



**Trail of Tears Association, Tennessee Chapter Newsletter
June 2013**

CHAPTER MEETING: Saturday, June 29, 2013, 12:00 pm Central time, 1:00 pm Eastern time
BOARD MEETING: Saturday, June 29, 2013, 11:00 am Central time, Noon Eastern time

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, June 29 at Martin Springs cave, near Monteagle, TN. Everyone needs to bring a folding chair. If anyone has a folding table to bring, that would be helpful because there are minimal facilities. We will, as always, have a pot luck lunch. There will be a porta-potty so you may want to use other facilities before you get to the meeting.

Martin Springs is located just off Interstate 24, exit 143, between Monteagle and Jasper, at the foot of Monteagle Mountain.

From Nashville/Murfreesboro, take I-24 East toward Chattanooga:

- after crossing Monteagle Mountain, get off at exit 143 and turn left, crossing over I-24
- turn left onto Martin Springs Rd directly in front of the Chevron station
- Martin Springs will be 1.6 miles on the right

From Chattanooga and East Tennessee, take I-24 West toward Nashville:

- after crossing the Tennessee River (Nickajack Lake) and passing by Kimball/South Pittsburg, get off at Exit 143 and turn right
- turn left onto Martin Springs Rd directly in front of the Chevron station
- Martin Springs will be 1.6 miles on the right

From Lawrenceburg and southern Middle Tennessee:

- take US Hwy 64 east toward Chattanooga to I-24 (14 miles past Winchester) and turn right onto I-24 toward Chattanooga
- after crossing Monteagle Mountain, get off at exit 143 and turn left, crossing over I-24
- turn left onto Martin Springs Rd directly in front of the Chevron station
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From Floyd Ayers: TNTOTA and the National Park Service believe that the Bell Detachment camped and rested at Martin Springs for a couple of days prior to its arduous ascent of the steep Monteagle mountain. Of course, in 1838 the site was not called "Martin Springs". Lt. Deas referred to it as the "Head of Battle Creek". The evidence that Martin Springs was the Bell campsite is:

- All tributaries of Battle Creek above Martin Springs are either intermittent streams or wet weather drains, so Martin Springs is the beginning source of the constant flow of water in Battle Creek.
- The land along the creek flowing from Martin Springs is level, providing a perfect camp location.
- A road (believed to have been the original Jasper-Winchester Rd) ascended the mountain from Martin Springs to the Trussell farm (now known as Trussell Point), where the Bell Detachment camped for the night following the ascent of the mountain, and rations were distributed. Portions of this road, which was severed by the construction of I-24 in the 1960's, remain.

More info on Martin Springs and to see a photo: <http://southeasttennessee.com/www/docs/10024.3954/>.

2013 TOTA CONFERENCE, Hopkinsville, KY, October 7-10

The next national conference will be in Hopkinsville, Kentucky October 7-10. Members of the TOTA should have already received their registration packets for the annual conference. If you are a member and have not received your information, contact Jerra Quinton-Baker at TOTA@ArIndianCtr.org. Non-members who would like to attend can check out conference information at the TOTA website at <http://nationaltota.org/> and print a form to join the TOTA.

UPDATE ON SIGNAGE FROM VICKY GARLAND, TNTOTA STATE DIRECTOR

May was a successful and busy month for Vicky Garland. Through the efforts of TNTOTA members like Vicky and state and national partners, new signs for the Trail of Tears were installed at David Crockett State Park in Lawrenceburg. Vicky has also been working with Cory Kolisko of the National Park Service and Amy Kostine of TNTOTA and the Center for Historic Preservation at MTSU to plan for the future of the trail in the area. They walked the trail and then held a design meeting on how to lay out the trail and what they thought of the future of the Trail. They are also working on what they want future kiosk panels to say. Photos of the new signs for David Crockett State Park are below.

The Lawrence County Government recently voted to give Vicky \$1750 for posts and hardware for Trail of Tears signage for her area, while the Lawrenceburg City Government voted to give her \$1250 and the Loretto City Government voted to donate \$500. The municipal governments' new budget years start July 1st so the funding will be available after that date for more signs in the Lawrenceburg area. Vicky hopes to have these new signs installed before the TOT memorial walk on November 2 in Lawrenceburg. In addition to the walk, a Civil War skirmish and living history demonstration, a dedication in the park, and a covered dish pot luck meal are planned.



Left: The very first TOT sign to be installed at David Crockett State Park in Lawrenceburg. The photo shows John Bass, park manager, on the car, Cory Kolisko of the NPS, and Toye Heape of TNTOTA and the Native History Association placing the sign. Right: TNTOTA's Vicky Garland with one of the new signs. Both photos courtesy of Vicky Garland.

NATIONAL TRAIL OF TEARS PRESERVATION WORKSHOP: JULY 8-9, CLEVELAND, TN

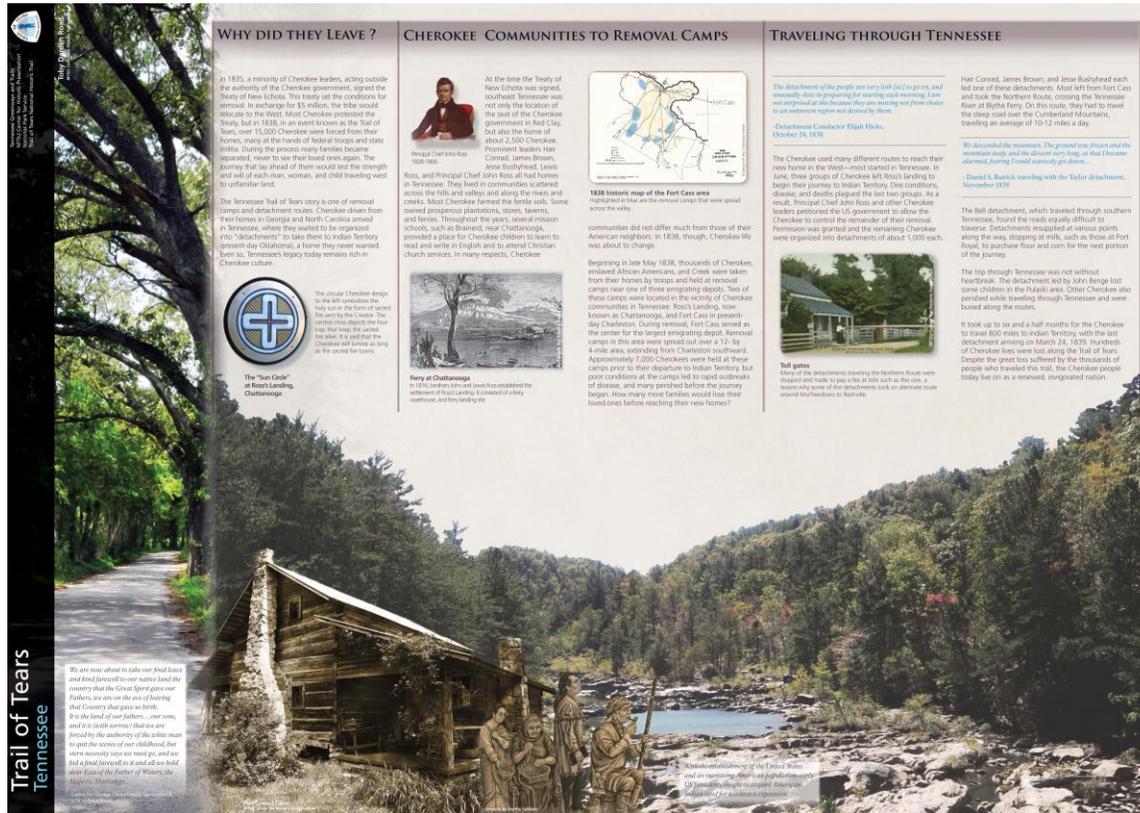
The National Park Service and the Trail of Tears Association are holding a workshop on the identification and preservation of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The workshop is free for current 2013 TOTA members and only \$25 (which is payment for this year's membership) for those of you who have not sent in your 2013 dues. The **DEADLINE** for early registration and for hotel reservations is **JUNE 11, 2013**.

You should have received information on the itinerary, hotel booking details, and a registration form under separate email. If you plan on attending please return this information as soon as possible. Conference registrations should be mailed to the Trail of Tears Association, 1100 N. University, Suite 143, Little Rock, AR 72207. They must be postmarked by June 11. If your registration is postmarked after June 11, please add \$30 to your registration fee. Hotel reservations may be made by calling the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel at 423-478-1212 by June 11 to get the special room rate of \$77 per night plus tax. Use the Group Code which is Trail of Tears Association (TOTA). The hotel is located at 110 Interstate Drive NW in Cleveland. Limited travel assistance to cover hotel and mileage is available. To request assistance, contact Becky Morgan at bmorgan@arindianctr.org or call her at 501-666-9032 by June 11.

The Cleveland workshop will start at 8:30 am on Monday July 8 and end at 4:00 pm on Tuesday July 9. It will include field visits on Monday from noon to 5 pm and a social mixer that evening from 6 to 7. Guest speakers include Jeff Bishop, President of the Georgia chapter, and Dr. Carroll Van West of the Center for Historic Preservation at MTSU, and someone from the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office.

TN TOTA BROCHURE UPDATE FROM AMY KOSTINE (Ed. by Vicki Rozema)

The TN Trail of Tears brochure is officially complete, and Amy has received the final PDF version from Long Distance Trails. The Center for Historic Preservation at MTSU is funding the first run of printing. The brochure will go to the printer and be on the shelves of partner sites soon. Below is an image of the front side of the brochure.



HIWASSEE RIVER HERITAGE CENTER NOW OPEN

The grand opening of the Hiwassee River Heritage Center was held on Friday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. The Center for Historic Preservation (CHP) at MTSU funded the development of the exhibits. There was an excellent turnout and several TNTOTA members attended. The center's hours are 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. The center is looking for volunteers. If you have some time to donate, contact Darlene Goins at darlenegoins@bellsouth.net or call her cell 423-413-8284.



Photos of the grand opening of the Hiwassee River Heritage Center. Left: ribbon cutting ceremony. TNTOTA member Amy Kostine, who designed the exhibits and oversaw their installation through the CHP, is front and center in a black and white dress. Right: Amy's Cherokee panels. TNTOTA members Debbie Moore (in black) and Shirley Lawrence (in yellow and blue) are at the far right.

MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 13 TNTOTA MEETING, BY AMY KOSTINE

(Note from Vicki: Minutes are not official until read and approved at the members' meeting on June 29.)

Date: April 13, 2013; Meeting Location: Woodbury, Tennessee

Minutes:

- All attendees introduced themselves
- Vicki Rozema read last meeting's minutes
- Minutes were approved (Cleata Townsend and Howard Leary)
- Floyd Ayers gave the Treasurer's Report
 - Current balance is \$1900.73
 - Treasurer's Report was approved (Lee and Cleata Townsend)
- Discussed the selection of a secretary
- Postpone selection of secretary
- Toye Heape, TN-TOTA webmaster introduced himself
- Melba Checote-Eads discussed the Trail of Tears commemorative walk she is organizing for September for Native American Heritage Month in TN
- Wally Leary offered an update on bylaws
 - Agnes Jones sent Vicki Rozema a copy of the bylaws and she will look for it in her email
- Wall Leary discussed increasing the number of board members
- Wall Leary discussed ordering new t-shirts and baseball hats
 - sizes needed, color, and logo
 - Suggested that a "t-shirt" committee be created to decide the color and design
- Shirley Lawrence gave a list of upcoming events
 - May 17th: Hiwassee River Heritage Center Grand Opening
 - May 18th: New Echota 175th kickoff at 2:00pm
 - June: Brett Riggs will be speaking in Etowah, TN
 - July 8-9th: Trail of Tears Identification and Preservation Workshop in Cleveland, TN
 - August 3-4th: Red Clay, TN Event
 - September: NC Mission Farms Event
 - October 12: Pumpkintown, Athens, TN
 - October 26-28th: Moccasin Bend Friends Group-dedication of the Old Federal Road

- October 27th: Memorial Wall Dedication at Blythe Ferry (open to the general public after 2:00 or 2:30pm)
- October 28th: Chief Baker is speaking at the Tennessee Aquarium
- Shirley Lawrence discussed her trip to Cherokee, regarding Cherokee Days of Recognition
- Amy Kostine gave Trail of Tears project updates from The Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University
- Motion to close the meeting (Wally Leary and Sarah Kortokrax)
- Vicki Rozema gave a talk based on her dissertation research

◆ Tennessee Events:

Annual Brainerd Mission Cemetery Flag Ceremony, Chattanooga, Wednesday, June 12, 2:30 pm.

Each year, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), who have protected and maintained the Brainerd Mission Cemetery for many years, conduct a flag raising in remembrance of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) teachers who ran a mission to the Cherokees for over 20 years at the site. At least one Cherokee student at the mission, John Arch, is buried in the cemetery. Rev. Daniel S. Buttrick's journal also records the burials at the cemetery of several Cherokees who were held in camps near Ross's Landing and the mission during the summer of 1838 as they were waiting deportation. This year's speaker is Betty Lundquist. The flag raising ceremony is open to the public. The cemetery is located in Chattanooga on Brainerd Road next to Eastgate Town Center.

Documentary Film Premier, Fort Loudon State Park, Vonore, Saturday, June 15, 2 pm.

Premier of a new 15-minute documentary, *Fort Loudoun: Forsaken By God and Man*. Speakers from Tennessee State Parks, Fort Loudoun Association, Tennessee Overhill Association, and Nolichucky Pictures will be also be featured. Fort Loudon was built by the British during the French and Indian War in order to protect trade between the Cherokees and South Carolina and to help cement relations between the English and Cherokees. For more information: <http://fortloudoun.com/> or call 423-884-6217.

Tennessee Native American Eagle Awards Trail Ride, Williamsport Lake, Columbia, Saturday, July 6; Tennessee Native American Eagle Awards Banquet, MTSU, Saturday, August 3.

A benefit trail ride to raise funds for the annual Tennessee Native American Eagle Awards Banquet, that honors Tennesseans who have made a contribution to the Native American community, will be held on July 6. It will take place at Williamsport Lake, Hwy 50, in Columbia, TN. There will be a special guest, Candy Red Cloud, from the Pine Ridge Reservation. Take a bag lunch. There is a picnic area for those who do not ride horses. \$10 donation for the benefit fund. Nominations for the Eagle Awards are due by July 1 and should be sent to Sheila Jones at 8059 Maple Street, Lyles, TN, 37098. For more information on the Trail Ride, contact Sheila Judd Jones through the Tennessee Eagle Awards Benefit Trail Ride Facebook page. Reservations for the banquet should also be made through Sheila.

175th Anniversary of the Trail of Tears Memorium, Red Clay State Park, Saturday and Sunday, August 3 & 4, 10 am to 8 pm.

This living history event honoring the 175th anniversary of the Cherokee Removal will include 18th and early 19th century re-enactors portraying Cherokees and non-Cherokee settlers and tradesmen. For more information: 423-478-0339 or <http://www.tn.gov/environment/parks/RedClay/>.

Sequoyah Remembrance Day, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, Sunday, August 4, 12 pm to 5 pm.

Free Admission Day. Join us on Sunday August 4, from 12-5 p.m. as we celebrate Sequoyah who created a written language for the Cherokee people. Julie Reed from the University of Tennessee will lecture on

the Cherokee Old Settlers at 2 pm and the blacksmith shop will be open. For more information: seqmus@tds.net.

Spirit of Nations Powwow, Chilhowee Park, Knoxville, Saturday, August 10, 10 am to 8 pm.

This annual powwow will focus on the 175th commemoration of the Trail of Tears and will include traditional Cherokee dances and other Native dance demonstrations, drumming, storytelling, Indian frybread, and Native American vendors. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children, preschool children are free. For more information, contact Mark Finchum at indiancreekproductions@gmail.com or check the website at <http://www.indiancreekproductions.com/tableofcontentspowwow.html>.

Fort Loudon Garrison Weekend, Fort Loudon State Park, Vonore, 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, August 10 and 10 am to 2 pm Sunday, August 11.

Living history re-enactors in costume as 18th century British soldiers in this British fort on the Cherokee frontier. Visit a Cherokee camp, infirmary, and blacksmith shop inside the recreated fort. For more information, 423-884-6217, <http://fortloudoun.com/>.

22nd Annual Fall Festival, "Remembering the Trail", Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8, 10 am to 5 pm.

The "Great Island Festival" will feature Native American vendors, Cherokee dancing, music, storytelling, Cherokee artisans, Civil War Battle Re-enactment, and food vendors. Admission: \$5 per person, Children 12 & under are free. For more information: seqmus@tds.net.

◆ Georgia Event:

Chief Vann House Days Event, Chief Vann House, Chatsworth, Saturday, July 27, 9 am to 5 pm

1800s crafts demonstrations at the home of Cherokee Indian plantation owner James Vann. Demonstrators will show the arts of blacksmithing, pottery, soap making, weaving, spinning, quilting, doll making, and chair and basket weaving. Admission is \$4 - \$6. For more information, 706-695-2598, <http://gastateparks.org/ChiefVannHouse>.

EXCERPT FROM LETTER FROM COL. WILLIAM LINDSAY IN CHATTANOOGA TO COL. W. J. WORTH, JUNE 18, 1838

After the round-up of Cherokees and Creeks hiding in Cherokee country commenced in late May 1838, it did not take long for sickness to hit the camps where the Cherokees and Creeks were held while they waited for deportation. Officers were concerned about diseases like infantile cholera, whooping cough, and dysentery. Physicians were hired to minister to the captives in the camps and on the journey west and they offered immunizations against smallpox. Due to sickness in the camps, emigration was halted by Gen. Winfield Scott on June 19 with plans to resume on September 1. This brief excerpt from Lindsay to Worth shows some of their concern: "On this day there are 3000 Indians in my camp. I have been precluded from availing myself of the buildings at Ft. Poinsett [in Chattanooga/Ross's Landing] from the fact that the measles are pervasive [at] the camp. At least 2000 Cherokees are destitute of shelter and within 3 miles of the measles. I have little doubt that three days more will bring 3000 more." (From Vicki Rozema, *Voices from the Trail of Tears*, John F. Blair, 2003, p. 116.)

MY THANKS to Doris Tate Trevino for making arrangements for our June meeting, to Floyd Ayers for providing directions and historical information on Martin Springs, and to Vicky Garland, Amy Kostine, and Cleata Townsend for providing information and photos for this newsletter. If you have announcements of events pertaining to Cherokee history or have information related to research or education on the Trail of Tears that you believe other TNTOTA members would be interested in, please contact me at vickirozema@comcast.net or vrozema@utk.edu.