

# CHEROKEE PEOPLE & PLACES

## Pertaining to Cherokee Nation

Area of now Marion Co., Tennessee

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Clan, the Seven of the Cherokees:

**Ani-gatu-ge-wi'**, Ani Kituwah, Kituwah *People*

**Ani-gila'hi**, *Long Hair People.*

**Ani-kawi'**, *Deer People*

**Ani-sahani**, *Blue People*, literally Blue Paint People.

**Ani-Tsiskwa'** *Bird People*

**Ani-wadi'** *Paint People*, literally Red Paint People.

**Ani-wayaya'**, *Wolf People.*

**Ani-tsa-gu'hi**, People-who-disappeared, became The bears

**A-gi-ga-u-e**, *Nancy Ward*, usually written Ghigau.

The name means literally, "Greatly Beloved Woman."  
Nancy Ward occupied the position of Beloved Woman  
during the period of English Settlement. She died in the  
present Polk Co., Tenn. About 1827.

**Agi'na-gi'la Lowery, George**, , Rising Fawn, cousin Of  
Sequoyah. Participated as Major in Creek War,  
1814. Asst. Principal Chief (West) 1840.

**Agili-gi'na**, *Rising Fawn*, chief of Lower Cherokees 1790.

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**Amo-ada'wehi, Moytoy**, Water Conjuror or Rain-  
Maker; chief of Tellico made "Emperor" by  
Cuming in 1730. He died about 1755.

**Amo-ga-yun'yi, Running Water**, one of the Five Lower  
Towns, in the present Marion County, TN  
Destroyed by Ore's men, 1794.

**Amo-yeli-gunhita, Long Island** One of the Five  
Lower Town, on the island still so called, at Bridgeport, Ala

**Ani-kusati-yi, Nickajack**, Old Creek Place, one Of the Five  
Lower Towns, at the present Shellmound, Marion Co., TN.  
The cave at Nickajack was called by the Creeks Tecallassee,  
which means Old Crossing Place.

**Asgaya-Galun-lati'**, "The Man Above." *Great Spirit*

**Ata-gul-galu, Attakulla-kulla**, Leaning Wood".  
Peace Chief of the Cherokees during period of English  
settlement. Known to whites as **The Little Carpenter.**

**Awa'hi-li Eagle**,

**Bulltown**, probably same as Citico, which see. Stecoyee; a town at the mouth of Chickamauga Creek.

**Chado-na-ugsa, Chattanooga**, from the Creek, “Rock That comes to an end. Name originally applied to Lookout Mtn

**Chado-na-ugsa, Chattanooga**. The Creeks Called the mountain “Rock Coming to an end., hence Chattanooga.

**Cukko-micco, Chickamauga Creek**, pronounce Chukko-micco, dwelling place of the war chief. At the present Chattanooga, on the creek which gave its name to the seceding branch of the Cherokees in 1777.

**Dagu’na-ya, Mussel Shoals**, mussel place. [Muscle Choals.]

**E-gwa’ni; River, big river, egwa’ni-ma’ya**.  
The Cherokees so called the Tennessee River.

**Ela-wadi-yi, Red Clay**, red earth place. Council Ground of the Cherokees after being forced out Of Georgia about 1830. The location was at a Large spring about half a mile north of the Tennessee State Line, at the present Red Clay, Georgia. **John Ross** lived about two miles north ward on the present Cleveland Dalton pike. The present council ground of the Eastern Cherokees at Cherokee, N.C. is called Red Clay

**Eskaqua; Bloody Fellow, Yunwi’giga’, Bloody Person**, usually wrtitten Noone-teya. A prominent chief from

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**Galun-kwa-dietsi-da-du, “Beloved Old Father;”**

**Gan-da giga-ha-I Bloody Ground, Kentucky,**

**Ganun-da-le-gi’, Ridge, Major**, “He follows the Ridge,” leader of “Treaty Party” which Advocated removal to the West

**Gatun-wali, Hard Mush**, a son of **John Watts**.

**Inali, Black Fox**, Dragging Canoe’s nephew; Principal Chief 1819

**Kagun’yi, Crowtown**.one of the Five Lower Towns,  
Near the present Stevenson, Alabama.

**Kai-ya-tahee Old Tassel, ’** Principal Chief, succeeding **Attakullakulla** in 1777. He was killed under a flag of truce in 1788.

**Kallamuchee, Tennessee River;** from the Creek

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**Kiachatalee**, Tsi-aga-tali', *He shot*, or killed, *Two*.  
[A young chief of Nickajack, killed at Buchanan's Station in 1792.]

**Kai-ya-tsa-tahee; *Tassel, Old***, succeeded **Attakullakulla** as Peace Chief, 1777; killed under flag of truce, 1788. Uncle of **Watts**. Tennessee, from the Creek Talua, town, and ahassee, Old; Old Town. The term was frequently applied to any old, well beloved settlement, and was used, too, to indicate a place once settled and later abandoned. Same as Tallissee, Tallahassee, Talisi., etc.

**Kana-gi'ta *Little Turkey***., Principal Chief  
[following The death of **Old Tassel** in 1788.]

**Kunnessee-Watts, *John***, I', green corn top, or Young Tassel.  
A seceding chief, 1777; war chief of the Chickamaugas, 1792-1794, died about 1808 at Willstown.

**Mexco-ulgee, *Muscogee, Creeks***, Mexican People.  
The X has the sound of sh. The Creeks, of Mexican origin, are believed to have landed at The mouth of the Mississippi about the Beginning of the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. Old Muscogee culture reached as far north as Ohio, once occupied all of the TN.Valley

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**Natsi-ye, *Natchey Town***, Natchez Place .

A settlement on Natchey Creek, Monroe Co., Tn. occupied by Natchez refugees about 1740, when the Natchez towns were destroyed by the French. It was the birthplace of **Dragging Canoe**, and in later years the home of **Attakullakulla**.

**Nunnehi-dihi'**; *Pathkiller*, Principal Chief succeeding **Black Fox** about 1819. He died in 1836, and is buried at New Echota.

**Nuna-da-ut-sun'yi, *Trail of Tears***, Trail where they Cried.

**Ookoo-usdi *Little Owl***, brother of **Dragging Canoe**  
[Killed at Buchanan Station, 1792.]

**Scolacuta, Skwala-guta; *Hanging Maw***,  
Principal Chief, 1782-1794. Or Hanging stomach.

**Si'kwa', or utset'sti, *O'possum***, he grins; hence Sequatchie.

**Sikwa'utset'tsi**, "*Sequatchie*, o'possum, he grins"

**Tsiya'hane'ski, *Otter Lifter***, Chickamaugas Chief who lived at Running Water.

**Tal-sue'ska, *Doublehead***, two heads. Often written

**Talotiskee.** A noted chief, brother of **Old Tassel** uncle to **Watts**. Active 1788 death in 1807.

**Tekalla-na Uchee, *Uchee Crossing*.** Kentucky,

**Tsa-lagi' or Tsal-ragi'. Cherokee,** The name is probably derived from Atsila-gi-ga-I' Red Fire Men. Red was the emblem of bravery with the Cherokees; and bravery was derived from the East, or sunrise. The name would indicate Cherokees were children of the sun, brave men.

**Tsi-yu'gunsi'ni, *Dragging Canoe*** from tsi'yu, Canoe, and gunsi'ni, he is dragging it. *Leader Of* war faction of Cherokee & War Chief of Chickamaugas until his death in 1792.

**Tsi-yu-gunun'ta, *Atta-kulla-kulla,*** in early life called [father of *Dragging Canoe*]

**Tsis-kwa'ya, *Sequoyah,*** the Sparrow, or Principal Bird. The inventor of the Cherokee alphabet.

**Tahlonteeskie, *Ata-lun-ti'ski,*** "He throws him down" A chief who emigrated to the West about 1808 and became Principal Chief of the Western band. Brother to **John Jolly**, brother-in-law to **Doublehead**.

**Tuskega, or Tuskegee;** from the Creek, meaning *Warrior Place*. The name occurs twice in the Cherokee country; on

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**Tali-danda-ganu' *Lookout Mountain,*** , "Two looking At each other," the name given by the Cherokees to the two mountains facing each Other at Chattanooga, TN..

**Un-tewah, *Ooltewah,*** resting place. Town in Hamilton Co. TN

**Udtsu-ti-gwa-yi, *Citico,*** fishing place, literally, big fish there. An important town on the Little Tennessee at the mouth of Citico Creek, Monroe County, Tenn.; and another at the Present Chattanooga. Sometimes spelled Settico

**Unli'ta , *The Breath,*** Long Winded, Chief of Nickajack; killed during Ore's raid. 1794. The name indicated long winded, i.e. a good Runner.

**Utsu'ti-ganago'hi, *Lying Fish,*** usually abbreviated Utsuta-gana; one of the seceding chief, 1777.

**Unti;ya,** hence **Unti-gu-yi, *Pot,*** Pot in Water there, The Suck of the Tennessee, below Chattanooga.

**Uwenahi’Tsus-ti’**, *Richard Justice*, “He has wealth,  
Or riches.” The word Uwenahi’, meaning rich, Was used  
as an abbreviation for the name Richard; “Justice” being  
a corruption of the Cherokee Tsus’ti, “He possesses.”  
Chief of Lookout Mountain Town 1777, 1794.

**Wayatsi’**, *Wauhatchie*, might or terrible wolf.  
A chief of the Lower Towns at the time of the  
French and Indian War, 1756.

**Yo-he-wah’** *Great Spirit*, old form after Adair,;

**Yo-he-wah’** Jehovah, or *Great Spirit*,