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Gentlemen,

As your  
letter of August 2nd states  
that you are interested  
in my proposition to make  
a Park of the Danice Boone  
birth place in Berks County  
Pa, I am sending some  
notes taken from a history  
by Constance Lindsay Kinne,  
a descendant of the Boones,  
also some family tradition,  
trusting that some may  
prove interesting I am  
most sincerely

John G. Dillin  
Capt Dillin

*Notes on Daniel Boone  
Copied from Constance Lindsay Skinner,  
A. Decendent, also Historian*

Of America's great explorers, there is one who by his daring and actual achievements, stands classed alone in American History.

Daniel Boone, the father of Kentucky, as he was later styled, was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in the year 1734 (November 2nd). There he lived until in his 17th year, when he with his family emigrated to North Carolina, and settled on the banks of the Yadkin River, and from the writings of Constance Lindsay Skinner, who wrote the History of the Boone family, we glean the following notes.

Daniel made two visits to his old home in Oley Valley, Pa., one in 1781 - another in 1788.

On his visit in 1788, he stopped on his way back to see his daughter Mrs. Goe, who lived in Fayette County, South Western, Pa. Mrs. Goe accompanied her father to Kentucky. He then lived at what later was called Maysville. They travelled by horse and saddle.

Daniel is settled on the Ohio at Kentucky. 1781, Oct. 20, then Daniel came to see us for the first time. 1788, Feb. 12 then Daniel Boone with Rebecca his wife, and their son Nathan, came to see us. 1790, Sept. 13, then W. Willcockson and his family moved for North Carolina." In another handwriting was added to the same record: "Daniel Boone died at Charrette village, in Missouri, on the 26th of September, 1820, aged 86 years, 11 months and 4 days. 1797 Aug. 13, then Rachael Willcockson came from North Carolina to see us, and her neighbors, Elizabeth Freelin and her son, Henry Freelin, in a stage." The foregoing record should be quite sufficient proof in regard to the nativity of the old Kentucky pioneer. It is beyond doubt that he was a son of old Berks, born in their Oley township and the house in which this event occurred is partly standing yet. (1879)

#### DANIEL GOES TO NORTH CAROLINA.

North Carolina was about this time the great place of attraction for adventurers, and Daniel, just 17 years of age, was ever ready for an adventure of this kind; in truth, we know it was his heart's delight. It was adventure that this eccentric character loved and enjoyed, it would seem at times, above everything else.



MIGRATION OF THE BOONE'S.

By Constance Lindsay Skinner.

Southward through the Shenandoah Valley goes the Boone caravan. The women and children sit in the wagons, the men march ahead, or along the side, keeping a keen eye open for Indians or other enemy in the wilds, their rifles under armor over shoulder.

In 1799 Colonel Daniel Boone, his wife and son Nathan moved to Missouri. They went down the Ohio River in a boat. Daniel Morgan Boone, George Buchanan and a negro named Sam, drove the stock by trail. On the way down Nathan Boone got his marriage license. He returned to Little Sandy, 75 miles up the Ohio, and married Miss Olive Van Bibber. They started back and went all the way by land to St. Louis. They went with two ponies and alone. One pony got lame and while in St. Louis a man offered them 80 acres of land right in the town for the lame pony, but Nathan declined, saying he wouldn't trade his pony for all the lands in town. They crossed the Mississippi River in a skiff, the young wife holding the ponies by the bridles. She was 16 years old and Nathan was 18.

About the year 1762, Sarah Morgan Boone brought her youngest son, Squire Boone, Jr., back to Pennsylvania from North Carolina on horseback, to learn the gunsmithing trade, with his cousin Samuel Boone.

DANIEL TELLS OF HIS EXPLORATION

"It was on the first of May, in the year 1769, that I resigned my domestic happiness for a time, and left my family and peaceable habitation on the Yadkin River, in North Carolina, to wander through the wilderness of America, in quest of the country of Kentucky, in company with John Finley, John Stewart, Joseph Holden, James Monay, and William Cool. We proceeded successfully, and after a long and fatiguing journey through a mountainous wilderness, in a westward direction, on the seventh day of June following, we found ourselves on Red River, where John Finley had formerly been trading with the Indians, and, from the top of an eminence, saw with pleasure the beautiful level of Kentucky.

Daniel Bryan, nephew of Daniel Boone, was a Rifle maker; also, E. Boone, period of 1800.



Gurgathie County August the 28<sup>th</sup> 1784  
 Sir I have misd several opportunities of writing to you however it is now too late to do good your Land is all Surveyed But that of Martin Hamano and that so to much Exposed to Danger to Survey at this time and I shall be obliged to hire a man to go and show me Lines improvement using Donot no his from the West and there is 4 or 5 on that Creek I think let your horse till a bout 2 weeks ago But I could come to sell him if possible But he could not then I took him to our Court and set the price of 250 pounds on him but I could not get a single Bid for him the Surveyor than like the horse But money is not to be had at any place so I took him home and swept him for a Mare and Colt for my own use in case I can sell him to a good advantage and shall advance 25 pounds for you I can assure you if I had Cash I could by 20 hours in a week of paper will want to lift there plots out of the office the Cassage 2 plots for settlement and preservation and I know one all in the Register of your Land obtained by treasury warrants the plots is not yet returned But will in a few days I am  
 Sir your most obedient  
 Daniel Boone

Reproduction of a letter written by America's greatest Pioneer, Daniel Boone, born near Reading, Penna. in 1734, moved to North Carolina in 1769. No Monument has ever been erected to the Memory of this great man.

August 24, 1935.

Mr. John G. Dillin,  
Media, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Dillin:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 22, in further reference to your plan to obtain Federal funds for the erection of a monument in honor of Daniel Boone.

We thank you for furnishing us with the additional information contained in your letter and the attached sketch of this pioneer's exploits.

Since your letter of July 26 was transmitted to the National Park Service, Department of Interior, we are referring this additional material to the same office, in order that it may be placed with your original request.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Carroll,  
Special Assistant to the  
Executive Director.

THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
14TH AND G STREETS NW.

August 24, 1935.

To: The Secretary of the Interior.

From: The Special Assistant to the  
Executive Director.

Attention: Mr. Robert H. Officer,  
Works Application Adviser.

There is transmitted herewith a letter from Mr. John G. Dillin, with attached material relative to his proposal to erect a monument in honor of Daniel Boone.

This office, on August 1, referred to you a letter dated July 26, from the same person. The present letter and material are forwarded in order that the proper officials may have the benefit of this additional matter.

A copy of our letter of acknowledgment is also enclosed.



Thomas P. Carroll,  
Special Assistant to the  
Executive Director.

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1935.

MEMORANDUM for Director Cammerer:

There is transmitted herewith for your attention a letter dated August 24 with enclosures from the National Emergency Council relative to a proposal of Mr. John G. Dillin to erect a monument in honor of Daniel Boone.

*E. R. Miller*

Administrative Assistant  
and Budget Officer.

Enclosures.

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

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September 9, 1935.

Captain John G. Dillin,  
Media, Pennsylvania.

My dear Captain Dillin:

The National Park Service has received your letter of August 22, with enclosures, by reference from the National Emergency Council, regarding the site of the birthplace of Daniel Boone.

Thank you for sending this material to us. It will be helpful in the study we are making of this area, and other historic sites in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours, *0-38. Daniel Boone*  
VERNE E. CHATELAIN

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Acting Assistant Director

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