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A century or so after Daniel Boone and his fellow defenders out-waited besieging Native-Americans at the Boonesborough fort, Howard Pyle created this illustration for *Harper's Weekly*. It was published in June of 1887 with this title: "Defenders In Siege Of Boonesborough."

Blackfish reminded Boone of the promises he had made to give up the fort.

When Boone told Blackfish he was no longer in command of the fort that bore his name, Blackfish agreed to negotiate only if Boone and the other leaders agreed to talk in front of the fort—not inside the fort.

Everyone knew that agreeing to such a strategy would pose a significant risk for the Americans. If they were outside the protection of the fort, what would stop the Indians from attacking?

Boone's argument in favor of negotiating outside the fort was to allow people inside the fort more time to better prepare their defenses. Boone convinced a delegation to meet with Blackfish outside the fort. Later, those actions formed part of the evidence against him.

During the negotiations, the Shawnee attempted to take members of the negotiating team as prisoners. Fighting broke out between the fort and the Indians, and the Shawnee <u>laid siege</u> to Boonesborough.

After ten days passed, the Shawnee grew restless. Siege warfare was not their normal strategy. They withdrew after ten days, and the fort was saved.

To some, Daniel Boone was a hero. To others, he was a traitor. He was charged with treason and placed under house arrest.

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