural heritage of frontiersman Daniel Boone from 1752-1773 throughout the region of the Yadkin River Valley through educational and historical interpretation, while promoting heritage and cultural tourism." -- NCDBHT Bylaws, 2015

Why do you want to become a member? Check all that apply.

- To share my knowledge of Daniel Boone and his life and times
 To help promote the heritage of Daniel Boone and his family in my county
 To help promote tourism in my county
 Other _____

Membership Category:

- Level 1 Pioneer \$10
 Level 2 Hunter 25
 Level 3 Trapper 50
 Level 4 Explorer 100
 Level 5 Trailblazer 500
 Other Donation \$ _____

The State of North Carolina incorporated NC Daniel Boone Heritage Trail on April 6, 2011. North Carolina Daniel Boone Heritage Trail, Inc. is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. Donations are tax-deductible within the extent of IRS tax laws.

What your Membership will do:

- 1) Preserve the heritage of Daniel Boone and his legacy in North Carolina;
- 2) Increase the awareness of Daniel Boone sites in North Carolina;
- 3) Reconnect the public with the history of Daniel Boone and his contemporaries as residents of various locations in the Yadkin River Valley.

Welcome to our membership! Please make your check payable to NCDBHT and mail to Linda Leonard, Treasurer, 126 West Church Street, Mocksville, NC 27028

A note from the editor: Emily Morgan

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**



I want to send out a THANK YOU to everyone who helps make the newsletter a possibility! On November 8th we received an award from the North Carolina Society of Historians. It is my pleasure to put together all the research, notes, and events that are put on by the NC Daniel Boone Heritage Trail. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Happy New Year



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