

# RATLIFF BOON LETTERS, 1833, 1839

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ratliff Boon (1781-1844) was born in Franklin County, North Carolina. He attended schools in Danville, Kentucky, and was apprenticed to a gunsmith. In 1801 he married Deliah Anderson; they had ten children.

About 1809 Boon moved to Warrick County, Indiana Territory (where the county seat was later named after him). In 1813 he was elected the county's first treasurer. In 1816 he was elected to the State's first House of Representatives,

and in 1818 to the State Senate. In the following year he was elected Lieutenant Governor under Jonathan Jennings; and in 1822, when Jennings resigned to take a seat in Congress, Boon served out the remaining four months of his gubernatorial term. Reelected Lieutenant Governor in 1822, Boon resigned in 1824 to run for Congress, where he served from 1825 to 1827 and from 1829 to 1839. A Jacksonian Democrat, he ran unsuccessfully for the United States Senate in 1830, 1832, 1836, and 1838.

Boon was a trustee of Indiana University 1829-1833. In 1839 he moved to Missouri, where he led a political revolt against Thomas Hart Benton.

Sources: *Biographical Directory of Indiana General Assembly*, Vol. 1  
*Biographical Directory of the Governors of the United States*, Vol. 1

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### SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains two letters of Ratliff Boon, dated 1833 and 1839:

1-21-1833 RB, House of Representatives, to Levi Woodbury, [Secretary of the Navy]. Enclosing recommendation of James H. H. Lands to be midshipman in U. S. Navy. ALS 1p

1-9-1839 RB, House of Representatives, to J[ames] K. Paulding, [Secretary of the Navy]. Renewing application of John P. Walker to be purser in U. S. Navy. ALS 1p

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### CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Boon, Ratliff, 1781-1844

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Boon, Ratliff, 1781-1844

Paulding, James Kirke, 1778-1860

Woodbury, Levi, 1789-1851

United States. Navy--Recruiting, enlistment, etc.

Politicians--Indiana

Legislators--United States.

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