

## **CHRISTIAN SPEARS IN KENTUCKY, 1755-1811**



**Christian Spears, a young German immigrant arrived in Kentucky in 1778 shortly after Daniel Boone was captured by the Indians at the salt lick with 28 of his Boonesborough friends. Christian came to the fort, now woefully deserted of men who could defend it.**

**Christian and his good friend John Burger registered their claims right behind Daniel in January 1780 after he had escaped. They met in the Register's office while waiting for their time among the dozens and dozens of men who had come to claim land.**

**When 1200 Indians and British soldiers came to Ruddell's Settlement in Bourbon County and took this young couple along with almost 350 others, everyone's life changed. Murder, slavery, captivity, and families were torn apart and kept by the Indians while those who were marched to Detroit experienced great suffering along the way. Some joined the British army in Detroit. Some were imprisoned in Detroit or Montreal. Some were captives there for several years, yet allowed to roam the area working for others. Some settled in Canada and lived their lives there.**

**This is the story of Christian and the people he interfaced with from 1778 - 1811. It is historically accurate and the many resources used to develop it are recorded in this book.**

**You see what life was like for this young man, what he lived for, who he knew, what he sensed and loved and slowly his true nature comes into focus.**

**Daniel Boone was one of the most noted pioneers of that time, and his story is told in great detail other places. John Holder and Simon Kenton were in some respects mirror images of Daniel and experienced many of the same challenges including adoption by the Indians. They each had similar experiences, yet a different story of what pioneer life was like. Their stories are well known.**

**Christian's story brings yet another portrait of what life was like for a person of different background, and hopes and dreams in the same time**

**and at the same part of Kentucky as his more famous fellow Kentuckians.**

Christian was a farmer, an occupation not well told in the formative Kentucky literature. As a result this book fills in a gap of what early life there was like. Because it is a true story in novel format it is easy to read, yet filled with historical facts and references.

This is LaRoux Gillespie's 41<sup>st</sup> book. In addition to a full life as engineer he has filled the literature of manufacturing with over 260 publications in addition to his books. Most of his current books deal with local history or family history, but he is also finishing a handbook on advanced manufacturing and launching another family history book. He is fully occupied with writing and consulting.

**CHRISTIAN SPEARS IN KENTUCKY: 1755-1811**

is a 6x9 inch 450 page. It includes almost 400 references, 50 pages of chapter insights, and 15 pages of illustrations. It is a true picture of life in the 1780-1811 era as Kentucky becomes a state, and as Bourbon County becomes a nationally known entity. His cousin settles there and begins Bourbon whiskey. His neighbors are killed by Indians, He lives in Lexington as it begins it's life and before that as a prisoner of war in Detroit, a town of 2500 in the year 1780.

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