



Squire Boone, presented by Mike Harrod

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Carnegie Library Center, 731 College St., Shelbyville, KY

The Shelby County Historical Society, in conjunction with the Shelby County Public Library, will host *Squire Boone, presented by Mike Harrod*, a program that will recount Squire Boone's life and his association with Shelby County. Harrod's factual account is based on personal research and a vivid interest in this frontier time period.

Squire Boone established his fort in a very pivotal era of Shelby County's rich history. Settling Painted Stone Station in 1779/1780, Squire was one of the founding fathers of the county along with many other brave souls who ventured into the western lands of what became Kentucky. While settlers fled the fort in September of the following year in route to Lynn's Station (one of the Beargrass Stations), quite a number of them had settled at Painted Stone, trusting in Boone's knowledge of the frontier. He was a woodsman, gunsmith, preacher, militia commander and possessed many other outstanding leadership traits.

Squire Maugridge Boone, Jr. left his mark on Shelby County and Kentucky history. He was the son of Sarah Jarman Morgan and Squire Boone, Sr. – Squire being a name, not a title. He married Jane Van Cleave in 1765 and they had five children. Squire was at Ft. Boonesboro in September 1778 during the Great Siege where he used his talents as an artisan and gunsmith to fashion two wooden cannons from black gum tree trunks banded by iron wagon wheels. Squire was a man of the times, very clever, and very driven. Wherever older brother Daniel went, Squire was not far behind.

Mike Harrod is a retired District Judge for the Commonwealth of KY Court of Justice. He is involved with the Shelby County Parks Board, Clear Creek Conservation Trust, Friends of Grove Hill Cemetery, Board of Directors of Grove Hill, and Friends of Boone's Trace. He enjoys the outdoors, padding, camping, hiking, fishing, caving and Kentucky frontier history, especially that of Daniel Boone.

Learn more about this great historical figure and Shelby County's past through *Squire Boone and Nicholas Meriwether, Kentucky Pioneers*, by Ronald R. Van Stockum, Sr.