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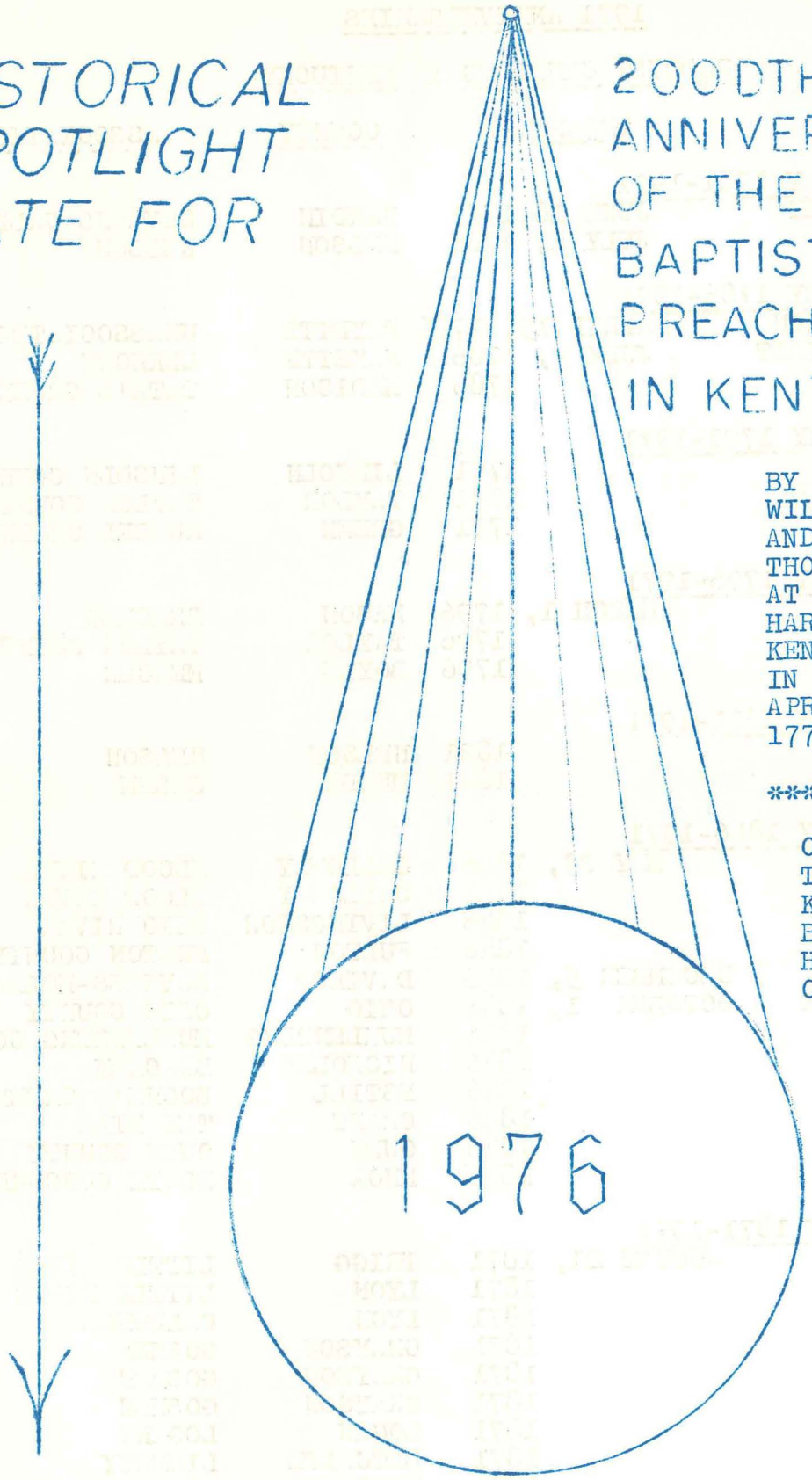

BY
WILLIAM HICKMAN
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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS

1971 ANNIVERSARIES

BAPTIST CHURCHES IN KENTUCKY

CHURCH	ORGANIZED	COUNTY	ASSOCIATION
190TH ANNIVERSARY 1781-1971			
SEVERNS VALLEY	JUNE 18,1781	HARDIN	SEVERNS VALLEY
CEDAR CREEK	JULY 4, 1781	NELSON	NELSON
185TH ANNIVERSARY 1786-1971			
BRYANTS STATION	APRIL 15, 1786	FAYETTE	UNASSOCIATED
LEXINGTON, FIRST	JULY -, 1786	FAYETTE	ELKHORN
TATES CREEK	1786	MADISON	TATE'S CREEK
180TH AVVIVERSARY 1791-1971			
CRAB ORCHARD	1791	LINCOLN	LINCOLN COUNTY
CAMPBELLSVILLE	1791	TAYLOR	TAYLOR COUNTY
BRUSH CREEK	1791	GREEN	RUSSEL CREEK
175TH ANNIVERSARY 1796-1971			
STONE LICK	MARCH 1, 1796	MASON	BRACKEN
GOOD HOPE	1796	TAYLOR	TAYLOR COUNTY
DEEP CREEK	1796	BOYLE	MERCER
150TH ANNIVERSARY 1821-1971			
CHAPLIN FORK	1821	NELSON	NELSON
WOLF CREEK	1821	MEADE	SALEM
125TH ANNIVERSARY 1846-1971			
MURRAY, FIRST	MAY 23, 1846	CALLOWAY	BLOOD RIVER
ELM GROVE	1846	CALLOWAY	BLOOD RIVER
DYER HILL	1846	LIVINGSTON	OHIO RIVER
HICKMAN FIRST	1846	FULTON	FULTON COUNTY
BRUSHY FORK	DECEMBER 5, 1846	DAVIESS	DAVIESS-MCLEAN
PLEASANT GROVE	OCTOBER 1, 1846	OHIO	OHIO COUNTY
OAK GROVE	1846	MUHLENBERG	MUHLENBERG CO.
LOCUST GROVE	1846	NICHOLAS	BRACKEN
COW CREEK	1846	ESTILL	BOONE'S CREEK
CLARK'S CREEK	1846	GRANT	TEN MILE
CANEY FORK	1846	OWEN	OWEN COUNTY
LOCUST GROVE	1846	KNOX	NORTH CONCORD
100TH ANNIVERSARY 1871-1971			
LIBERTY POINT	AUGUST 21, 1871	TRIGG	LITTLE RIVER
LAMASCO	1871	LYON	LITTLE RIVER
HEBRON	1871	LYON	CALDWELL
PLEASANT VIEW	1871	GRAYSON	GOSHEN
GRANDVIEW	1871	GRAYSON	GOSHEN
PILGRIM	1871	GRAYSON	GOSHEN
BETHLEHEM?	1871	LOGAN	LOGAN?
ANTIOCH	1871	METCALFE	LIBERTY
NEW HOPE	1871	HART	LIBERTY
GRANDVIEW	1871	HARDIN	SALEM
MT. CARMEL	1871	BULLITT	NELSON
CORINTH	DECEMBER -, 1871	CLARK	BOONE'S CREEK
NORTH ROLLING FORK	1871	BOYLE	SOUTH DISTRICT
RIVERSIDE	1871	BELL	BELL COUNTY
BETHANY	1871	LYON	LITTLE RIVER

CHURCH	ORGANIZED	COUNTY	ASSOCIATION
75TH ANNIVERSARY 1896-1971			
OBION	1896	HICKMAN	WEST KENTUCKY
OWENSBORO, THIRD	AUGUST 9, 1896	DAVIESS	DAVIESS-MCLEAN
INDEPENDENCE	MARCH 10, 1896	OHIO	OHIO COUNTY
CENTRAL GROVE	1896	OHIO	OHIO COUNTY
ADVANCE	SEPT. 10, 1896	HENDERSON	GREEN VALLEY
LUCAS GROVE	1896	HARDIN	LYNN
HOPEWELL	1896	JEFFERSON	LONG RUNN
LOUISVILLE, BAPTIST TEMPLE	APRIL 19, 1896	JEFFERSON	LONG RUN
NEW BANKLICK	1896	KENTON	NORTHERN KY.
BEREA	1896	MADISON	TATES CREEK
MT. HEBRON	1896	LINCOLN	LINCOLN COUNTY
NEELY'S CREEK	1896	McCREARY	McCREARY COUNTY
MACEDONIA	1896	MADISON	ROCKCASTLE
MONTICELLO, FIRST	1896	WAYNE	WAYNE COUNTY
EAST PITTSBURG	1896	LAUREL	LAUREL RIVER
PILGRIM'S REST	1896	LAUREL	LAUREL RIVER
EBENEZER	1896	BELL	NORTH CONCORD
JACKSON, FIRST	1896	BREATHITT	RED RIVER
50TH ANNIVERSARY 1921-1971			
DIAMOND	1921	WEBSTER	LITTLE BETHEL
BROWDER	1921	MUHLENBERG	MUHLENBERG CO.
POST OAK	SEPT. 2, 1921	LOGAN	BETHEL
BOWLING GREEN, CALVARY	1921	WARREN	WARREN
LYNDON	FEB. 9, 1921	JEFFERSON	LONG RUN
SUNNYSIDE	1921	BULLITT	LONG RUN
WEST IRVING, CALVARY	JULY 31, 1921	ESTILL	BOONE'S CREEK
DUNBAR HILL	JULY 21, 1921	ADAIR	RUSSELL CREEK
POPLAR SPRINGS	1921	CASEY	CASEY COUNTY
WALKER'S CHAPEL	1921	McCREARY	McCREARY COUNTY
MT. GILBOA	1921	TAYLOR	TAYLOR COUNTY
RIVERVIEW	1921	BELL	BELL COUNTY
CORBIN, CENTRAL	1921	WHITLEY	MT. ZION
CHERRYVILLE	NOV. 20, 1921	LAWRENCE	GREENUP
WEST VANLEAR	1921	JOHNSON	ENTERPRISE
McVEIGH	1921	PIKE	PIKE
FRANKFORT, THORN HILL	1921	FRANKLIN	FRANKLIN
25TH ANNIVERSARY 1946-1971			
WICE	1946	McCRACKEN	WEST UNION
MIDWAY	1946	FULTON	FULTON COUNTY
IMMANUEL	1946	HOPKINS	LITTLE BETHEL
OWENSBORO, CRABTREE AVE.	JAN.6 1946	DAVIESS	DAVIESS-McLEAN
RUSSELLVILLE, SECOND	1946	LOGAN	BETHEL
PARIS, CENTRAL	1946	BOURBON	ELKHORN
LEXINGTON, CHEVY CHASE	1946	FAYETTE	ELKHORN
SLATEY POINT	1946	ROWAN	BRACKEN
CAMP PLEASANT	1946	FRANKLIN	FRANKLIN
NEWBY	MARCH 24, 1946	MADISON	TATE'S CREEK
DANVILLE, GETHSEMANE	1946	BOYLE	SOUTH DISTRICT
BLACK OAK	1946	WHITLEY	EAST UNION
MIDDLESBORO, RICHARDSON'S CH.	1946	BELL	BELL COUNTY
LEATHERWOOD	AUGUST 4, 1946	PERRY	THREE FORKS

CHURCH	ORGANIZED	COUNTY	ASSOCIATION
10TH ANNIVERSARY 1961-1971			
PADUCAH, STRATHMOOR	1961	McCRACKEN	WEST UNION
NORTH BENTON	1961	MARSHALL	BLOOD RIVER
BOWLING GREEN, BETHEL	1961	WARREN	WARREN
OAK GROVE	1961	JEFFERSON	LONG RUN
CHAPEL PARK	1961	JEFFERSON	LONG RUN
DAVIS MEMORIAL	1961	JEFFERSON	LONG RUN
NEW SALEM	1961	JEFFERSON	LONG RUN
WICKLAND	1961	SPENCER	NELSON
WHITE SULPHUR	JANUARY 11, 1961	SCOTT	ELKHORN
LEXINGTON, WOODLAND AVE.	OCT. 1,1961	FAYETTE	ELKHORN
HEBRON	1961	KENTON	NORTHERN KY.
NEWPORT, CALVARY	JAN. 8,1961	CAMPBELL	NORTHERN KY.
HIGHLAND HILLS	1961	CAMPBELL	NORTHERN KY.
FAIRVIEW	1961	TAYLOR	TAYLOR COUNTY
LYTTLETON	1961	CLAY	BOONEVILLE
DEER STABLES	1961	JACKSON	IRVINE
MIDDLESBORO, W. CUMBERLAND AVE.	1961	BELL	BELL COUNTY
DAVID	1961	FLOYD	ENTERPRISE

200 YEARS AGO

THE FIRST BAPTIST TO STAND ON KENTUCKY SOIL

SQUIRE BOONE II 1744-1815

(FROM THE BOONE FAMILY AND KENTUCKY BAPTISTS, BY DR. LEO T. CRISMON, 1946, PAGES 7-12)

Squire Boone II was the first of the Boone family to become a Kentucky Baptist preacher, and "he was the first Baptist preacher that planted foot in Kentucky."27 From the fifth generation from George Boone I, which Squire Boone II represents, to the present day (the ninth generation) there has been in every generation at least one Baptist preacher who has served at least a part of his ministry in Kentucky.

Squire Boone II was born October 5, 1744, in Berks County, Pennsylvania.28 The family moved by way of Winchester, Virginia to Wilkes County, North Carolina. In his youth he was apprenticed to his cousin, Samuel Boone, to learn the trade of gunsmithing, but after five years he gave it up and returned to his home. On August 8, 1765, he was married to Jane Van Cleve. To them were born five children, all of whom were given Bible names: Jonathan (1766); Moses (1769); Isaiah (1772); Sarah (1775); and Enoch (1778).

After the death of his father in 1765, Squire began to accompany his brother Daniel on hunting trips. In November, 1769, with a young companion he set out to find his brother, Daniel, whose return from Kentucky was overdue.* Dr. Jillson says that Squire saved the life of his brother by coming to Kentucky in search of him.29 He and Daniel returned to North Carolina where Squire spent the next four years.

Since he had been removed from the influence of the Society of Friends back in eastern Pennsylvania, he accepted the rugged Christian faith of the southern Appalachian uplands. Between 1770 and 1775, he became an occasional preacher among the Calvinistic Baptists. George W. Ranck says that he was a "Baptist Elder as well as Indian fighter."30 Lewis Collins refers to him as "an occasional preacher in the Calvinistic Baptist Church," and Spencer lists him first in a group of Regular Baptist preachers in Kentucky in 1785.31

* Spencer (I, 11) says they met about January 1, 1770. "Soon after this, John Stuart was killed by the Indians. The rest of the party having returned home, the Boone brothers spent the winter alone in the great western wilderness."

Squire Boone was, with his brother Daniel, a delegate to the Transylvania Convention which met at Boonesborough on May 25, 1775,[32] and showing his interest as a hunter, he introduced a bill "to preserve the range."[33] At Boonesborough on August 7, 1776, he performed the first marriage in Kentucky, uniting in wedlock Samuel Henderson and Elizabeth Callaway, who with her younger sister and Daniel Boone's daughter, was captured by the Indians while idly floating down the Kentucky River in a canoe.[34] In the summer of 1777, Squire Boone was living with his family at Harrodsburg (Old Fort Harrod). In an encounter with the Indians he received a glancing blow on the head from a tomahawk which resulted in a severe facial wound and which left a prominent scar which he carried the rest of his life.

In 1779, Squire Boone moved his family down the Kentucky and Ohio Rivers to Louisville where he purchased some lots and erected a cabin near the mouth of Bear Grass Creek. "He signed the early petitions of 1779 and 1780 presented by the residents of Louisville to the Legislature of Virginia for the establishment of the town. He-a Baptist- is said to have preached the first sermon in Louisville."[35]

In 1780-81, while serving as justice of the peace in Jefferson County, he married many couples at his station, "The Painted Stone," in what is now Shelby County which he had first visited as early as "the summer of 1775."[36] In April, 1781 while Squire Boone and others were attacked by the Indians, he rushed out garbed only in a white shirt-a rare garment in those days-and some Indians anticipating his action fired on him from their hiding places and severely wounded him. He received two bullet wounds and for a time it was thought that he would not live. "It was told that afterwards, Simon Girty, the renegade white who led the attack and planned the Indian strategy, used to laugh and boast about how 'he had made Squire Boone's shirt tail fly'."[37]

In the summer of 1781, the station at "The Painted Stone" had to be abandoned. A little later Squire Boone returned after dark one night to the station to see if any damage had been done to the buildings and crops. As he returned late at night he decided to spend the rest of the night at Long Run Creek. He slept close to his horse. When morning came he discovered that some Indians had camped close to him, but since they greatly outnumbered him, "he slipped away without firing a shot which-he many times afterwards said-he greatly regretted."[38] In 1783, he wasa member of the Virginia Legislature from Kentucky,[39] and on December 27, 1784[40], he was a member of the first Kentucky Convention at Danville, sitting as a delegate from Lincoln County.[41]

He stayed in Kentucky until 1787 and then went by way of Vicksburg, Mississippi to New Orleans, Louisiana. After three years he then returned to Kentucky, but being dissatisfied with conditions, he went to Florida and then back to the old home in Berks, County, Pennsylvania. He came back to Kentucky in 1795, and stayed until 1799, when he went to Missouri. From 1802, until 1806, he was in Kentucky again.

About this time his great land holdings began to dwindle rapidly under the pressure of numerous land attorneys. Back and unpaid taxes were due on much of his land and he had no money with which to meet these necessary obligations. In this extremity, facing dire adversity and overwhelming indebtedness, the loss of his landed estates and merciless court action by land sharks, on May 18th, 1804, in his former home on his "Painted Stone" preemption tract in Shelby County, he issued his heartbreaking statement in which he said that he was "principaled against going into the town of Shelbyville upon any business whatsoever." Shortly thereafter he was imprisoned in Louisville for debts he could not pay, but was soon released by friends who were moved to pity by his extenuated circumstances.[42]

Because of these conditions he left Kentucky for the last time in 1806. He moved to Harrison County, Indiana where he erected a home and again took up gunsmithing.

> With increasing years Squire's religious impulses, overriding his Indian fighting proclivities, became increasingly dominant and found, in some instances, curious outlets for their expression. Among these were his attempts at verse, some lines of which at various and odd times he carved on sizeable building stones, "packed" in himself from distant fields, and implanted conspicuously in the outside walls of his new Indiana home. Typical of the couplets which have been thus preserved are the following:
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> "I set and sing my soul's salvation
> And bless the God of my Creation."
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> "Keep close your intention
> For fear of prevention."
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> "My God my life hath much befriended,
> I'll praise him till my days are ended."[43]

Squire Boone developed the practice of writing on stone for records of his deeds and claims. "In the court house yard at Richmond, Kentucky, stands a heavy tan sandstone slab on which the casual visitor may read '1770 Squire Boone'." It is thought that he carved his name and date on this stone after his return from North Carolina with supplies, before he located his brother, Daniel, on July 17, 1770 to let him know that he had safely returned.[44]

In 1776, he planted a crop in Shelby County on Clear Creek and erected a rectangular sone slab bearing his name, "In the spring of 1776, I came again to the same place and took a stone out of the creek, and with a mill pick, picked my name, in full, and the date of the year thereon, and with red paint, I painted the letters and figures all red. From which stone this Tract of land took the name of "The Painted Stone' tract."[45]

Squire Boone died of dropsy in August, 1815, and was buried in a cave in Boone Township, Harrison County, Indiana, five miles from Laconia, across the Ohio River from Brandenburg, Kentucky. A portrait of him appears in the Filson Club History Quarterly, July, 1942.[46]

> Surrounded by the rapidly changing and frequently dangerous vicissitudes of the frontier, the talents of Squire Boone were such that he could valiantly lead a hand to hand attack against the savages in the forest or return to the fort and bind up wounds and set broken bones with the assurance of a physician. His knowledge of woodcraft was little short of marvelous, so much so indeed that he was never captured or taken unawares by Indians when alone in the Wilderness, and his devotion to the Bible was so well known that his services were equally sought to preach the Word of the Gospel or perform the rites of marriage, as the occasion might demand.
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> As a leader on the border, where murder, scalping and arson were of common occurrence, Squire Boone was resolutely set against and without pity for his redskinned foe. With his friends, who were legion, he was genial and large of heart, ever mindful of the weaknesses of human nature. As a man, throughout his life in both prosperity and adversity, he held the respect of thousands who admired his unique achievements in the Indian wars, his high personal courage and his incorruptible integrity.[47]

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37. Jillson, op. cit., p. 160.
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