

# Daniel Boone Query, 1793-1870

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Daniel was the son of George Daniel Query (1754-1837) and Eva Marie Wilfree (1759-1835).

He enlisted in the Maryland Militia on August 3, 1814 when the British began landing on the east coast of the US during the War of 1812. As the British force began marching on Washington DC, 30 miles from Daniel's home in Montgomery County, Maryland, his unit, under the command of Lt. Col. Jacob Kramer, was ordered to head them off at Bladensburg, Maryland. The battle, fought on August 24, 1814, was a rout. 6000 American militiamen ran for their lives as the British fired rockets for the first time in warfare. Daniel Query and his fellow soldiers in Kramer's militia fired at the enemy as they approached their positions near a bridge, and when the British returned fire, the militiamen ran for a hill toward the rear. Daniel Query and his brother-in-law David Spohn made their way through Washington, which was hurriedly being evacuated and where preparations were being made to destroy munitions stored there. As they hiked up a hill, they turned to see the nation's capitol in flames. It was a sight both would never forget. He was discharged on November 10, 1814. His pension record indicates that he was 6' 2" tall, dark complexion and had a red spot on his cheek. Source: War of 1812 Service Records. Roll Box: 170, Roll Exct: 602, Surname: Query, Given Name: Daniel, Company: CRAMER'S DETACHMENT, MARYLAND MILITIA.

Shortly after his discharge, he moved to Adams County, Ohio where many of his sisters and brothers were. Daniel, or David, as he was known, traveled with his sister Sarah in April 1820 from West Union, Adams County, Ohio to Rush County, Indiana. According to the Original Rush County Landowners Company by Maurice Homes, Daniel bought a tract of land there on November 2, 1820. In 1822, along with Brother-in-Law John Wood, they built a mill and distillery on Flat Rock, and by means of waterpower, operated it for several years. On November 11, 1827 he married Delilah Shoppele (1803-1881) in Rush County, Indiana. The family is listed in the both the 1830 and 1840 Censuses of Orange Township, Rush County, Indiana. In 1845 they moved to Cynthiana in nearby Shelby County, Indiana. Daniel died in Shelby County, Indiana on June 9, 1870. He and wife Delila are buried there at the Blue Ridge Cemetery. Source: The Shelby County History, 1887 Edition, page 692.

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