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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Source</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Bartow</td>
<td>03 Dec 1832</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1832 page 056</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Cobb</td>
<td>03 Dec 1832</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1832 page 056</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Floyd</td>
<td>03 Dec 1832</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1832 page 056</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Forsyth</td>
<td>03 Dec 1832</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1832 page 056</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Gilmer</td>
<td>03 Dec 1832</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1832 page 056</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>took area from Habersham</td>
<td>03 Dec 1832</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1832 page 056</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>took area from Hall</td>
<td>03 Dec 1832</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1832 page 056</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Lumpkin</td>
<td>03 Dec 1832</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1832 page 056</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Murray</td>
<td>03 Dec 1832</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1832 page 056</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Paulding</td>
<td>03 Dec 1832</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1832 page 056</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Union</td>
<td>03 Dec 1832</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1832 page 056</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Forsyth</td>
<td>24 Dec 1847</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1847 page 067</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Cobb</td>
<td>22 Jan 1852</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1852 page 065</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Pickens</td>
<td>05 Dec 1853</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1853 page 306</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Forsyth</td>
<td>14 Jan 1854</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1854 page 314</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Forsyth</td>
<td>01 Mar 1856</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1856 page 125</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Cobb</td>
<td>05 Mar 1856</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1856 page 127</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Barrow</td>
<td>04 Mar 1856</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1856 page 130</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Forsyth</td>
<td>04 Mar 1856</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1856 page 130</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Barrow</td>
<td>04 Mar 1856</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1856 page 134</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Milton</td>
<td>18 Dec 1857</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1857 page 036</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Cobb</td>
<td>22 Dec 1857</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1857 page 229</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gave area to Pickens</td>
<td>19 Mar 1869</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1869 page 179</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>took area from Pickens</td>
<td>1870</td>
<td>Georgia Laws 1870 page 024</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

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
7. Rhea Cumming Otto, *1850 Census of Georgia (Cherokee County)* [1976]
    - 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
    - 1850 M432, reel 89
    - 1860 M653, reel 144
10. Federal Census, Mortality Schedules (National Archives microform: series and reel numbers)
    - 1850 SL024 (103 microfiche)

Church Records
12. *Conns Creek Baptist Church, Cherokee County, Georgia*, compiled by Carold Howell and transcribed by David Scott Dingler
13. *Woodstock Baptist Church, Cherokee County, Georgia: Minutes* [microform]

County Histories

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
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]
33. Wyndell O. Taylor, Cherokee County, Georgia, Land Records Vol 5: Deed Book “E,” January 6, 1840 – October 26, 1841
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
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:
  1. Cherokee Advance (January 1880-April 1938)
  2. Cherokee Tribune (November 1972 - present)
  3. 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:
  1. Papers of individuals associated with Reinhardt College, including A. M. Reinhardt, R.C. Sharp, Samuel C. Dobbs, and J. Rowland Burgess
  2. 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
  See Links

© 2001 Linda Woodward Geiger, CGRS℠, CGL℠. All Rights Reserved. Do not distribute without consent of the compiler.

*Certified Genealogical Records Specialist (CGRS) and Certified Genealogical Lecturer (CGL) are service marks of the Board for Certification of Genealogists®, used under license by board-certified associates who meet genealogical competency standards prescribed for those programs.