

Historical Marker for Butler's Landing, Clay County, Tennessee

First side of marker:

BUTLER'S LANDING

Daniel Boone, on his second trip to the Western Territory in 1773, following the old game and Indian trail to where two creeks flowed into the Cumberland River. He referred to them as the Twin or Double Creeks in his Journal. On this trip, he spent the winter on the bluff (now known as the "Seven Sisters") down the river below what became Butler's Landing at the mouth of the Twin Creeks, - Mill Creek, and Dry Fork Creek. Congress, in 1820, established the fourth post road at Butler's Land.

Second side of marker:

BAILEY BUTLER

1779-1842

*During the War of 1812, Bailey Butler, an early 19th century pioneer at Clay county (**then Jackson County**), and a Captain of the West Tennessee Volunteer Militia, fought in the Battle of Talladega under Command Andrew Jackson. Butler was named first postmaster of what became known as Butler's Landing in 1831. The first county court met nearby in 1871 on land first owned and operated by Bailey Butler and his family. The Butlers built their houses, and operated a river ferry and landing site on the Cumberland River at its juncture with Mill Creek and Dry Fork Creek.*