

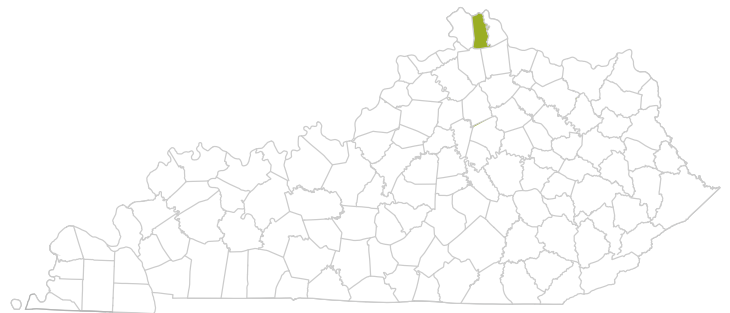
LEADERSHIP & LEGACY IN KENTUCKY HISTORY
DANIEL BEARD | 1850-1941



Charles J. Elder, a member of Troop 22, poses in his Boy Scout uniform.
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BOY SCOUT TRADITIONS – Without even knowing it, millions of boys have been part of Daniel Beard’s legacy. An Ohio native who grew up in Covington, Beard loved the outdoors and the pioneer spirit of early Kentucky. He created the educational organization, Sons of Daniel Boone (later known as Boy Pioneers of America), to encourage boys and young men to learn about and explore nature. Because these organizations merged with what would become the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Beard is considered to be a BSA founder. A long-time BSA member and supporter, Beard receives credit for designing the Boy Scout hat, shirt, neckerchief and many of the merit badges.

Learn more about Daniel Beard at [ExploreKYHistory](#), a KHS initiative to dig deeper into the history behind Kentucky historical markers.



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