

SQUIRE BOONE TALKS ABOUT DANIEL: RACONTEUR THEATRE VERSION

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Squire Boone

Filson:

I am John Filson.

In 1784,

I wrote and published a book entitled

DISCOVERY, SETTLEMENT, and PRESENT STATE OF KENTUCKE.

I was hoping to attract people

to come settle here.

Apparently my efforts were successful

since the book was published

in England and France

as well as in this country.

While gathering information

for this book,

I happened to interview

a man called Dan Boone.

He was laid up with some broken bones

so we had a good long talk

about lots of different things.

I jotted down anything

I thought might be important later on

even though some of his stories

seemed pretty fantastic.

Later, when I was composing my text
The whole thing seemed to be
coming out a little too short
so I used everything Mr. Boone had told me.
That turned out to be my undoing
because ever since the first edition
I've been accused of telling lies
about this man who deserves
so much credit for opening Kentucky
for settlement.

So to clear my name
and reestablish my credibility
I decided to find somebody
who had good reason to know Mr. Boone
better than anybody else.

I was given to believe
that the one person best suited to this task
would be the brother he mentioned so frequently
during our interview.

I was told that this brother
had settled with his family
near Corydon, Indiana.

Hence, here I am at a place called
SQUIRE BOONE CAVERNS
ready to interview this gentleman
who, I have been told,
is Daniel Boones' brother.