# Treaty Signers: Yellow indicates Middle and Overhill, Red Letter indicates are Lower

## Pre-American Revolution

Treaty 1684 between two Cherokee towns with English Traders of Carolina, Established beginning a steady trade in deerskins and Indian slaves. Nation's leaders who signed were- Corani the Raven (Ka lanu): Sinnawa the Hawk (Tla nuwa): Nellawgitchi (possibly Mankiller): Gorhaleke: Owasta: all of Toxawa: and Canacaught, the Great Conqueror: Gohoma: Caunasaita of Keowee.

Note: Majority of signers are actually Shawnee. Gorheleke Aka George Light Sky or Letsky better known as Bloody Fellow later commissioned by George Washington.

This mixed signers.

## **Treaty with South Carolina, 1721**

Ceded land between the Santee, Saluda, and Edisto Rivers to the Province of South Carolina.

Note: Settlers encroached violating Treaty

## **Treaty of Nikwasi, 1730**

Trade agreement with the Province of North Carolina through Alexander Cumming.

Note: Cummings was not authorized by the crown to negotiate on behalf of England. He fled debtor's prison to the colonies.

## **Articles of Trade and Friendship, 1730**

Established rules for trade between the Cherokee and the English colonies. Signed between seven Cherokee chiefs (including Attakullakulla) and George I of England.

Note: No Cessions.

#### **Treaty with South Carolina, 1755**

Ceded land between the Wateree and Santee Rivers to the Province of South Carolina.

Note: Settlers encroached violating Treaty.

#### Treaty of Long-Island-on-the-Holston, 1761

Ended the Anglo-Cherokee War with the Colony of Virginia.

Note: Settlers encroached violating Treaty.

#### **Treaty of Charlestown, 1762**

Ended the Anglo-Cherokee War with the Province of South Carolina.

No Cessions, Colonists continued to encroach. Colonists violated the Royal Proclamation of 1763 (which prohibited settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains)

#### **Treaty of Johnson Hall, 1768**

Guaranteed peace between the Iroquois and the Cherokee.

Guaranteed peace between the Cherokee on one side and the Iroquois. Multiple Cherokee factions.

## **Treaty of Hard Labour, 1768**

Ceded land in southwestern Virginia to the British Indian Superintendent, John Stuart.

Due to Encroachment.

## **Treaty of Lochaber, 1770**

Ceded land in the later States of Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky to the Colony of Virginia.

Due to encroachment

### Treaty of Augusta, 1773

Ceded Cherokee claim to 2000000 acres to the Colony of Georgia.

Note: Forced by Indian indebtedness to white traders. Trade system was created for this purpose.

#### Treaty with Virginia, 1772

Ceded land in Virginia and eastern Indian indebtedness to white traders. Kentucky to the Colony of Virginia.

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#### **Treaty of Sycamore Shoals, 1775**

Ceded claims to the hunting grounds between the Ohio and Cumberland Rivers to the Transylvania Land Company.

Note: Virginia General Assembly invalidated the Transylvania Purchase.

## **Pre-U.S. Constitution**

#### **Treaty of DeWitts' Corner, 1777**

Ceded the lands of the Cherokee Lower Towns to the States of South Carolina and Georgia.

Note: South Carolina dictated its terms to an enemy defeated in combat. The victorious Whigs set a boundary line between South Carolina and the Cherokee nation on the crest of Oconee Mountain and mandated that American law had precedence over Cherokee law in dealings between the two nations.

## **Treaty of Fort Henry, 1777**

Confirmed the cession of the lands to the Watauga Association with the States of Virginia and North Carolina.

Note, Obtained under fraud and duress.

## **Treaty of Long Swamp Creek, 1783**

Confirmed the northern boundary of the State of Georgia with the Cherokee, between the latter and that state, with the Cherokee ceding large amounts of land between the Savannah and Chattahoochee River to the State of Georgia in the Treaty of Long Swamp Creek.

#### **Treaty of Pensacola 30 May 1784**

For alliance in trade and commerce between Spain and the Cherokee and Muskogee.

## **Treaty of Hopewell, 1785**

Changed the boundaries between the U.S. and Cherokee lands.

Note Settlers violated the treaty via encroachment.

Treaty of Dumplin Creek, 1785

Ceded remaining land within the claimed boundaries of Sevier County to the State of Franklin.

#### **Treaty of Coyatee, 1785**

Made with the State of Franklin at gunpoint, this treaty ceded the remaining land north of the Little Tennessee River.

Note: Made under duress.

## **Post-U.S. Constitution**

#### Treaty of Holston, 1791

Established boundaries between the United States and the Cherokee Tribe. Guaranteed by the United States that the lands of the Cherokee have not been ceded to the United States.

Note, Bribery and noted drunkenness documented.

#### **Treaty of Walnut Hills, 10 April 1792**

Between the Spanish governor in New Orleans and the Cherokee, Muscogee, Choctaw, and Seminole in which the former promised the latter military protection.

#### Treaty of Pensacola, 1792

Between the Chickamauga (or Lower Cherokee) under John Watts and Arturo O'Neill, governor of Spanish West Florida, for arms and supplies with which to wage war against the United States.

## Treaty of Philadelphia, 1794

Reaffirmed the provisions of the 1785 Treaty of Hopewell and the 1791 Treaty of Holston, particularly those regarding land cession.

Note, Necessary as it was known to be attained via fraud.

## **Treaty of Tellico Blockhouse, 1794**

Peace treaty with of the United States with the Lower Cherokee ending the Chickamauga wars.

Treaty was signed by the Overhill Chiefs

#### **Treaty of Tellico, 1798**

The boundaries promised in the previous treaty had not been marked and white settlers had come in. Because of this, the Cherokee were told they would need to cede new lands as an "acknowledgment" of the protection of the United States. The U.S. would guarantee the new Cherokee Nation could keep the remainder of its land "forever".

Settlers violated. Protection never came.

## Compact of 1802

#### The Compact of 1802,

Formally Articles of Agreement and Cession, was a compact between the United States of America and the state of Georgia entered into on April 24, 1802. In it, the United States paid Georgia 1.25 million U.S. dollars for its central and western lands (the Yazoo lands, now Alabama and Mississippi, respectively), and promised that the U.S. government would extinguish American Indian land titles in Georgia.

Note: No Indians within the territories were a party to the compact between the federal government and Georgia. Lower town "Chickamaugan' land in Georgia that became known as Cherokee land was assigned to Georgia. No compensation to an Indians occurred. This had no effect on aboriginal title. That required consent of the possessors and a specific act of congress. Georgia then assumed title and later lotteries off the land to state citizens.

#### Lost Cherokee Treaty 1804,

The treaty was proposed to lower town chiefs Hiawassee South in North East Georgia. The Lower Town chiefs refused. This treaty was rediscovered in 1824 by the Overhill leadership that had moved from Chota, Tennessee to Ustanali occupying the Chickamaugan capitol in Georgia and later established New Echota. The Overhill now occupying the lower towns discovered this refused treaty. Chief Vann of the Overhill executed the treaty in 1824 citing that the young lower town chiefs were not capable of negotiating a treaty. This became Woffords settlement. White intrusion had been complained throughout 1804-1824.

#### Treaty of Tellico, 1804

Ceded land.

#### Treaty of Tellico, October 25, 1805

Ceded land, including that for the Federal Road through the Cherokee Nation.

#### Treaty of Tellico, October 27, 1805

Ceded land for the state assembly of Tennessee, whose capital was then in East Tennessee, to meet upon.

#### Treaty of Washington, 1806

Ceded land.

#### **Treaty of Fort Jackson, 1814**

Ended the Creek War, demanded land from both the Muscogee (Creek) and the Cherokee.

No Cherokee cessions. Lower Towns largely abstained from conflict due to relations and blood law reprisals. Overhill Cherokee aided Jackson. Creeks have never been paid in full.

## Treaties of Washington, March 22, 1816 (1) (2)

Ceded last remaining lands within the territory limits claimed by South Carolina to the state.

Settler encroachment.

#### **Treaty of Chickasaw Council House, September 14, 1816**

Ceding land.

Settler Encroachment.

#### Treaty of the Cherokee Agency, 1817

Acknowledged the division between the Upper Towns, which opposed emigration, and the Lower Towns, which favored emigration, and provided benefits for those who chose to emigrate west and 640-acre reservations for those who did not, with the possibility of citizenship of the state they are in.

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#### Treaty of Washington, 1819

Reaffirmed the Treaty of the Cherokee Agency of 1817, with a few added provisions specifying land reserves for certain Cherokee.

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## Treaty of San Antonio de Bexar, with the Spanish Empire, 1822

Granted land in the province of Tejas in Spanish Mexico upon which the Cherokee band of The Bowl could live. Though signed by the Spanish governor of Tejas, the treaty was never ratified, neither by the Viceroyalty of New Spain nor by the succeeding Mexican Empire or Republic of Mexico.

#### Treaty of Washington, 1828

Cherokee Nation West ceded its lands in Arkansas Territory for lands in what becomes Indian Territory.

#### Treaty of New Echota, 1835

Surrendered to the United States the lands of the Cherokee Nation East in return for \$5,000,000 dollars to be disbursed on a per capita basis, an additional \$500,000 dollars is for educational funds, title in perpetuity to an equal amount of land in Indian Territory to that given up, and full compensation for all property left in the East.

The treaty is rejected by the Cherokee National Council but approved by the U.S. Senate.

## Treaty of Bowles Village with the Republic of Texas, 1836

Granted nearly 1000000 acres of east Texas land to the Texas Cherokees and twelve associated tribes. (Violation of this treaty led to the Cherokee war of 1839 in which most Cherokees were driven north into the Choctaw Nation or who fled south into Mexico. Following this bloody episode, remaining Texas Cherokees under Chicken Trotter joined Mexican forces in a guerilla war that culminated with the invasion of San Antonio by Mexican General Adrian Woll. Cherokee and allied Indians saw action at the Battle of Salado Creek and against the Dawson regiment. Following this conflict, it was apparent that Mexico was not going to be able to provide the remaining Texas Cherokees with any stability or lands in Texas. This led to a push for peace by newly re-installed Texas President Sam Houston to push for a peace treaty in 1843).

## Treaty of Bird's Fort with the Republic of Texas, 1843

Ended hostilities among several Texas tribes, including the Cherokees. The Treaty which was ratified by the Congress of the Republic of Texas, recognized the tribal status of the Texas Indians as distinct, including the Cherokees that would later become known as the Texas Cherokees and Associate Bands-Mount Tabor Indian Community. President of Texas Sam Houston, adopted son of former Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation West John Jolly, signed for the republic. This treaty, honored by the State of Texas following annexation, has never been abrogated by the Congress of the United States and in theory is still valid.

## **Treaties with the Republic of Texas, 1844**

Additional treaties were made in which Chicken Trotter and Wagon Bowles were involved, but these were never ratified.

## Treaty of Washington, 1846

Ended the covert war between the various factions that had been ongoing since 1839 and attempted to unite the Old Settlers, the Treaty Party, and the Latecomers (or National Party).

## **Treaty of Fort Smith, Arkansas, 1865**

Recognized the claims of the John Ross party as the legitimate Cherokee Nation vis-a-vis those of the Stand Watie party as well as recognized a temporary cease-fire between the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Comanche, Creek, Osage, Quapaw, Seminole, Seneca, Shawnee, Wichita, and Wyandot, with the United States.

## **Treaty of the Cherokee Nation, 1866**

Annulled "pretended treaty" with Confederate Cherokees; granted amnesty to Cherokees; established a US district court in Indian Territory; prevented the US from trading in the Cherokee Nation unless approved by the Cherokee council or taxing residents of the Cherokee Nation; established that all Cherokee Freedmen and free African-Americans living in the Cherokee Nation "shall have all the rights of native Cherokees"; established right of way for rivers, railroads, and other transportation their Cherokee lands; allowed for the US to settle other Indian people in the Cherokee Nation; prevented members of the US military from selling alcohol to Cherokees for non-medicinal purposes; ceded Cherokee lands in Kansas; and established boundaries and settlements for various individuals.

#### **Treaty of Washington, 1868**

Supplemented the treaty of 1866 and also ceded the Cherokee Outlet in Indian Territory.

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