



# Daniel Blunt

circa 1795–  
early 1871



## Aliases

Daniel Step/Stapp possibly Daniel Barger??

Officially, Daniel used at least 2 verified surnames during his life, Daniel Stapp (spelled Step in tax records found in Nelson County) KY, and Daniel Blunt. The last name Barger is found used in a database but only because his true last name was not known and one of his enslaver's surnames name was Barger. That enslaver was also the man who emancipated Daniel in 1828 (Nelson County, Kentucky).



## Maryland to Adair Co, Ky. ...

**1830 Daniel Step/Stapp is found on the Nelson Co, KY tax records as a Free Man of Color using the name Daniel Step.**

**Stapp/Step Federal census records in Nelson Co. show that Daniel self reported being born in Maryland.**

## + Historical Facts

Enslaved people could have surnames that were the maiden name of the enslaver's wife. as their surname. Often, they changed it after emancipation.

Enslavers were required to post a bond of several hundred dollars to ensure that the emancipated person(s) would not be a burden to the county.

Enslavers were required to financially support any Slave they emancipated unless the Slave was ordered to leave the state. Emancipation papers show the "bond" and who was responsible

Wills in Nelson County reveal that several emancipated people were given cash and offered safe passage to a free state. or to Liberia. Currently, the towns of Kentucky, and Maryland, exist in Liberia.

The bond paid by Jeremiah Barger and William Foreman was \$300.

Federal Census Records in Nelson County, Kentucky show Daniel Blunt in 1850, 1860, and 1870.

Daniel's place of burial has not yet been found; neither has Jeremiah Barger's, although it is thought that both are buried in or near New Salem Baptist Church in Deatsville, Nelson Co., Ky.

## Emancipation

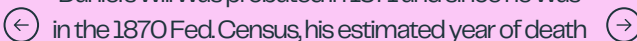
**12 May 1828– Daniel is emancipated in Nelson County, Ky.**

- Jeremiah Barger and new wife, Polly Stapp Barger move to Nelson Co, KY near New Salem Baptist Church in what is now the Deatsville area of Cox's Creek, Nelson Co, Ky,
- Original emancipation papers are located in the Historical Records Room of the Nelson Co. Clerk. The emancipation is also found in Nelson County Court Order Book and Deed Book.

### Daniel's Will 1858

- 1858– Daniel Blunt left a will in Nelson Co, Ky desiring that his grandchildren be freed.
- He named his son in law and each grandchild in the will. Daniel directed that they should serve their term of hire that he arranged prior to being freed.

Daniel's will was probated in 1871 and since he was in the 1870 Fed. Census, his estimated year of death is 1871



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