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Daniel Boone Protects His Family

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Map Maker: Schile
Date: 1874
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 25 x 18.5 inches
Price: \$ 1,200.00



Description:

Rare separately published image of Daniel Boone, protecting his family against an apparent attack by a Native American holding a tomahawk.

The image shows Daniel Boone fighting with a Native American, as his wife cowers over their son on the left.

The image evokes the legend of Daniel Boone as an Indian fighter. Boone was a towering American hero in his lifetime, especially after the account of his adventures in the frontier was published in 1784. His adventures, both real and legendary, embodied the Western hero of American folklore. Early literary history unfortunately reshaped Daniel Boone into the stereotype of the belligerent, Indian-hating frontiersman, longing for the "thrilling excitement of savage warfare."

The real Boone opposed bloodshed, and in fact there is no record that Boone ever scalped Indians, unlike other frontiersmen of the era. Despite losing two sons in wars with Indians, he respected Indians and was respected by them. In Missouri, Boone often hunted with the Shawnees who had captured and adopted him decades earlier.

The present example is a deluxe colored example, with an enhanced black and gold border.

Examples of this image can be found in the National Museum of American History, Amon Carter Museum and other important American collections.



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