

# Adair County author brings Kentucky's history to life

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Contributor

When you open most books or newspapers to learn something about Kentucky authors and writers will locate you by recalling a city or county, perhaps a historic landmark. The Kentucky that Russell Lunsford explores in his new book, Daniel Boone's Kentucky, exists in a time before Kentucky had cities or counties and where the historic landmarks were nothing more than the spots people found to rest their heads.

Daniel Boone's Kentucky is the fourth book from Lunsford, and his third middle-grades historical adventure. His two previous forays into the genre followed Ben Tuggle, a young man from the modern world who magically transports back into the past and brings his modern outlook back to look on the early days of Kentucky and the nation.

This new book doesn't utilize in-text time travel to bring the reader back in time, rather the story takes its life in the narration of Jemima Boone, Daniel's 11-years-old daughter. For Lunsford, the decision to use Jemima as his narrator came from both a desire to keep the storyteller at the age of his readers, and a harrowing

incident in Jemima's life that helped pull him into the story.

In July of 1776, a raiding party caught Jemima Boone and two of her friends while they were out floating in a canoe. The raiding party was out harassing white settlers as part of their fight of resistance against the western expansion of the colonists. The party was comprised of Cherokee and Shawnee and hurried the girls north away from the settlement of Boonesborough and into Shawnee lands. The girls attempted to leave signs of their journey and otherwise frustrate their captors, but their efforts were continually frustrated.

Daniel Boone led a party for three days following the trail until, as the raiders prepared the breakfast fire, Boone and his party ambushed them and secured the rescue of Jemima and her friends.

But the story of Boone on the frontier was never simple for Boone, nor is it simple in Lunsford's telling. Throughout the tale, Jemimah feels the tension her father and her people have in their state of almost unceasing strife with the indigenous peoples they encounter. And while Jemima is definitely on her father's side, conflicts between the settlers and the

tribes are tragic even in their triumphs as every victory for the settlers bears a cost.

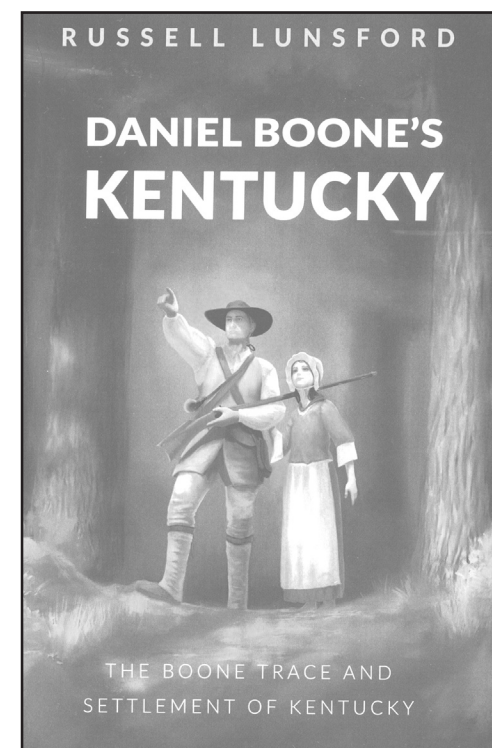
The book is not all encounters with raiding parties and daring escapes (though there is a reason Daniel Boone continues to live in the imaginations of Americans), but it is also the daily life on the frontier: making medicines from tree bark and playing lacrosse, where even a thunderstorm or an evening stroll could lead to calamity.

Daniel Boone's Kentucky opens with maps of Boone's adventures, the places you'll become familiar with as you follow Jemima and her father on their adventures. At the end of the book you will find new maps with familiar cities and highways where historical landmarks are something more than the spots where people rested their heads because now you know those people and their world a little bit better.

Apart from authoring history books for younger readers, Mr. Lunsford is also available to visit schools to talk about his books, the history of Kentucky, and writing. To reach Mr. Lunsford about arranging a school or other visit (whenever that might be) go to <RussellLunsford.com> and select the 'Contact' tab. Daniel Boone's Ken-

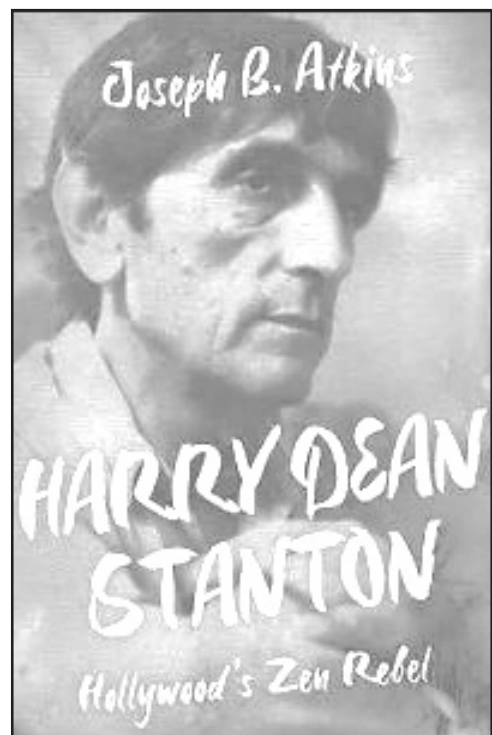
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NOTE: Russell is a nephew of Verna T. Alexander of V.C. Witt Road in Irvine.



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## Harry Dean Stanton book is soon to be released



A book about a West Irvine native who became a well-known actor is soon to be released and is called "Harry Dean Stanton: Hollywood's Zen Rebel" by Joseph B. Atkins.

Harry Dean has been a source of pride for Estill Countians for decades, exemplifying that even someone from little ol' Estill County can "run with the big dogs." Regardless of all his fame and notoriety, Harry has never shunned his Estill County roots. Upon watching the movie "Fire Down Below" starring Steven Seagal, one can see that Harry's character "Cotton Harry" uses mannerisms and sayings borrowed from his Estill County family. He was very close to his Aunt Beulah Richardson of Irvine, calling her often to catch up, and Beulah would never miss a showing of one of his films on television. Harry once said, "I was born on the edge of the mountains in Kentucky and now although I live in Hollywood I still feel more related to nature. It's an attitude."

Harry Dean Stanton (1926-2017) got his start in Hollywood in TV productions such as Zane Grey Theater and Gunsmoke. After a series of minor parts in

forgettable westerns, he gradually began to get film roles that showcased his laid-back acting style, appearing in Cool Hand Luke (1967), Kelley's Heroes (1970), The Godfather: Part II (1974), and Alien (1979). He became a headliner in the eighties—starring in Wim Wenders's moving Paris, Texas (1984) and Alex Cox's Repo Man (1984)—but it was his extraordinary skill as a character actor that established him as a revered cult figure and kept him in demand throughout his career.

Writer Joseph B. Atkins unwinds Stanton's enigmatic persona in the first biography of the man Vanity Fair memorialized as "the philosopher poet of character acting." He sheds light on Stanton's early life in West Irvine, Kentucky, exploring his difficult relationship with his Baptist parents, his service in the United States Navy, and the events that inspired him to drop out of college and pursue acting. Atkins also explores Stanton as a Hollywood legend, chronicling his years rooming with Jack Nicholson, partying with David Crosby and Mama Cass, jogging with Bob Dylan, and playing poker with John Huston.

Harry Dean Stanton is often remembered for his crowd-pleasing roles in movies like Pretty in Pink (1986) or Escape from New York (1981), but this impassioned biography illuminates the entirety of his incredible sixty-year career. Drawing on interviews with the actor's friends, family, and colleagues, this much-needed book offers an unprecedented look at a beloved figure.

About the Author: Joseph B. Atkins is a veteran newspaper and magazine writer whose articles have appeared in USA Today, Baltimore Sun, the Oxford American, and In These Times. He is also the author of Covering for the Bosses: Labor and the Southern Press. He lives in Oxford Mississippi.

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## Births - Baptist Health Richmond

Births -- Baptist Health of Richmond					
County	DOB	Parents	Town	Gender	
Madison	Oct 5, 2020	Ashley Ledford and David Gamble	Berea	Boy	
Madison	Oct 5, 2020	Emily and Case Covington	Richmond	Girl	
Madison	Oct 6, 2020	Amanda and John Russell	Richmond	Girl	
Madison	Oct 6, 2020	Kayla Pierson and David Marcum	Berea	Girl	
Estill	Oct 7, 2020	Ashley Jean Oliver	Irvine	Girl	
Madison	Oct 7, 2020	Maryann Abner & Mycal McDonald	Berea	Boy	
Rockcastle	Oct 7, 2020	Morgan and Dalton Miller	Mt. Vernon	Girl	
Fayette	Oct 8, 2020	Stephanie Robinette & Jarrett Hoskins	Lexington	Girl	
Madison	Oct 8, 2020	Savannah Schroder & Austin Daniel	Berea	Boy	
Madison	Oct 8, 2020	Jennifer and Lane Hensley	Richmond	Boy	
Estill	Oct 9, 2020	Kortney Crowe and Adam Estes	Irvine	Girl	
Rockcastle	Oct 11, 2020	Christina and Donovan McGuire	Mt. Vernon	Girl	
Lee	Oct 11, 2020	Shelby and Caleb Bowman	Beattyville	Girl	
Madison	Oct 12, 2020	Savannah and Dustin Rader	Richmond	Girl	
Madison	Oct 12, 2020	Rachel Velena and Joel Mendoza	Richmond	Girl	
Madison	Oct 12, 2020	Larizza Pacheco & Hector Martinez	Richmond	Girl	
Madison	Oct 13, 2020	Sara Baker and Blake Holt	Richmond	Boy	
Madison	Oct 13, 2020	Hannah Eads and Gregory Denz	Richmond	Girl	
Rowan	Oct 13, 2020	Desirae Fogle and Matthew Tolson	Morehead	Boy	
Estill	Oct 14, 2020	Carena and Noah Riddell	Ravenna	Boy	
Lee	Oct 14, 2020	Samantha Jo Griffin	Beattyville	Boy	
Lee	Oct 14, 2020	Peyton Henry and Jordan Peters	Beattyville	Boy	
Madison	Oct 15, 2020	Stacie Friend and Steven Fowles	Richmond	Girl	

## top ten

### Natural ADHD Supplements

1. Fish oil
2. Zinc
3. Vitamin D
4. Iron
5. Multivitamin
6. Magnesium
7. Inositol
8. Ginkgo Biloba
9. Bacopa
10. Gotu kola

Source: ADDitude magazine

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We find ourselves in unique times, but the commitment to our children and staff will always be what is most important. Please allow me to continue work to move our district forward to be the best.

I would appreciate your consideration and vote.

Paid by Rhonda Hardy

## top ten

### Food Order TRENDS

1. Spicy chicken sandwich
2. Plant-based burger
3. Vanilla shake
4. Iced latte
5. Chili
6. Cinnamon roll
7. Chimichanga
8. Beef burrito
9. Potato taco
10. Taro milk tea

Source: Grubhub

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