

So, Your Great-Grandmother was a  
Cherokee Princess? Hum...

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What Makes You Think So?

Historically, there  
were only 4  
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Beloved Women.

Nancy Ward,  
pictured here was  
the most famous.

Note: She was  
**not** a “Cherokee  
Princess!”





# Where Do I Start?

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- Start with yourself and work your way back.
  - Record dates, places, and all family members.
  - Ask good questions, not leading questions.



Document  
all  
information  
and **sources!**

## Family Group Sheet Revised 6/04/01

Complete this family group sheet for each generation in this application.

FATHER'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY TOWN OR PLACE	COUNTY	STATE	OTHER INFORMATION
Birth					
Mar					
Death					
Burial					

Places of Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Military Service \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Wives \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT	DAY MONTH YEAR	CITY TOWN OR PLACE	COUNTY	STATE	OTHER INFORMATION
Birth					
Mar					
Death					
Burial					

Places of Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
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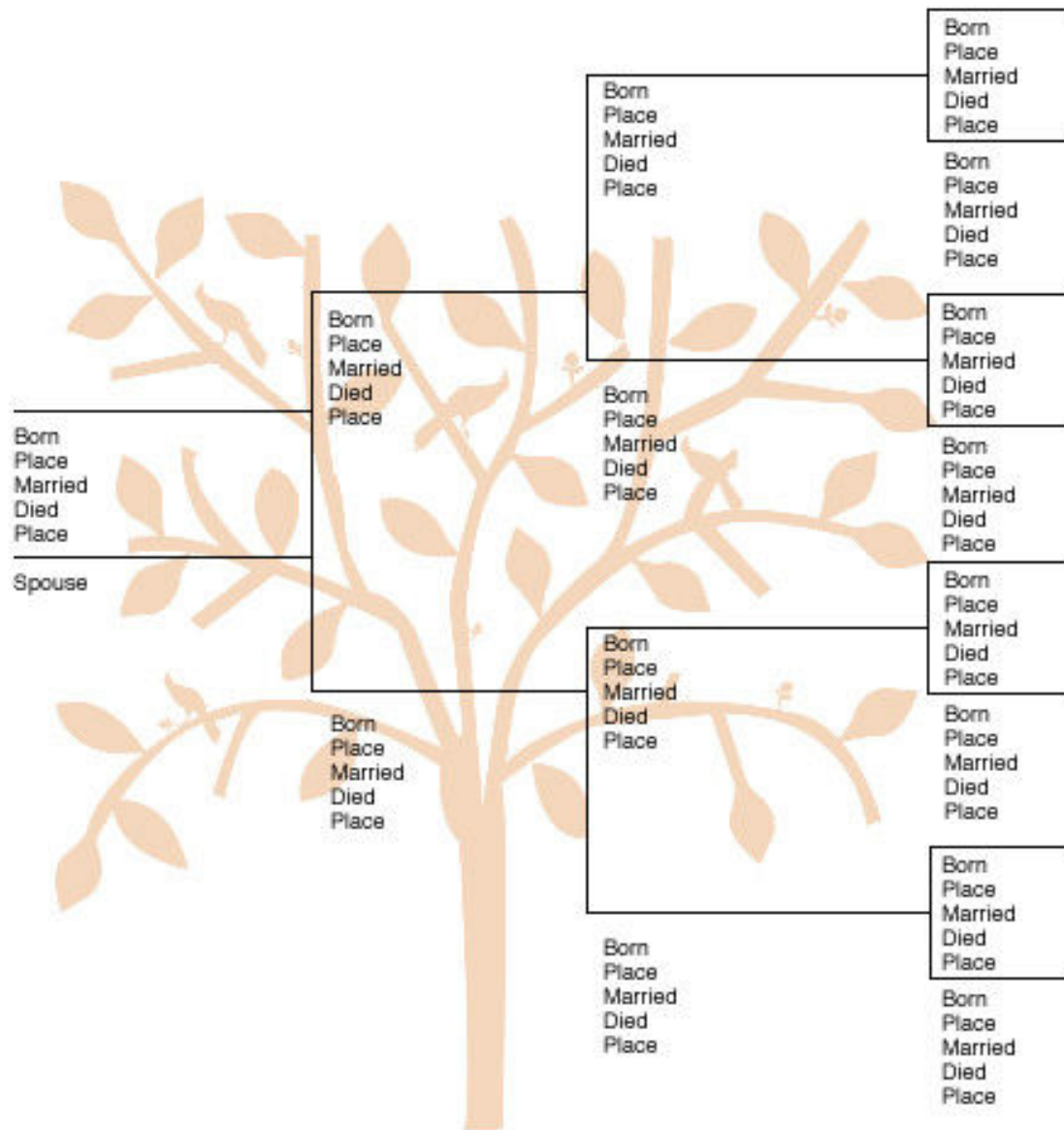
CHILDREN	EVENT	Day Month Year	City Town Place	County	State
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	Mar				
Spouse _____	Death				
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Spouse _____	Death				
	Burial				
3 _____	Birth				
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Spouse _____	Death				
	Burial				
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Spouse _____	Death				
	Burial				
5 _____	Birth				
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Spouse _____	Death				
	Burial				
6 _____	Birth				
	Mar				
Spouse _____	Death				
	Burial				


Name and Address of Compiler \_\_\_\_\_



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# Do Your Own Research!






The Cherokee clans were based on a matrilineal system (traced through the mother's line).

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In the 1750s, this system altered due to intermarriage with European Americans.

While Cherokees kept traditional matrilineal oral records, mixed Cherokees often used both patrilineal and matrilineal notations.

Many white traders among the Cherokees had two families: a Cherokee family, and another located in South Carolina or Virginia.






Be aware that one Cherokee may possess many titles or names.

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EX: Ostenaco can be found as Mankiller, Ootacite, Tacite, or Outacite. All four of these terms are the same word.

Also, if the agent could not understand the name, he might have written the surname as Smith.

Many times names were adopted from Indian agents as given or middle names.



To begin, you should do a surname search in:

*The Colonial Records of South Carolina: Documents relating to Indian Affairs.* 3 Vols. Columbia: South Carolina Department of Archives and History, 1992.  
William L. McDowell, Jr. ed.

This set, including one other volume, can be purchased from: South Carolina Dept. of Archives & Hist. P.O. Box 11669, 1430 Senate St., Columbia, S.C. 29211, Phone: 803-734-8590.

**September 20, 1710 - August 29, 1718;**

**May 21, 1750-August 7, 1754;**

**1754-1765**



# Use Primary Sources

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•Census Records

•Death Records-search all siblings

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•Court Records

•Land Records

•Will and Estate Settlements

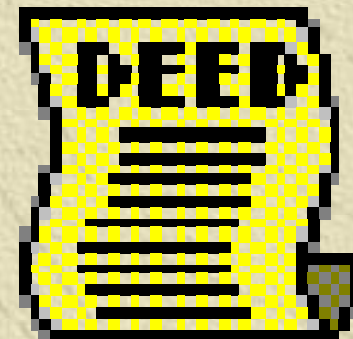
•County Histories

•Family Histories

•Newspapers

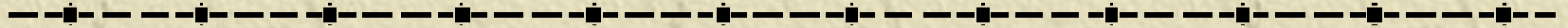
•Military Records

•Social Security Death Index-Since 1962

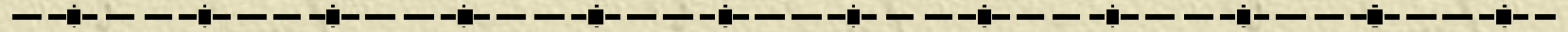




# Internet Resources



There were four settlement groups:



1. OVERHILLS- East Tennessee on the Little Tennessee River.
2. VALLEY- Lower East Tennessee, southwestern North Carolina, and north Georgia
3. LOWER- western South Carolina, and northeastern Georgia
4. MIDDLE- western North Carolina



## The language has three principal dialects:

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**Elatĭ**, or Lower, spoken on the heads of Savannah River, in South Carolina and Georgia;

**Middle**, spoken chiefly on the waters of Tuckasegee River, in western North Carolina, and now the prevailing dialect on the East Cherokee reservation;

**A'tŭli**, Mountain or Upper, spoken throughout most of upper Georgia, east Tennessee, and extreme western North Carolina. The lower dialect was the only one which had the r sound, and is now extinct. The upper dialect is that which has been exclusively used in the native literature of the tribe.

SCHEDULE 1. — FREE LIBERTARIANS IN

Territory of Oregon enumerated by me, on the 6th day of


1850

	Charles	" Jr	7	M	1/2 g	
	Henry	"	5	M	1/2 g	
"	Rev Mr Leonard		20	M		
"	John Bates		30	M		
"	James Scarborough		44	M		
	Mrs	"	40	F	Indian	
	James	" Jr	11	M	1/2 g	
	John	"	7	M	1/2 g	
	Edwin	"	3	M	1/2 g	



## Mulatto

A mulatto is legally considered to be an individual with mixed black and white heritage. However, some individuals who were designated mulattos may have a slightly more mixed parentage, perhaps including Native American blood. The ethnicity selected for your ancestor in one of the censuses may not be completely reliable, however, because often the census takers did not ask about an individual's ethnic heritage. Instead, they put down an ethnicity based on what the person looked like.



# Cherokees: Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and North Carolina

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1825

9,000

1853\*

19,130

\*Indian Territory: about 1,600 of  
this number live in NC

1890: Cherokee Nation Indians, whites and Negroes

56,909

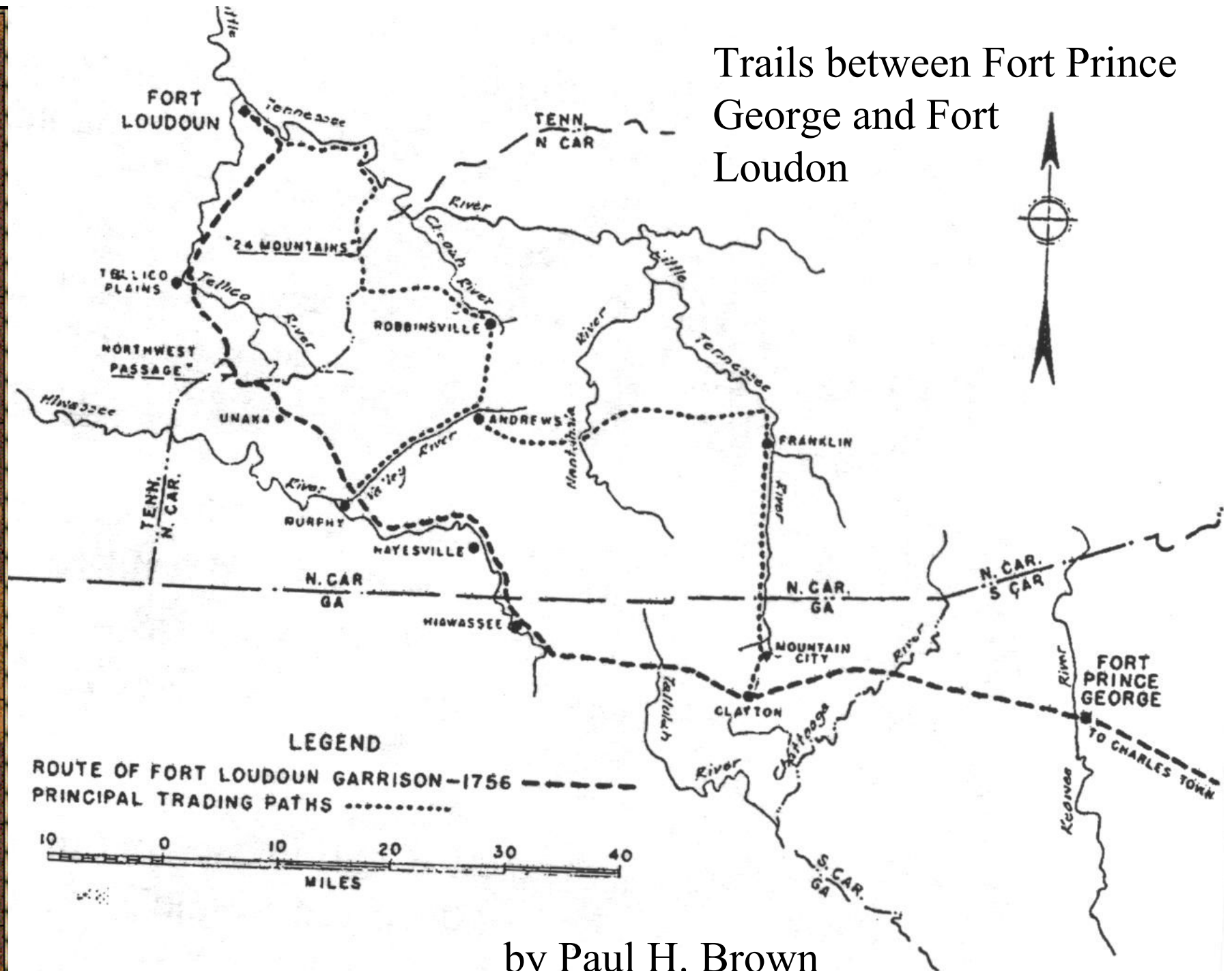




# Know Historical Locations of the Cherokee



# Trails between Fort Prince George and Fort Loudon



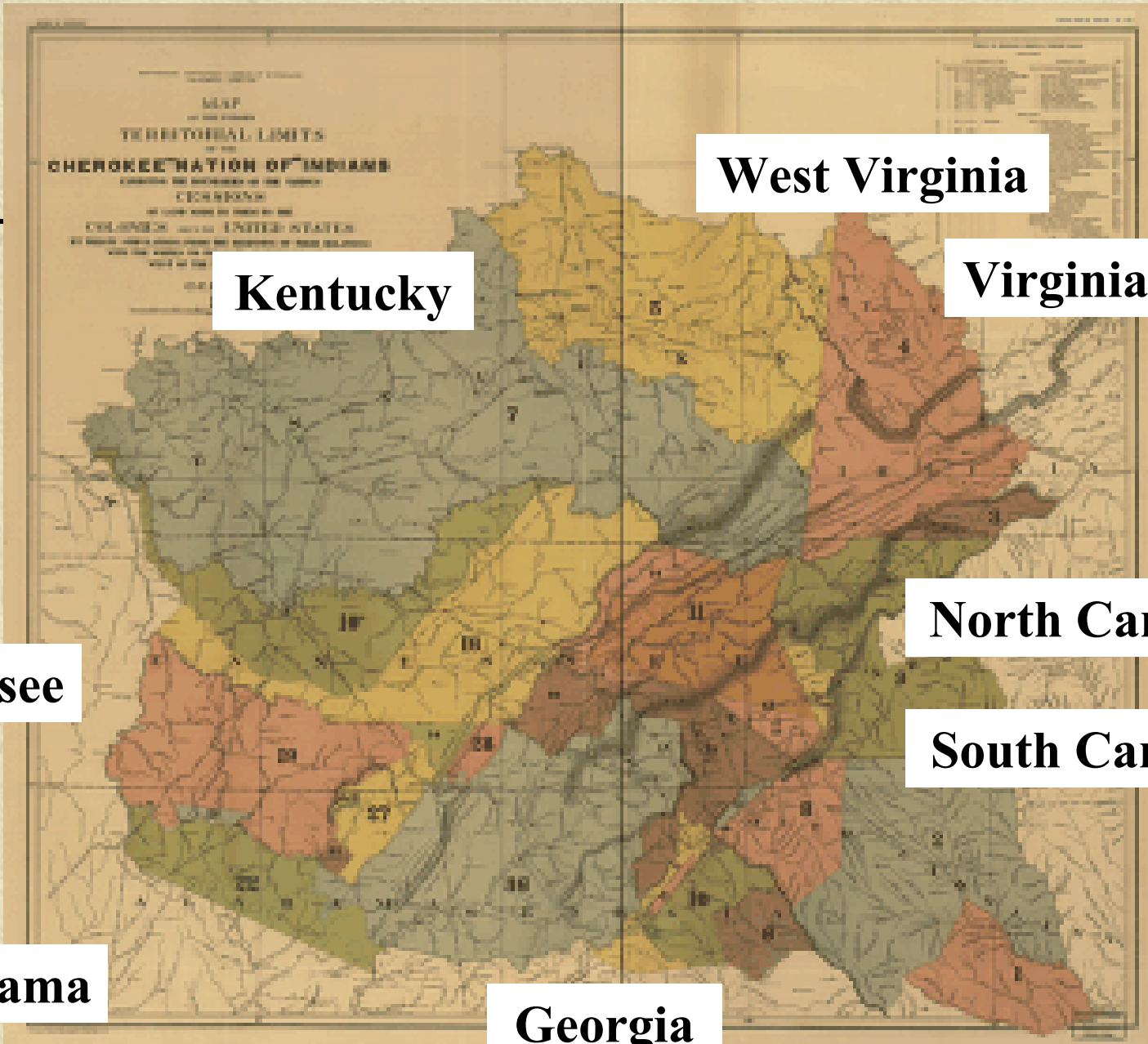
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ROUTE OF FORT LOUDOUN GARRISON-1756 - - - - -  
PRINCIPAL TRADING PATHS .....  
10 0 10 20 30 40  
MILES

by Paul H. Brown



# The Winter Trade by Robert Griffing





**West Virginia**

**Virginia**

**Kentucky**

**North Carolina**

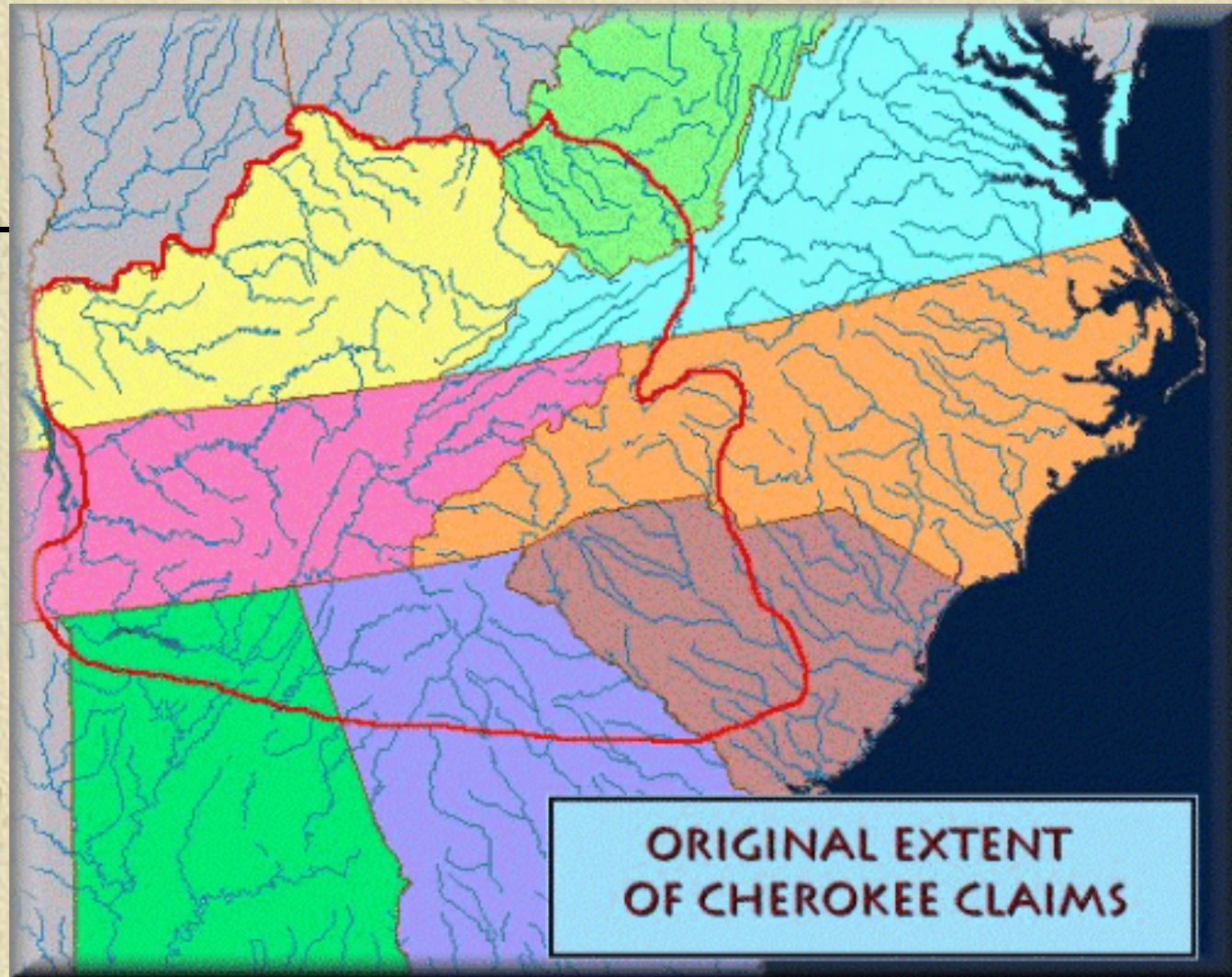
**Tennessee**

**South Carolina**

**Alabama**

**Georgia**

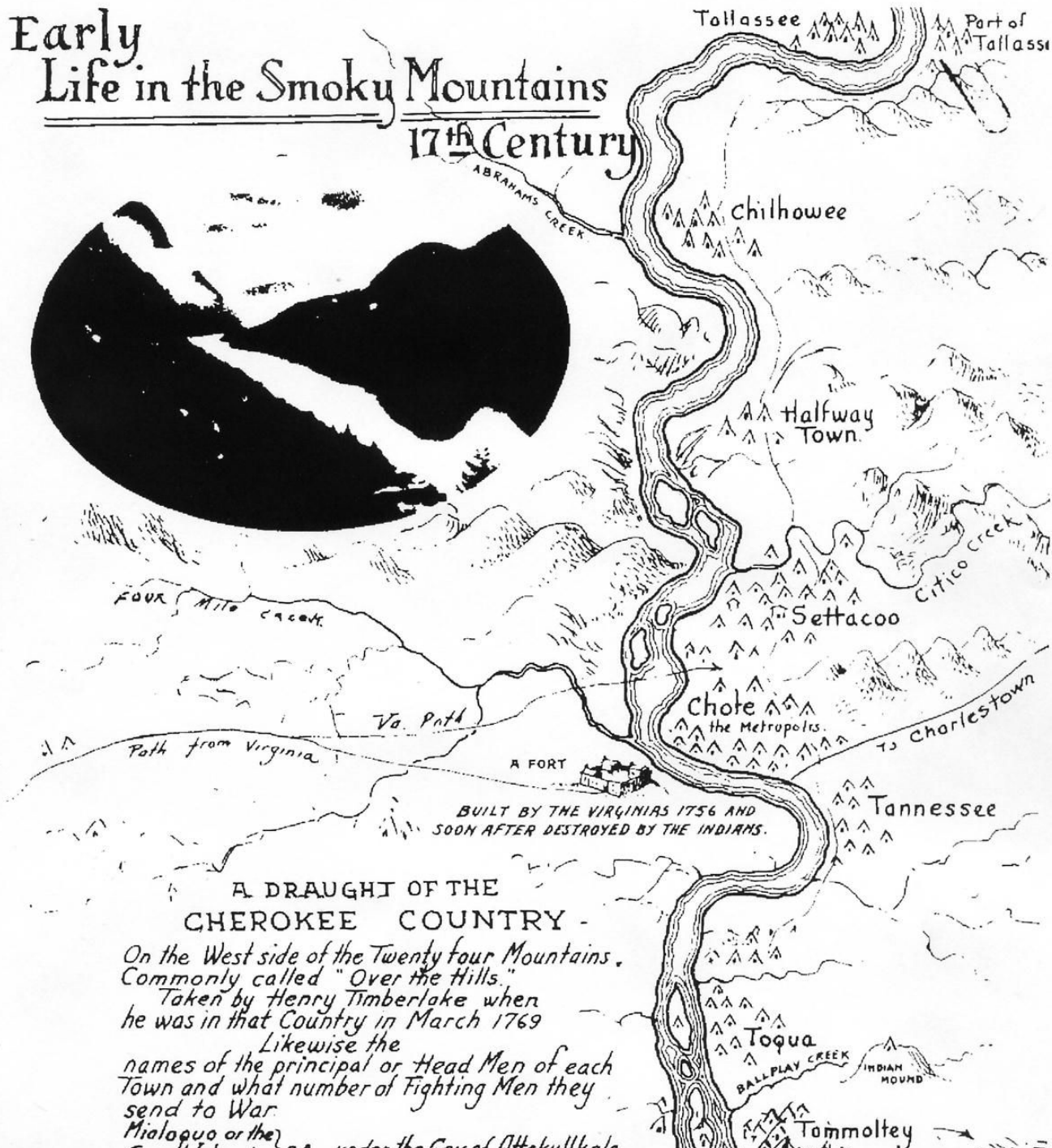




# Original Lands



# Early Life in the Smoky Mountains 17<sup>th</sup> Century



## A DRAUGHT OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTRY -

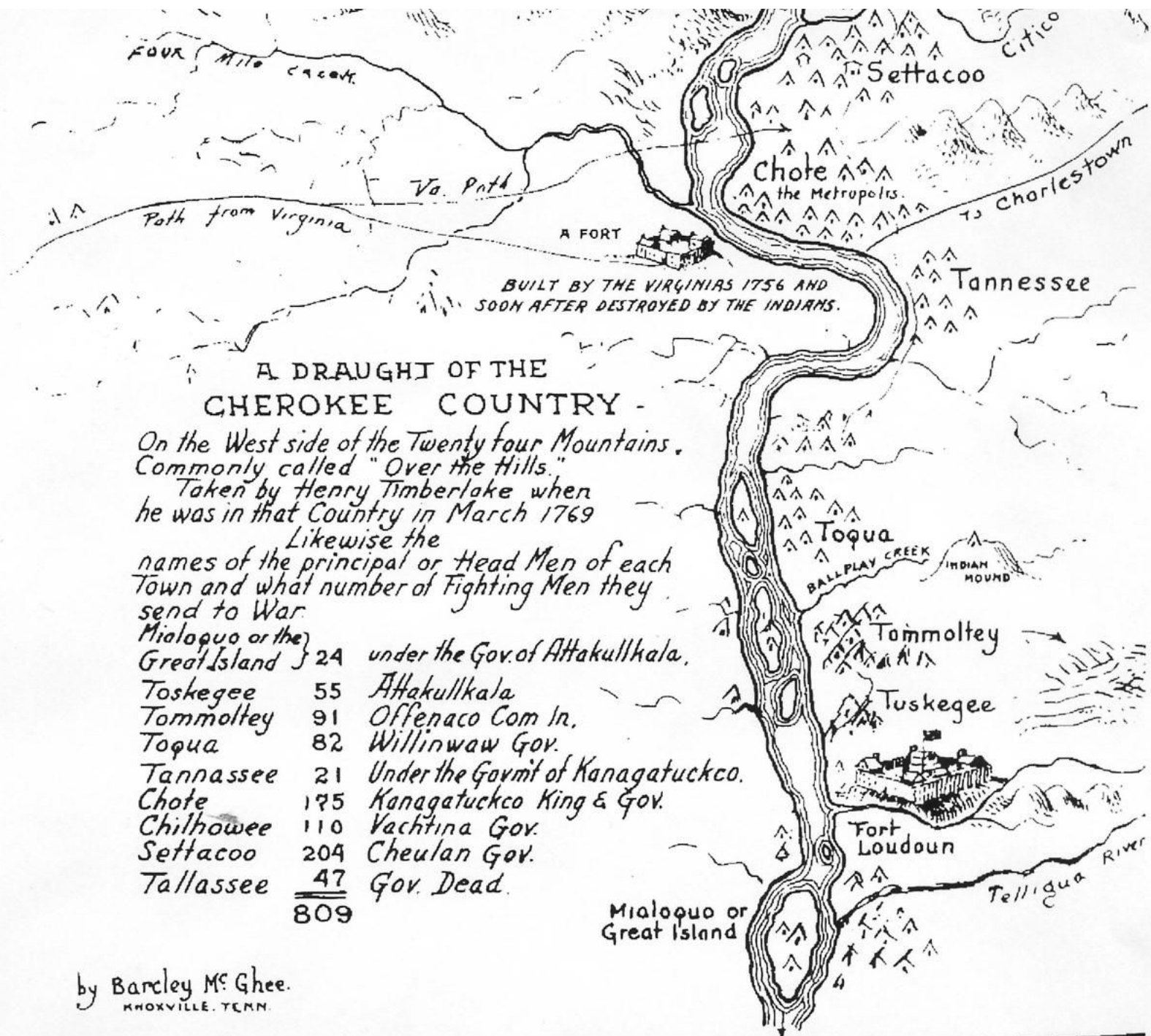
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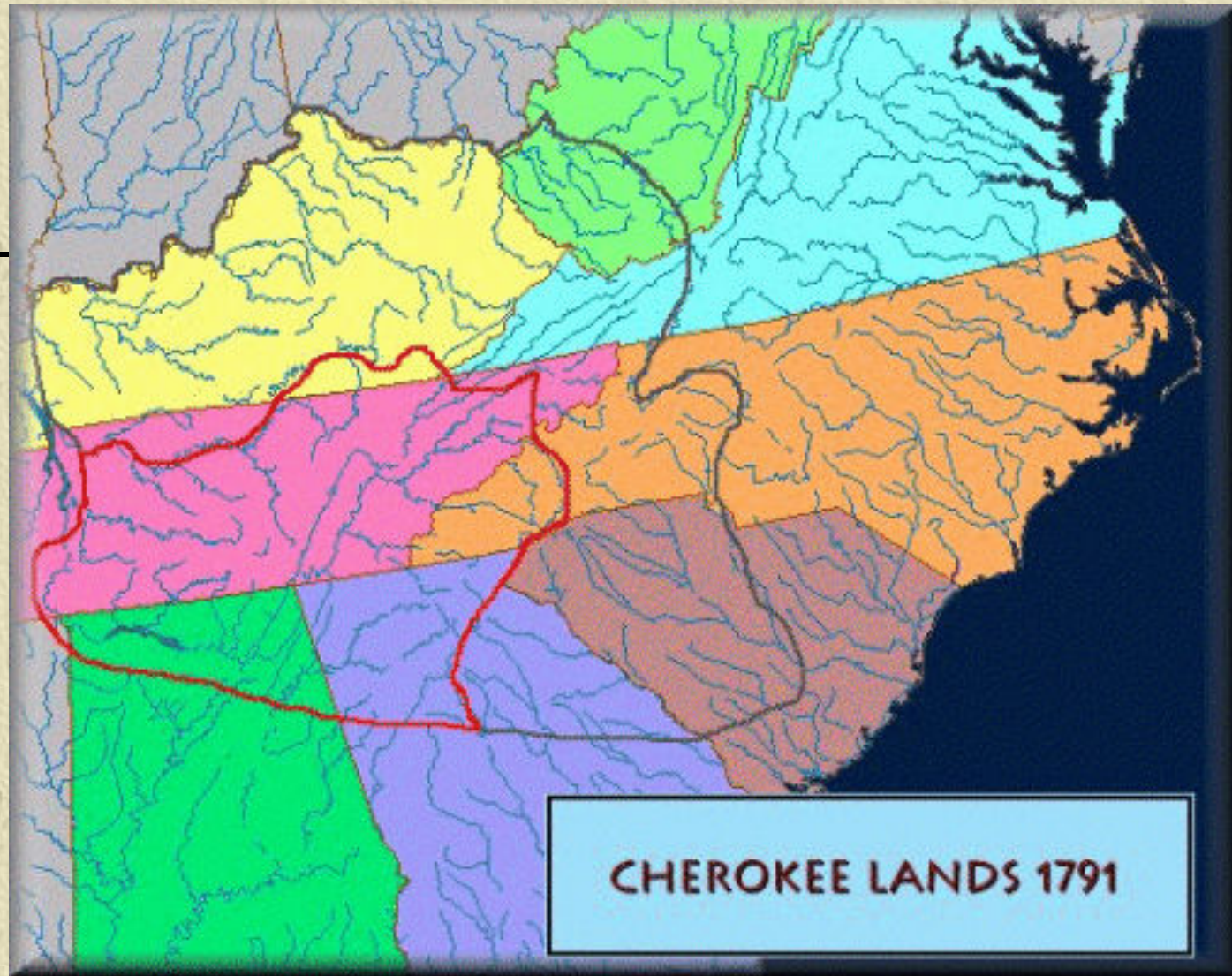
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Mialoquo or the Great Island	24	under the Gov. of Attakullkala.
Toskegee	55	Attakullkala
Tammoltey	91	Offenaco Com In.
Toqua	82	Willinwaw Gov.
Tannasse	21	Under the Govmt of Kanagatuckco.
Chote	175	Kanagatuckco King & Gov.
Chilhowee	110	Vachtina Gov.
Settacoo	204	Cheulan Gov.
Tallassée	47	Gov. Dead.
	<u>809</u>	

by Barclay Mc Ghee.  
KNOXVILLE, TENN.





**After the Revolutionary War**



# Henderson Roll 1835



In 1835, the Cherokee Nation contained almost 22,000 Cherokees and almost 300 Whites connected by marriage.





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**Maps from**

**<http://www.cherokeehistory.com>**

**by Ken Martin**

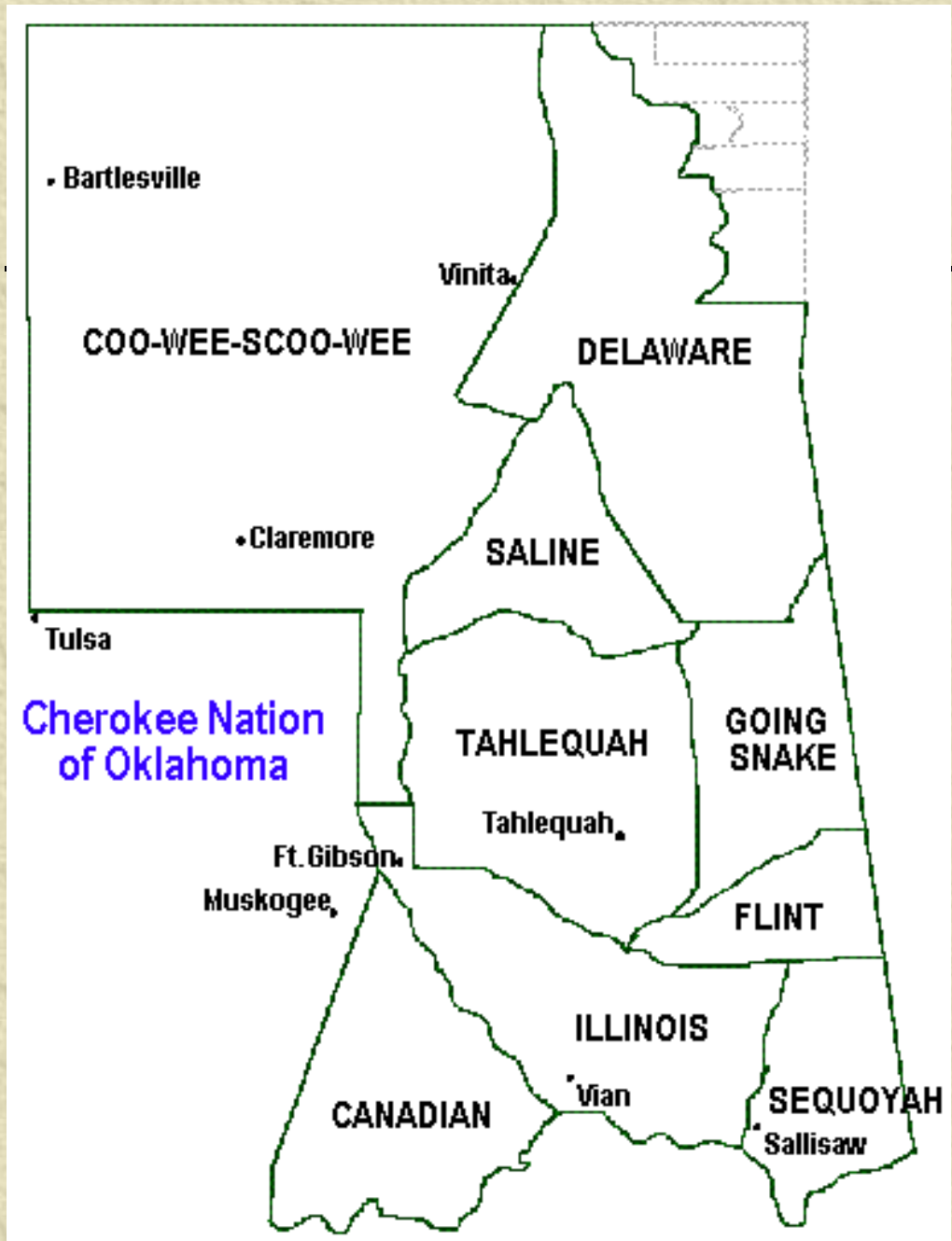


# THE "TRAIL OF TEARS"



ROUTES OF EMIGRATION  
By land By water

*move your mouse over the shaded areas.*





persons, former or Government, whatsoever  
else than the Government of Texas, and  
the Commissioners on behalf of the Government  
of Texas bind themselves, to prevent in  
future all persons from intruding within the  
said bounds. - And it is agreed upon  
the part of the Cherokees, for themselves  
and their younger Brothers, that no other  
tribes or Bands of Indians, whatsoever  
shall settle within the limits aforesaid,  
but those already named in this Treaty,  
and now residing in Texas. -

Article Sixth

It is declared that no individual  
person, member of the Tribes before named,  
shall have power to sell, or lease land  
to any person or persons, not a member or  
members of this community of Indians,  
nor shall any citizen of Texas, be allowed  
to lease or buy land from any Indian or  
Indians.

Article Seventh

That the Indians shall  
be

At the time of a  
treaty in which  
land was ceded,  
the people living  
on the ceded  
land were  
no longer living  
in Cherokee  
territory!





## Reservation Roll ~ 1817

A listing of those applying for a 640 acre tract in the East in lieu of removing to Arkansas. This was only good during their lifetime and then the property reverted back to the state. This is only an index of applicants; the people listed here did **not** in most instances receive the reservation they requested.

## Emigration Roll ~ 1817~1835

Those who filed to emigrate to Arkansas country, and after treaties in 1828 on to Oklahoma. These Cherokee became known as the Old Settlers after the Eastern Cherokee joined them in 1839.





## Henderson Roll ~ 1835

A Census of over 16,000 Cherokee residing in **Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina** to be removed to Oklahoma under the terms of the treaty of New Echota in 1835.

## Trail of Tears Roll ~ 1835

This is actually a report from the Secretary of War, in compliance with resolutions of the Senate, statements showing the persons employed, the funds furnished, and the improvements valued under the Cherokee Treaty of December 1835.

## Mullay Roll ~ 1848

A census of 1,517 Cherokee remaining in North Carolina after the removal of 1838. John C. Mullay took the census pursuant to an act of congress in 1848.

## Chapman Roll ~ 1851

Prepared by Albert Chapman as a listing of those Cherokee actually receiving payment based on the Siler Census.

## Old Settler Roll ~ 1851

A listing of those still living in 1851, who were already residing in Oklahoma when the main body of the Cherokee arrived in the winter of 1839, as a result of the Treaty of New Echota. Approximately 1/3 of the people at that time were Old Settlers and 2/3 were new arrivals.



## Siler Roll ~ 1852

A listing of those Eastern Cherokee entitled to a per capita payment pursuant to an act of Congress in 1850.

## Act of Congress Roll ~ 1854

An Act of Congress of July 31, 1854 (10 Stat 333) Authorized the addition of 88 individuals whose names were omitted by Siler but who were included on the Roll prepared by Mulla.

## Drennen Roll ~ 1852

The first census of the new arrivals of 1839. The New Echota Treaty group. The Drennen roll is a per-capita payment made to Cherokees living in the west who removed as a result and after the Treaty of 1835 Article 9. The roll was prepared by John Drennen and contains the payee's name, Cherokee district and then family group.

## Swetland Roll ~ 1869

Prepared by S. H. Swetland as a listing of those Eastern Cherokee, and their descendants, who were listed as remaining in North Carolina by Mullan in 1848. Made pursuant to an act of Congress (1868) for a removal payment authorization.



## Hester Roll Index ~ 1883

Compiled by Joseph G. Hester as a roll of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in 1883. This Roll  
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itself provides the Chapman roll number and  
English and Indian name.

Index to the Final Rolls of Citizens  
and Freedmen of the Five Civilized  
Tribes in Indian Territory (Dawes)

1889-1914 *If your ancestor was not living in  
Indian Territory at this time, he or she will not  
be listed on Dawes Roll!!*


## Wallace Roll ~ 1890

Cherokee Freedmen in Indian Territory of Cherokee freedmen created by Special Agent John W. Wallace. Individuals on the schedule were entitled to share with the Shawnee and Delaware in the per capita distribution of \$75,000, appropriated by Congress in October 1888, and issued under the supervision of his office. Database allows search for names, age, roll numbers.

## Kern Clifton Roll ~ 1897

Census of the Freedmen and their descendants of the Cherokee Nation taken by the Commission appointed in the case of Moses Whitmire, Trustee of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation versus the Cherokee Nation and the United States in the Court of Claims at Washington, DC.





The Kern Clifton Roll came about due to the Cherokee Nation disputing the number of freedmen included in the Wallace Roll... yet the Kern Clifton Roll actually increased the number of people eligible for payment. This database allows you to search by surname of district.

## Churchill Roll ~ 1908

By Inspector Frank C. Churchill to certify members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Like the Hester roll it includes a lot of information including degree of blood.

## Guion Miller Roll ~ 1909

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Compiled by Mr. Miller of all Eastern Cherokee, not old Settlers, residing either east or west of the Mississippi. Ordered by the Court of Claims as a result of a law suit won by the Eastern Cherokee for violations of certain treaties.



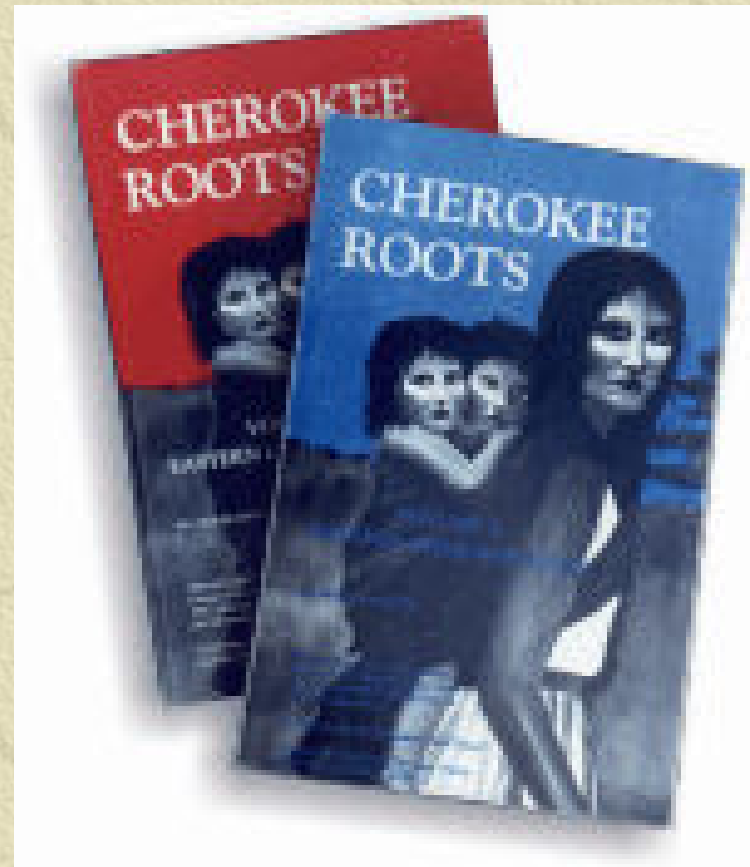
## Baker Roll ~ 1924

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This was supposed to be the final roll of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The land was to be allotted and all were to become regular citizens of the United States. Fortunately the Eastern Band of Cherokee avoided the termination procedures, unlike their brothers of the western nation. The Baker Roll "Revised" is the current membership roll of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina.

# Cherokee Ancestors:

- Eastern Rolls
- Western Rolls





CHIEFS of the \_\_\_\_\_ Indians of \_\_\_\_\_ Agency.

\_\_\_\_\_ , IP \_\_\_\_\_ , taken by \_\_\_\_\_

INDEX	INDEX	INDEX	INDEX	INDEX	INDEX
NO.	NO.	NAME	NAME	RELATION	SEX
1818	1881	son of Jansalukia	Wolfe, Bird	son	1818 m
1819	1882		" , John Wesley	son	1819 m
1820	1883	Born April 24, 1883	" , Henry	son	1820 f
1821	1884		Wolfe, Owen	son	1821 m
1822	1885	See 1876 last	" , Lucy A.D. Smith	wife	1822 f
1823	1886		Wolfe, Moses	son	1823 m
1824	1887	Wife of above one	" , Jane	wife	1824 f
1825	1888		wife, _____	son	1825 m
1826	1889		" , Linda Hill	wife	1826 f
1827	1890		" , Ned Wesley	son	1827 m
1828	1891		" , Katherine	son	1828 f
1829	1892		Wolfe, Joseph	son	1829 m
1830	1893		" , Jennie	wife	1830 f
1831	1894		Wolfe, James T	son	1831 m
1832	1895		" , Betty Hooks	wife	1832 f
1833	1896		" , Wm H	son	1833 m
1834	1897		" , Edwin W	"	1834 m
1835	1898	See 1878 last	" , Donald Graham	"	1835 m
1836	1899		" , Robert W	"	1836 m
1837	1900	Born Sept 12, 1894	" , Wade Hamilton	"	1837 m
1838	1901		" , Mary I. L.	son	1838 m
1839	1902		Wolfe, Chas Hicks	son	1839 m
1840	1903		Wolfe, Geo L	son	1840 m
1841	1904		Wolfe, David	son	1841 m
1842	1905		Wolfe, Henry Lewis	son	1842 m

- Cherokee Census of 1835 – Heads of Family only (TN and AL)
- US. Indian Census Schedules 1885-1940 - All Family members (7,559,853 names)

# •Applications to Guion-Miller rolls 1906-1920 There are:

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- 46,000+ applications and these were recorded on 348 rolls of microfilm in Washington, DC.



<http://www.archives.gov/>



# GENERAL INDEX.

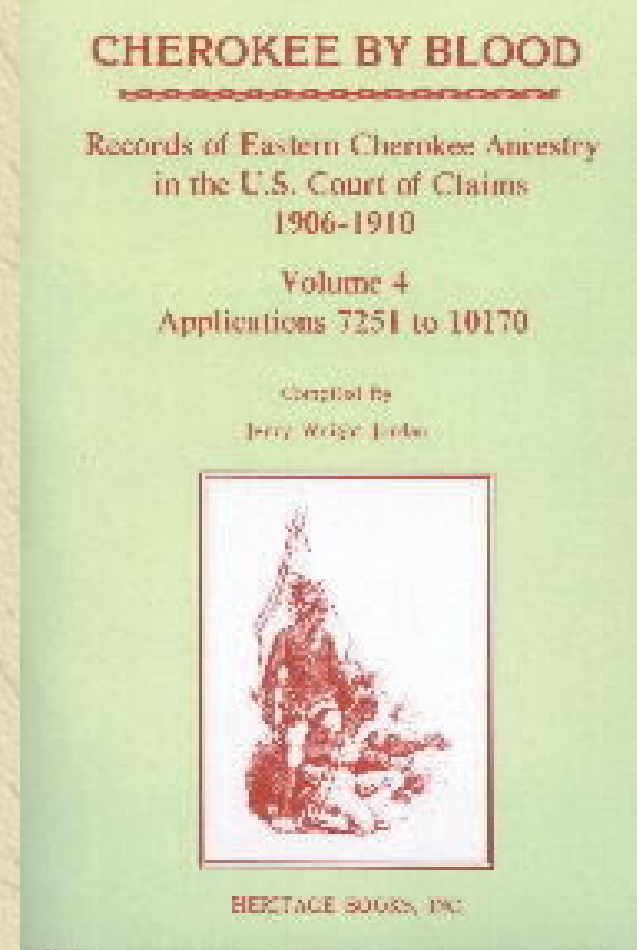
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23883	" Callie	N. C.	3467	" Richard M.	I. T.
1424	" Caroline	I. T.	40048	" Richard M.	I. T.
16355	" Charley & James	I. T.	5621	" ;Richard M., Jr.	I. T.
2394	" Charles	I. T.	23548	" Richard T.	I. T.
15909	" Charles Hicks	N. C.	16024	" Sallie	N. C.
5654	" Charlotte	Ark.	23251	" Sallie	I. T.
12738	" Cynthia	I. T.	12643	" Sarah	I. T.
28465	" Daisy	I. T.	38033	" Sarah J.	N. C.
6435	" David	I. T.	14180	" Sossie Peter (Gdn)	I. T.
18102	" David (Gdn)	I. T.	5121	" Susan	I. T.
6224	" David	N. C.	3206	" Susan E.	I. T.
4907	" Eli	I. T.	12774	" Susannah	N. C.
16355	" Elizabeth (Gdn)	I. T.	16933	" Tom	I. T.
16026	" Elking	N. C.	16935	" Tom (Gdn)	I. T.
14162	" Ella Peter	I. T.	5949	" William	Ark
22017	" Eve (Gdn)	I. T.	1733	" William R.	I. T.
17036	" Eve "	I. T.	34682	Womack, George W.	I. T.
1561	" Eve	I. T.	7548	" Laura A.	Ga
8006	" Foster L.	I. T.	22506	" Sarah J.	Mo
20617	" Francis M.	Tenn	23952	Womble, Canzada	Tenn
15906	" George L.	N. C.	23951	" John	Tenn
18102	" Hugh	I. T.	23647	Wood, Addie	I. T.
12642	" Hummingbird	I. T.	8834	" Alice B.	Tex
8947	" Jackon T.	I. T.	22554	" Bettie	Tenn
11842	" Jacob J.	N. C.	23648	" Bushyhead	I. T.
19822	" James	I. T.	16058	" Clara Bell	I. T.
15909	" James (Gdn)	N. C.	24667	" Columbus	I. T.
20618	" James L.	Tenn	4985	" Cory (Pope)	Ca
15908	" James T.	N. C.	8417	" Edna J. *	Ark
3155	" Jane	I. T.	6404	" Eliza M.	Ark
12773	" Jannie	N. C.	24818	" Ely	Tex
10080	" Jennie	N. C.	41994	" Ethel	Ca
2834	" Jennie	I. T.	42255	" Foster E.	Okla
37070	" Jennie	I. T.	1999	" Francis M.	I. T.
15836	" John	N. C.	3551	" Frank	I. T.
15952	" John	I. T.	37719	" Frank	Tenn

#44936 - Womack for a. J. Tex.  
 #44221 Wood of Lanna Co. Okla.



# Cherokee By Blood

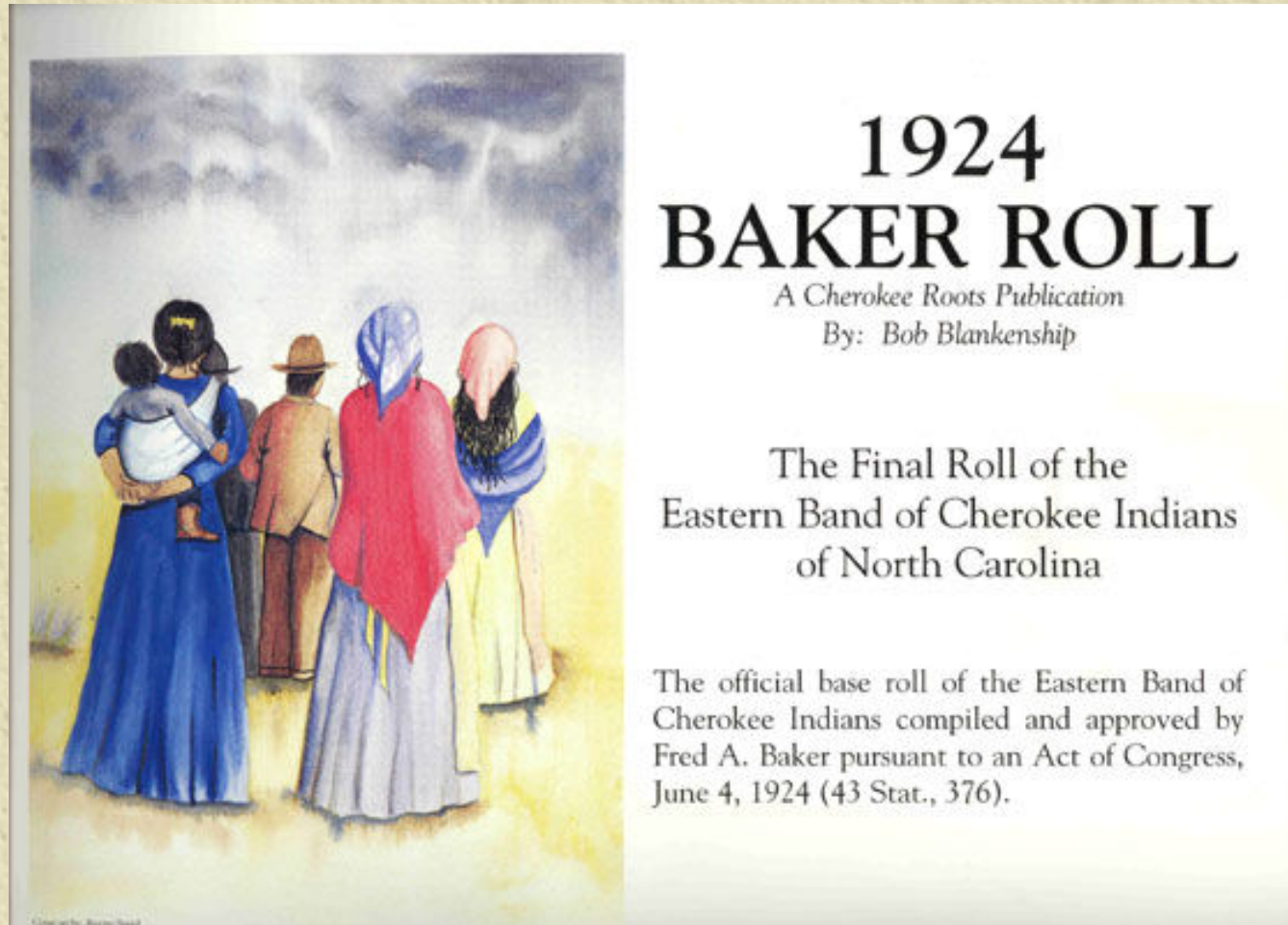
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# Baker Roll 1924

## Final Eastern Roll



### 1924 BAKER ROLL

*A Cherokee Roots Publication*  
By: *Bob Blankenship*

The Final Roll of the  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
of North Carolina

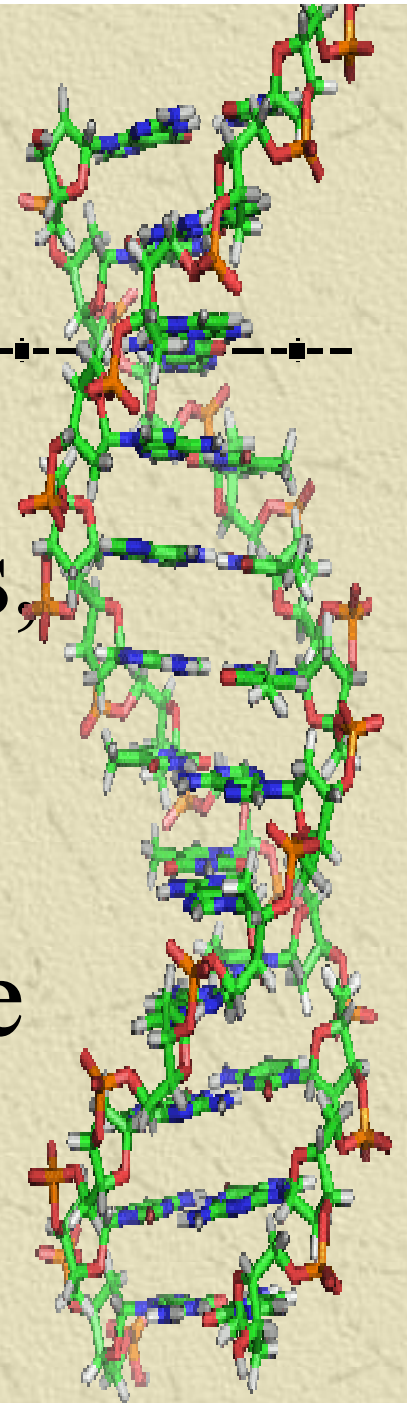
The official base roll of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians compiled and approved by Fred A. Baker pursuant to an Act of Congress, June 4, 1924 (43 Stat., 376).

## 1924 Baker Roll

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Blood</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Number</u>
Crowe	Albert	M	20	7/8	Son	Cherokee	NC	570
Crowe	Aquishoe	M	38	7/8	Husband	Cherokee	NC	552
Crowe	Arthur	M	28	5/16	Husband	Cherokee	NC	555
Crowe	Betty	F	8	7/8	Daughter	Cherokee	NC	574
Crowe	Boyd	M	33	7/8	Husband	Cherokee	NC	556
Crowe	Callie	F	22	7/8	Daughter	Cherokee	NC	569
Crowe	Caroline	F	89	3/4	Widow	Cherokee	NC	557
Crowe	Davis	M	42	3/4	Husband	Cherokee	NC	558
Crowe	Dinah	F	37	4/4	Daughter	Cherokee	NC	585


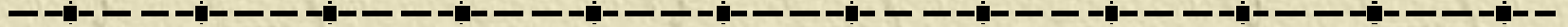


Only those with Cherokee  
blood heritage are listed on  
the Baker Roll. There are  
contested Baker applications  
but they are not public  
record. These applications  
are available through private  
connections. (Anita Finger  
at Cherokee Library)



# Dawes Roll 1898

## Final Western Roll



**DAWES  
ROLL "PLUS"**

OF  
CHEROKEE NATION  
"1898"

BY  
**BOB BLANKENSHIP**

A CHEROKEE ROOTS PUBLICATION


1898 DAWES ROLL "PLUS" - The 1898 Dawes Roll plus Guion Miller Roll information for those that were on both rolls. One can look forward in time from 1898 to the 1906 Guion Miller Roll and see such things as a 1906 Surname change brought about by marriage, divorce, or adoption. Also ages, addresses, relationships, Miller Roll Number, Miller Application Number, etc. This, in addition to all information provided in the original 1898 Dawes Roll. All 36,714 Cherokee Nation Citizens of Cherokee Blood are included. It is 9" x 12" and is 216 pages long.





## Dawes Results

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Blood</u>	<u>Card</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>Misc</u>	<u>Type</u>
Smith			0	F		<u>691</u>			P
Smith			0	M		<u>6416</u>			P
Smith			0	M		<u>8525</u>			P
Smith			0	U		<u>F218</u>			O
Smith	Aaron		0	M		<u>FM412</u>			P
Smith	Ada	M	6	F	1/12	<u>4689</u>	11238	OOLAGA H	BB





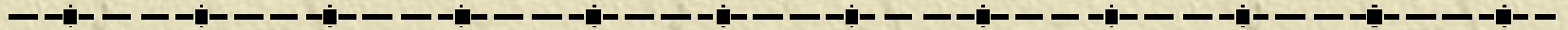
# Old Cherokee Families

By  
Emmett Starr





# If I Find Them, Then What?




- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (Baker Roll)

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/baker.php>

- The Cherokee Nation (Dawes Roll)

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/dawes.php>




# Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Enrollment

<http://www.cherokee-nc.com/index.php?page=109>

Governed by Tribal Ordinance #284  
dated June 24, 1996 a direct  
lineal ancestor must appear on the  
1924 Baker Roll



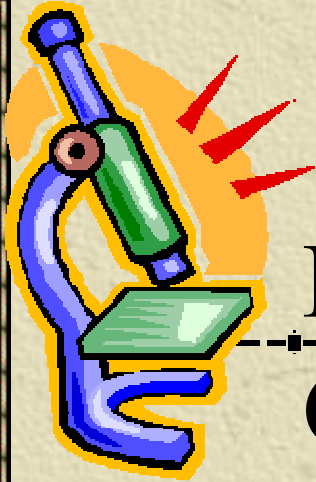


Blood Quantum: of at least 1/16th  
degree of Eastern Cherokee blood.

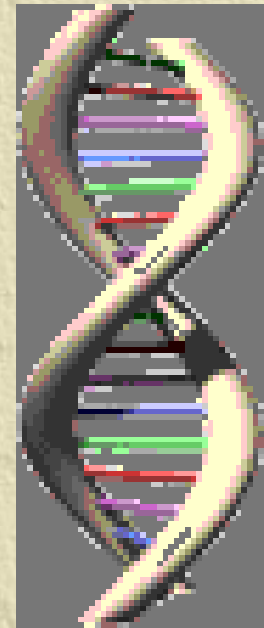
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**All** criteria must be met in order to be  
eligible with the Eastern Band of  
Cherokee Indians.

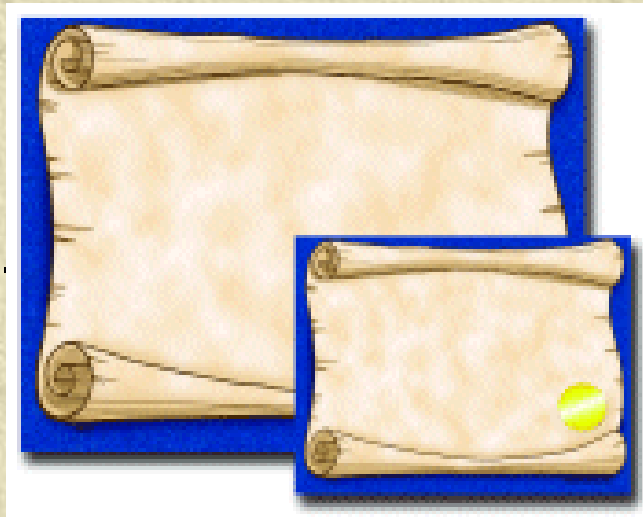
Enrollment is **CLOSED** to all people  
who cannot meet the above  
requirements.



Meanwhile the Western Cherokee require applicants to descend from an ancestor in the 1906 Dawes roll (direct lineal ancestry), but impose **no** minimum blood quantum requirement.

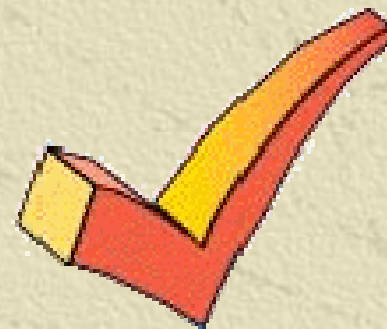


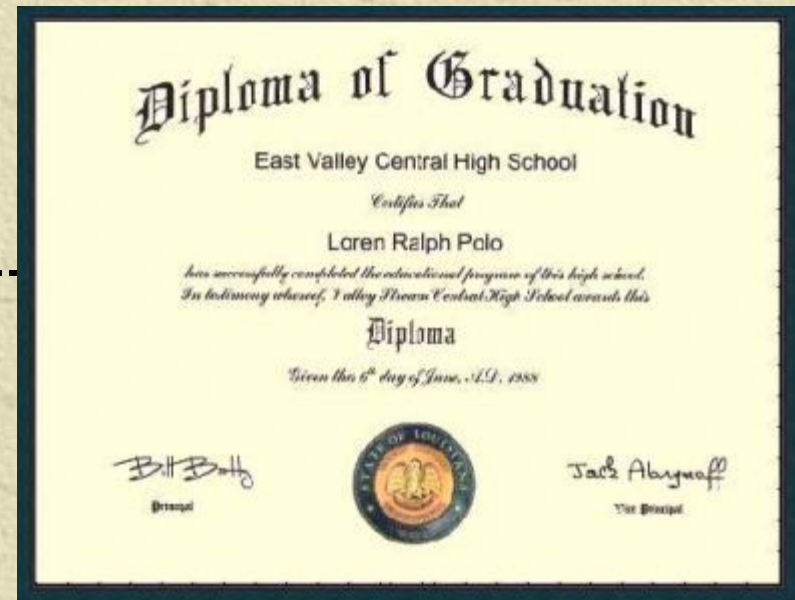




CDIB: Certificate Degree of Indian Blood

Tribal Enrollment





The Bureau of Indian Affairs'  
"Higher ED grant" for college  
expenses requires a 1/4 degree  
blood quantum minimum.