

Historical and Genealogical Records of Cherokee County

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Individuals researching their Cherokee County Heritage of Historic events of Cherokee County will want to consider many of the sources outlined here.

Cherokee County was created December 21, 1830, from Indian land ultimately ceded in 1835. Important records for the land distribution of original Cherokee County are contained in the names of fortunate drawers for the Cherokee Land and Cherokee Gold Lotteries in 1832. Following that distribution, the county boundaries were frequently changing as new counties were formed and as the state legislature made minor changes here and there to assist their constituency.

- **Cherokee County's Boundaries** according to Pat Bryant's *Georgia Counties: Their Changing Boundaries* (2nd Ed., Atlanta: State Printing Office, 1983), 42-43.
Cherokee County was created 21 Dec 1830, Georgia Laws 1830, page 127

gave area to Bartow	03 Dec 1832	Georgia Laws 1832	page 056
gave area to Cobb	03 Dec 1832	Georgia Laws 1832	page 056
gave area to Floyd	03 Dec 1832	Georgia Laws 1832	page 056
gave area to Forsyth	03 Dec 1832	Georgia Laws 1832	page 056
gave area to Gilmer	03 Dec 1832	Georgia Laws 1832	page 056
took area from Habersham	03 Dec 1832	Georgia Laws 1832	page 056
took area from Hall	03 Dec 1832	Georgia Laws 1832	page 056
gave area to Lumpkin	03 Dec 1832	Georgia Laws 1832	page 056
gave area to Murray	03 Dec 1832	Georgia Laws 1832	page 056
gave area to Paulding	03 Dec 1832	Georgia Laws 1832	page 056
gave area to Union	03 Dec 1832	Georgia Laws 1832	page 056
gave area to Forsyth	24 Dec 1847	Georgia Laws 1847	page 067
gave area to Cobb	22 Jan 1852	Georgia Laws 1852	page 065
gave area to Pickens	05 Dec 1853	Georgia Laws 1853	page 306
gave area to Forsyth	14 Jan 1854	Georgia Laws 1854	page 314
gave area to Forsyth	01 Mar 1856	Georgia Laws 1856	page 125
gave area to Cobb	05 Mar 1856	Georgia Laws 1856	page 127
gave area to Bartow	04 Mar 1856	Georgia Laws 1856	page 130
gave area to Forsyth	04 Mar 1856	Georgia Laws 1856	page 130
gave area to Bartow	04 Mar 1856	Georgia Laws 1856	page 134
gave area to Milton	18 Dec 1857	Georgia Laws 1857	page 036
gave area to Cobb	22 Dec 1857	Georgia Laws 1857	page 229
gave area to Pickens	19 Mar 1869	Georgia Laws 1869	page 179
took area from Pickens	1870	Georgia Laws 1870	page 024

It is essential to consider the changing boundaries. When records for our ancestors are not found in Cherokee County, they may be found in the records of counties formed from the lands of original Cherokee County.

Consider, for example, the town of Nelson Town of Nelson - Tate's *History of Pickens County* (p. 245) states that Nelson was incorporated by the Georgia legislature in 1891. The extreme southern part of the town lies in Cherokee County, and the 1930 census showed ninety of the 798 inhabitants of Nelson as living in Cherokee County while the remaining residents reside in Pickens County.

Cherokee County suffered some loss to its county records due to Courthouse fires in Canton during 1865 and March 1927. The officials of Cherokee County should be praised as they take exceptional care of the County Records.

Cherokee County Records: Published Books and Microform

Bible Records

1. Daughters of the American Revolution, Hightower Trail Chapter, *Bible Records of Cherokee County, Georgia* (Canton, Ga.: The Society, 1986)

Cemetery Records

2. Shirley Morris, *Cemeteries of Cherokee County, Georgia* (Canton, Ga.: privately published, 1997)
3. Genealogical Committee of the L.D.S. Church, *Bascom Methodist Church Cemetery Records, Cherokee County, Georgia* (Salt Lake City: Typescript, 1956) [microform]
4. Genealogical Committee of the L.D.S., Church, *Carmel Church Cemetery Records, Cherokee County, Georgia* (Salt Lake City: Typescript, 1956) [microform]
5. Genealogical Committee of the L.D.S., *Little River Methodist Church Cemetery Records, Cherokee County, Georgia* (Salt Lake City: typescript, 1956) [microform]

Census Records

6. Homer H. Bradley, II, "The Georgia Cherokee Strip 1840 U.S. Census," [Index only] *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* 5 (1969): 1-82.
7. Rhea Cumming Otto, *1850 Census of Georgia (Cherokee County)* [1976]
8. MariLee Beatty Hageness, *1834 State Census, Cherokee County, Georgia* (Anniston, Ala: MLH Research, 1995).
9. Mary B. Warren and Eve Bondurant Warren Weeks, *Whites Among the Cherokee: Georgia, 1828-1838* (Danielsville, Ga.: 1987).
10. Federal Census, Population Schedules (National Archives microform: series and reel numbers)
 - 1840 M704, reel 38
 - 1850 M432, reel 65
 - 1860 M653, reel 116
 - 1870 M593, reel 143
 - 1880 T9, reels 139, 140
 - 1900 T623, reel 187
 - 1910 T624, reel 179
 - 1920 T625, reel 243
9. Federal Census, Slave Schedules (National Archives microform: series and reel numbers)
 - 1850 M432, reel 89
 - 1860 M653, reel 144
10. Federal Census, Mortality Schedules (National Archives microform: series and reel numbers)
 - 1850 SL024 (103 microfiche)
 - 1860

Church Records

11. Carmel Baptist Church ledgers: Book 1-1916-1922 through Book 4 - 1960-1974 [microform]
12. *Conns Creek Baptist Church, Cherokee County, Georgia*, compiled by Carol Howel and transcribed by David Scott Dingle
13. *Woodstock Baptist Church, Cherokee County, Georgia: Minutes* [microform]

County Histories

12. Glenn Hubbard, *The History of Bascomb United Methodist Church & Cemetery Listing* (Woodstock: the author, 1980).
13. Lloyd G. Marlin, *The History of Cherokee Co.* (Atlanta: Walter W. Brown Pub. Co., 1932).
14. Sybil McRay, *Sesquicentennial History of the Chattahoochee Baptist Assoc.* (n.p.)
15. Rev. Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr., *Some Georgia County Records, Vol. 6, Being Some of the Legal Records of Cobb, Cherokee, Dawson, Forsyth, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Hall, Lumpkin, Murray, Pickens, Paulding, Rabun, Walton and Whitfield Counties, Georgia* (Greenville, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1993)

Court Minutes

14. Cherokee County, Superior Court, Inferior Court minutes 1834-1845 [microform]

15. Cherokee County, Georgia Court of Ordinary Minutes, 1848-1901 [microform, 2 reels]
16. Cherokee County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary Court Minutes, 1848-1856 [microform]
17. Cherokee County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary Court Minutes, 1843-1846 [microform, 1 reel]
18. Cherokee County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary Court Minutes, 1858-1866 [microform, 1 reel]
19. Cherokee County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary Court Minutes, 1859-1903 [microform, 2 reels]
20. Cherokee County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary, Inferior Court Minutes, 1832-1869 [microform]
21. Cherokee County, Georgia, Inferior Court Minutes, 1831-1870 [microform, 1 reel]
22. Cherokee County, Georgia, Superior Court Minutes, 1832-1903 [microform, 8 reels]

County Histories

23. Cherokee County Historical Society *Celebrating Sesquicentennial 1831-1981* (Canton, Ga., 1981)
24. Lloyd Garrison Marlin, *The History of Cherokee County* (Atlanta: Walter W. Broun, 1932).
25. Cherokee County Heritage Book Committee, *The Heritage of Cherokee County, Georgia* (Canton, Ga.: The Committee, 1998)

Land Records

[Note: The 1832 Cherokee Land Lottery (Act of 21 Dec 1830) and the 1832 Gold Lottery (Act of 24 Dec 1831) were two different acts]

26. James E. Smith, *The Cherokee Land Lottery, Containing a Numerical List of the Fortunate Drawers in Said Lottery with and Engraved Map of Each District* (New York: Harper & Row, 1938).
27. Rev. S. Emmett Lucas, Jr., *The 1832 Gold Lottery of Georgia Containing a List of the Fortunate Drawers in Said Lottery* (Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, Inc., 1988).
28. Mary Bondurant Warren, *Alphabetical Index to Georgia's 1832 Gold Lottery* (Danielsville, Ga.: Heritage Papers, 1981).
29. Wyndell O. Taylor, *Cherokee County, Georgia, Land Records Vol. 1: Abstract of Deed Book "A"* [1992].
30. Wyndell O. Taylor, *Cherokee County, Georgia, Land Records Vol 2: Abstract of Deed Book "B" (August 15, 1835-November 04, 1836)* [1992].
31. Wyndell O. Taylor, *Cherokee County, Georgia, Land Records Vol 3: Abstract of Deed Book "C" (November 04, 1836 - August 38, 1838)* [1993]
32. Wyndell O. Taylor, *Cherokee County Georgia Land Records Vol. 4: Abstract of: Deed Book "D"* [1994].
33. Wyndell O. Taylor, *Cherokee County, Georgia, Land Records Vol 5: Deed Book "E," January 6, 1840 – October 26, 1841*
34. Wyndell O. Taylor, *Cherokee County, Georgia, Land Records Vol 6: Deed Book "F," August 25, 1841 – November 13, 1843*
35. Wyndell O. Taylor, *Cherokee County, Georgia, Land Records Vol 7: Deed Book "G," August 21, 1843 – April 7, 1846*
36. Georgia Surveyor General Plats, land lottery 1832. [microfilm]
37. Georgia Surveyor General, 1832 Land Lottery Surveys [microform, 12 reels]
38. Georgia Surveyor General, 1832 Reverted Gold Lots [microform, 3 reels]
39. Georgia Surveyor General, Cherokee County Land Lottery Grants, 1832-1859 [microform, 44 reels]
40. Georgia Surveyor General, Land Lottery Grants 1833 [microform, 1 reel]
41. Cherokee County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages 183-1910 [microform]
42. Cherokee County, Georgia, Deeds and Mortgages, 1833-1913 [microform, 26 reels]
43. Cherokee County, Georgia, Homestead Records, 1868-1915 [microform, 1 reel]
44. Miscellaneous Georgia Deeds, 1835-1865, microfilm of manuscript collection (ca. 80 pages) in possession of Samuel Charles Candler, Madison, Georgia [microform, 1 reel]

Military Records

45. 1864 Militia Enrollment List [The Joe Brown Census], Cherokee County, Georgia [microform]
46. Confederate Pension Rolls of Disabled Veterans and Widows, 1914-1919, Cherokee County, Georgia [microform, 1 reel]
47. Cherokee County, Georgia, Discharge Records, 1918-1961 [microform, 4 reels]
48. Cherokee County, Georgia, Inferior Court Minutes 1859-1903 – includes lists of paupers, widows, and soldiers [microform, 2 reels]
49. Cherokee County, Georgia, Spanish American, World War 1 and 2, Korean Military Records, 1898-1955

[microform, 1 reel]

Miscellaneous

50. Cherokee County, Georgia, Superior Court, Court Records and Equity Records 1830-1865 [microform, 1 reel]
51. Cherokee County, Georgia, Probate, School District Records, 1839-1901 [microform, 2 reels]
52. Cherokee County, Georgia, Apprenticeship Indentures, 1866-1904 [microform, 1 reel]
53. Daily Medical Log of Dr. W.L. Dean: 1892-1897 [microform]
54. Daily Medical Log of Dr. W.L. Dean: 1900-1906 [microform]

Newspapers

55. North Georgia Tribune (Canton, Georgia), 1970 [Microform, 1 reel]

Probate Records

56. Cherokee County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary, Annual Returns 1848-1929 [microform, 6 reels]
57. Cherokee County, Georgia, Inventories and Appraisements, 1854-1924 [microform, 1 reel]
58. Cherokee County, Georgia, Twelve Months' Support of Widows and Minor Children, 1857 [microform, 1 reel]
59. Cherokee County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary, Records of Wills and Estate Bonds, 1848-1921 [microform, 1 reel]

Tax Digests

60. Cherokee County, Georgia, 1849 Tax Digests [microform]
61. Cherokee County, Georgia, Tax Digests (these are state copies of the county tax digests): 1849-1871 [microform]

Vital Records

62. Cherokee County, Georgia, Marriages, 1841-1910 [microform, 3 reels]
63. Frances T. Ingmire, *Cherokee County, Georgia, Marriage Records, 1841-1855*.

Cherokee County Research Repository Addresses

Cherokee County Courthouse

Canton, Georgia

Probate Court: 770.479.0541

Clerk of Superior Court: 770.479.0538

R.T. Jones Memorial Library

116 Brown Industrial Parkway

Canton, Georgia 30114

Telephone: 770.479.3090

Newspaper Collection:

- ♣ *Cherokee Advance* (January 1880-April 1938)
- ♣ *Cherokee Tribune* (November 1972 - present)
- ♣ *Cherokee Phoenix* Cherokee Indians publication (21 Feb 1828 - 31 May 1834)

Cherokee County Census, 1840-1920

Reinhardt College

Waleska, Georgia 30183-2981

Telephone: 770.720.5512

Hill Freeman Library

Collection:

- Papers of individuals associated with Reinhardt College, including A. M. Reinhardt, R.C. Sharp, Samuel C. Dobbs, and J. Rowland Burgess
- 1835 Census of Cherokee Indians east of the Mississippi River

- Cherokee Advance (Canton, Georgia) 1850-1938
- Cherokee County Court minutes, 1832-1873

The F. James and Florrie G. Funk Heritage Center
The John H Sr. and Ethel C. Bennett History Museum
<http://www.reinhardt.edu/funk-bennett.htm>

Local Genealogical and Historical Societies

- Cherokee County Historical Society
P.O. Box 1287
Canton, GA 30114
 - Northwest Georgia Historical and Genealogical Society.
Address: P.O. Box 5063, Rome, GA 30162-5063
Repository:
- World Wide Web Sites
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