



**Trail of Tears Association, Tennessee Chapter Newsletter
August 2011**

CHAPTER MEETING: September 11, 2011

For our next meeting, Floyd Ayers has arranged for us to meet at the Citizens Pavilion, located at 1561 Phillip Fulmer Parkway, in Winchester, TN 37398. Floyd says the address shows correctly on Google Maps, but incorrectly on Mapquest. So use Google Maps to get your directions. Floyd says it is a building with a red roof about 400 feet left of Highway 130 (aka Phillip Fulmer Pkwy). The building has a kitchen.

The meeting is Sunday, September 11, 2011, 11 am Central Time, noon Eastern time. Yes, it is on the 10th anniversary of a very important date. Somehow it seems ironic that we are meeting to discuss one great American tragedy, namely the Trail of Tears, on the anniversary of another great American tragedy. But life goes on. I heard a quote on TV that was supposedly spoken by Rose Kennedy. Being a historian, I hesitate to re-quote it without verifying its origin or accuracy, but whoever said it, the thought somehow seems appropriate for the date of the upcoming meeting: "Birds sing after a storm; why shouldn't people feel as free to delight in whatever remains to them." Let us delight in our fellowship that we will share at our quarterly lunch. Remember to bring a snack or covered dish.

Andrew Denson, assistant professor in the Department of History at Western Carolina University, will be at our meeting. He is researching public commemoration of Cherokee Removal. Also, Floyd Ayers and Doris Tate Trevino will present some background on the Bell Route.

NATIONAL TOTA CONFERENCE deadline for registration without penalty: September 3.

This is a friendly reminder of the upcoming registration deadline for the 16th Annual Trail of Tears Association Conference & Symposium to be held in Cherokee, North Carolina from Oct. 3 to Oct. 6. Registration forms postmarked after September 3, 2011 will incur a \$100 late fee. If you have already sent in your registration, please disregard this reminder. www.NationalTOTA.org

TNTOTA CO-SPONSORS BOOKSIGNING: November 14, 2011

TNTOTA and Audubon Acres are co-sponsoring a booksigning for Daniel Smith's new book *An American Betrayal: Cherokee Patriots and the Trail of Tears*. Published by Henry Holt & Company, Smith's book examines the political events leading up to the removal of 1838 and resettlement in Indian Territory. Smith is a former professor of Colonial American history at the University of Kentucky. If you attended the national TOTA conference last year in Metropolis, you may have heard Smith speak on his book. The signing will be on Mon., Nov. 14 at 7:00 pm at Concord Baptist Church located at 7025 E. Brainerd Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421, next to Exit # 3 from I-75. Please direct questions to TNTOTA director Cleata Townsend at CAudubonS@aol.com or humanbeing_2@hotmail.com. Or you can call Cleata at 423-892-3690 (Audubon Acres) or contact her at night at home at 423-688-2804. There will be a good supply of books for sale at the signing.

GREAT ISLAND FESTIVAL: September 10-11, 2011

Sequoyah Birthplace and Museum and Fort Loudoun State Historic Park in Vonore, Tennessee will hold their Great Island Festival September 10-11 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day. The festival is a series of events that are designed to take visitors back in time to an 18th Century Trade Faire and a Cherokee Indian encampment. Among other activities, guests will have the opportunity to experience

Native American food, arts and crafts demonstrations, music and dance. For more information, visit the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum's website at <http://www.sequoyahmuseum.org/>.

INTERTRIBAL CULTURAL GATHERING: October 21-23, 2011

Red Clay State Park near Cleveland and Ooltewah, Tennessee is holding its Intertribal Cultural Gathering on Oct. 21-23. Native dance and food will be featured. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and sun shades.

TENNESSEE STATE POWWOW: October 14 – 16, 2011

The 30th annual Tennessee State Powwow will be held at Long Hunter State Park in Nashville and will feature Native American food, music, dance, arts, and crafts. For more information visit their website at <http://www.naiatn.org/powwow/index.html>.

Event in Cherokee, North Carolina:

6TH ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN TRIBES CULTURAL ARTS CELEBRATION: Sept. 16-17

Cherokee Indian Fair Grounds - 512 Tsali Blvd.

Contact: Museum of the Cherokee Indian (828) 497-3481

News from the TOTA chapter in Georgia:

ETOWAH INDIAN MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE: September 17, 2011

Saturday September 17, 2-3 p.m. Dr. Max White, Professor of History at Piedmont College, will speak on Georgia's Indian heritage, including prehistoric Creek and Cherokee peoples, their culture, contributions, trials and successes. Dr. White will also discuss modern tribes we know today and how they came to be. \$3.50 - \$5.00 plus tax 770-387-3747.

JOIN ALL YOUR STATE PARKS FOR THE SAVE OUR PARKS VOLUNTEER DAY!

NEW ECHOTA - SEPTEMBER 24, 10-3 come help spruce up the Old Cherokee Capital with projects including trail work, cemetery clean up, painting and more. Great idea for your scout groups or other groups that need a community service project. Call 706-624-1321 to volunteer. Help get ready for FRONTIER DAY October 15th. Check out the other state park volunteer day projects at gastateparks.org.

GILMER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: September 25, 2011

*A free workshop September 25, 2011 at the Gilmer County Library in Ellijay Georgia **Tracing Your Native American Heritage**. The workshop will be from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Pre-registration is necessary - space is limited. Call 706-635-4528 or 706-276-4528.*

September is Native American Heritage Month in Tennessee. November is National Native American Heritage month.

“It is distressing to reflect on the situation of the nation. One detachment stopped at the Ohio River, two at the Mississippi, one four miles this side, one 16 miles this side, one 18 miles, and one 3 miles behind us. In all these detachments, comprising about 8,000 souls, there is now a vast amount of sickness, and many deaths. Six have died within a short time in Maj. [James] Brown's company, and in this detachment. Of Mr. Taylor's there are more or less affected with sickness in almost every tent; and yet all are houseless & homeless in a strange land, and in a cold region exposed to weather almost unknown in their native country.” *From the Journal of Rev. Daniel S. Butrick, Nov. 28 and 29, 1838. Butrick, a missionary who served in the Cherokee Nation for many years including at the Carmel and Brainerd Missions, accompanied the Cherokees on the Trail of Tears and kept a journal of his experience.*

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