



Native American History Resource Guide

Please note this is not an exhaustive list of all Georgia Historical Society resources relating to Native American history. Search our online catalog for other archival collections, books, pamphlets, and serials related to Native American history (www.georgiahistory.com). See our additional resource guides for genealogical research.

Archival Collections- The archival collections contain original material ranging from personal papers to photographs to organizational records. Researchers should search the Archival Collection Finding Aids Database to find collections relevant to their search.

- *Harvey Dan Abrams collection on Cherokee Indians relocation* (GHS 0927):
This collection consists of correspondence, a power of attorney, and statements by The Rising Fawn and The Flute (or Old Turkey), two Cherokee men. The collection also includes two volumes. The first volume is a record of claims, 1836-1838, kept by Wilson Lumpkin and John Kennedy, Commissioners appointed by the President under the Cherokee Treaty. It includes 423 claims made by the Cherokee Indians of property taken from them. The second volume contains an inventory and sale of property belonging to Native Americans in Floyd County, Georgia.
- *James Taylor letter to John A. Parker* (GHS 0606):
A letter written from James Taylor to John A. Parker of Dohlonga, Georgia. Writing from Washington, D.C. in 1855, Taylor describes a delegation of Eastern Cherokees which was to appear before the Department of Indian Affairs to appeal for money and land due them under Native American treaties. Junaluska, Cherokee Chief, was in attendance at the hearing.
- *George Galphin account books* (GHS 269):
This collection consists of three account books from George Galphin's trading post at Silver Bluff, 1767-1772.
- *Jeremiah Evarts diary* (GHS 0240):
The Jeremiah Evarts diary, dated March 13, 1822 to May 4, 1822, was written during a trip through Georgia. The Cherokee country and certain Native Americans encountered by Evarts are discussed.
- *Andrew McLean business ledger* (GHS 1561):
Andrew McLean was a merchant and Indian trader. This ledger contains the business transactions of Andrew McLean. Each page contains debits and credits for individual and business accounts handled by McLean. Most entries are between 1774 and 1783, with a few entries post-dating McLean's death.



- *Creek Trading House records* (GHS 1390):
This collection consists of microfilmed copies of the Creek Trading House in Georgia. The records include a letter book, 1795-1816; loose paper, 1795-1813; a book containing copies of bills of exchange, 1799-1802; and an account book, 1816-1820.
- *Georgia Militia Campaigns Against Indians on the Frontier claim records* (GHS 1555):
This collection consists of a microfilmed copy of accounts of the payment of claims relating to campaigns against Native Americans on the Georgia frontier, 1792-1794.
- *Benjamin Hawkins papers* (GHS 0373):
This collection contains journals, letter books, correspondence, and various notes. Most items focus on the Creek Indian Nation, the Creek War, 1813-1814, and dealings with the Indian Agency.
- *Walter Charlton Hartridge Jr. collection* (GHS 1349):
This collection contains documents relating to Cherokee ancestry of members of the Charlton, Cleland, Waters and Howell families. See Series 16, oversized folder 6.
- *Chekilli speech* (GHS 0143):
This collection consists of a photocopy of a talk given by Chekilli in Savannah, June 11, 1735, in which he recounts the migration legend of the Creek Indians.
- *Andrew Jackson letter to Mad Wolf and James Fife* (GHS 0419)
This collection consists of a letter from Andrew Jackson to Mad Wolf, who was Yaha Hajo, a Seminole Chief, and James Fife, an Upper Creek Chief, 1820. The letter concerns the Talladegas, Seminole, and Creek Indians, the distribution of cattle taken from the Seminoles, the depredations of the 'Red Sticks,' a party of Creeks, and a fair distribution of the \$80,000 appropriated by the U.S. Congress to indemnify the Indians for their losses.
- *Jacob R. Brooks Cherokee language lexicon* (GHS 0093)
This collection consists of a lexicon of the Cherokee language compiled by Jacob R. Brooks of DeKalb County, Georgia and presented to Colonel W. W. Hazzard of Glynn County, Georgia. This inventory includes nouns, numerals and other miscellaneous terms. It gives the Cherokee names of the members of the Georgia Legislature in 1830 as well as a history of the Cherokee tribe in the state.

Maps

- *Map of the state of Georgia, 1818* (GHS 1361-MP 069)



- *A map of the Indian Nations in the Southern Department 1766* (reproduction) (GHS 1361-MP 325)
- *Hunter's map of the Cherokee country* (1730) (GHS 1361-MP 346)
- *A map of the southern Indian district, 1764* (GHS 1361-MP 347)
- *Ogeechee River basin (Ga.) map 1783* (reproduction) (GHS 1361-MP 416)
- *A draught of the Cherokee country: on the west side of the twenty four mountains, commonly called over the hills, 1762* (GHS 1361-MP 587)
- *Cherokee Indian towns of Oconee County, South Carolina* (GHS 1361-MP 738)

Other Collections of Interest- For genealogical resources, please see our genealogical resource guides.

Oliver G. Ricketson, Jr. typescript of Memoir, or a Cursory Glance at My Different Travels and My Sojourn in the Creek Nation (GHS 0989):

This collection consists of a typescript of Louis Leclerc Milfort's *Memoir, or a Cursory Glance at My Different Travels and My Sojourn in the Creek Nation, 1775-1795*. Milfort (b. ca. 1750) was a French adventurer who lived in the Creek Nation for twenty years.

Edward Varner family papers (GHS 1256):

Includes Indian Springs records, 1855-1948, concerning the history of Indian Springs, the Varner House, the Foy Hotel, the Elder Hotel, General William McIntosh and the Treaty of Indian Springs, 1825.

Jonathan Bryan papers (GHS 0098):

This collection contains an indenture between the Head Men and warriors of the Creek Nation and Jonathan Bryan.

Atkins family letters (GHS 0030):

Includes a typed copy of an 1862 letter from Catlett J. Atkins to an unknown recipient gives news of his missionary work in the Creek Nation.

Lyman Copeland Draper collection (GHS 1611):

Includes a microfilm copy of George Stiggin's narrative on Creek Indians of Alabama. Original held by State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

United States War Department, Secretary of War Letters (GHS 1607):

This collection consists of a microfilm copy of papers from the Records of the War Department held in the National Archives (NARA collection M221). These papers consist of letters received



and written by the Secretary of War, John C. Calhoun, 1820-1824. These letters were written from the Treasury Department and the Creek Agency primarily by William H. Crawford, Edward Jones, and John C. Calhoun.

Main Collection Books

"Ani-Yun-Wi-Ya" (Principle People), Carden & Scott Ancestors by Sandi Garrett (CS71.C3 G3)

Eastern Cherokee Walkers' Claims of People by the Name Walker Intermarried with the Cherokee Indians, Vol. 1 & 2 by Lucy Kate McGhee (CS71.W2I32 1950)

Indians of Georgia: Past and Present, edited by Frank B. Gille (E78.G3 I52 1999)

Cherokee Ration Books 1836-1837-1838 New Echota (E99.C5 D68 1999)

The Moravian Springplace Mission to the Cherokees, Vol. 1 1805-1813 (E99.C5 G164 2007 Vol. 1 & 2)

"Only the Names Remain" Vol. 1-6 by Sandi Garrett (E99.C5 G25 1993 Vol. 1-6)

"A.K.A." (Also Known As) by Sandi Garrett (E99.C5 G367)

Ties That Bind: The Story of an Afro-Cherokee Family in Slavery and Freedom by Tiya Miles (E99.C5 M553 2005)

Noland's Cherokee Diary: a US Soldier's Story from inside the Cherokee Nation by Mildred E. Whitmire (E99.C5 N64 1990)

Red Men of Fire : a History of the Cherokee Indians by Irvin M. Peithmann (E99.C5 P38)

Records of the Moravians Among the Cherokees: Early Contact and the Establishment of the First Mission Vol. 1-2 (E99.C5 R33 2010 V. 1&2)

Cherokee Planters, In Georgia 1832-1838 (E99.C5 S484 1989)

Upon Our Ruins: A Study in Cherokee History and Genealogy by Don L. Shadburn (E99.C5 S486 2011)

The Cottonpatch Chronicles: Reflections on Cherokee History, People, Places, and Events in Forsyth County, Georgia by Don L. Shadburn (E99.C5 S485 2003)

Our People and Where They Rest Vol. 1 by James W. Tyner (E99.C5 T97)



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Guardians of the Valley: Chickasaws in Colonial South Carolina and Georgia by Edward J. Cashin (E99.C55 C37 2009)

A Sketch of the Creek Country and Letters of Benjamin Hawkins (E99.C9 H3 1974)

Forty Years of Diversity: Essays on Colonial Georgia edited by Harvey H. Jackson (F289 .F67 1984)

Unhallowed Intrusion: A History of Cherokee Families in the Forsyth County, GA (F292 .F67 S489 1993)