



The Changing Boundaries of Cherokee County, Georgia

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.