



“I have never been lost, but I will admit to being confused for several weeks.”
- Daniel Boone

Before George Washington began to fight the battles of the Revolution in the east, Daniel Boone and other famous hunters were fighting bears and Indians in what was then called the west. Daniel Boone is one of the most famous pioneers and explorers in American history.

Boone was born November 2, 1734 in a log cabin in Berks County, near present-day Reading, Pennsylvania. His father moved to North Carolina, and Daniel helped him cut down the trees around their log cabin in the forest. He ploughed the land, which was thick with stumps, hoed the corn that grew up among those stumps, and then, as there was no mill near, he pounded it into meal for "johnny-cakes." He learned how to handle a gun quite as soon as he did a hoe.

Boone, with a few companions, went to a new part of the country. The Indians called it Kentucky. There he saw buffalo, deer, bears, and wolves enough to satisfy the best hunter in America. This region was a kind of No Man's Land, because, though many tribes of Indians roamed over it, none of them pretended to own it. These bands of Indians were always fighting and trying to drive each other out, so Kentucky was often called the "Dark and Bloody Ground."

In 1775 Boone, with a party of thirty men, chopped a path through the forest from the mountains of Eastern Tennessee to the Kentucky River, a distance of about two hundred miles. This was the first path in that part of the country leading to the great west. It was called the "Wilderness Road."

Daniel Boone, a famous hunter from North Carolina, opened up a road through the forest, from the mountains of Eastern Tennessee to the Kentucky River. Thousands of emigrants went over it into Kentucky to settle. Boone, with others, built a fort at Boonesborough, Kentucky, and went there to live. That fort protected the settlers against the Indians, and so helped that part of the country to grow until it became the state of Kentucky.



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