

**Petition Sundry Inhabitants South of French Broad  
North Carolina General Assembly Session Records  
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The following set of documents include the names of many men who lived in Eastern Tennessee in 1789, names that might not be found in any other records. These men were living on Indian territory that had not been purchased by the United States. They were considered trespassers. Most of them had lived under the State of Franklin, but once that was disbanded, they belonged to no state, no nation. These petitions were written to the North Carolina Assembly, asking for help. Many of these people stayed around and eventually gained legal possession of their land almost 20 years later, but others gave up and left the area, not leaving any evidence behind in county and state records besides their names on these petitions. Many names were hard to read, because of handwriting, faded ink, folds, or missing edges. We're sure our "guess" may not have been what you see or know to be there. But, every effort was made to transcribe names and narrative exactly as we saw it written. Words are spelled as in the documents, and dotted lines represent illegible writing.

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To the Honorable the Commisners appointed on behalf of the United States to treat with the Cherece Indins----

The memorial of the Inhabetents So, of French Broad humbly Sheweth= that your memorialists being indused by the Laudable Intention alone of promoting publick as well as privet Intrust and Ineuriged by the uniform liberil conduct of States holding vacant teretory towards the first adventurers taking pesesion of the same have Immegrated from Defferent quarters of the Empier and settled our selves in the territory above mentioned as we beleave not only with the countenance and protection but Even upon the Soliseon of government so far as gives our Setling here to us Every appearance of being strictly legil the Solletary Effects of which has Been felt by us and Observed by forenors and as our setlers had the appearance of legality so our conduct towards the chercees has been Just and Agreeable we have had their consent for settling the land repeatedly the price and purchesis being by boath parties refeared to the futer Determanation of government but as Events unfore seen by your memorelists have taken place which renders our lives and properties unsecure and government rather seems to frown on us than to Extend protection in our Distreses which have given us a great alarm as fully sensible of our precarious situation we now gentlemen turn our atention to you knowing you to be vested with ample power to releave us from our present Deficulties and Dangers that is to have the time dividing the Citizens of the united States from the Chercees Indens Extended sofar as to take in the settlements by which meanes we will againe becom ordely Citizens and be set in a Situation in which government will take notis of us and give us the

protection of those bearing laws under whose Influence and Instruction we Exspect to be secure and hapy youre memorolists beg leave to inform you that from youre humble and patriot Carceters we have the most flatring

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Hopes of releaf from our present distreses well assured that no Exartion on youre part will be wanting in our faver knowing that virtue is its own rewarder and no Action is more Meretorieous then than to releave a multitude of the humen family from distress and ruin the purity of whose Intentions what Ever may be their mistakes will plead for them youre Memorelists to Desier that you wold do them the Justice to rest assured that they repose an unbounded confidence in youre Integrety and attachment to their Instrust = and as in duty bound Shall Ever pray.

Alexr Mtgomery	John McClellan
Arcel Fox	John Mahan
..... Gas.....ce	Burton Prid
Daniel (?) Vancil (?)	Anthony Lawson
Isaac Skilman	Jeff .....
Alexr Mcglalin Senr	John Parks
Daniel Mcglalin	James Handy (?)
Barefoot Runyon	Woolsey Pride
John Hiser	Hugh Johnson
Benjamin Fanshire	Rott (?) Magill (?)
Richard Fanshire	Vallentin (?) .....
David Fanshire	James Oldam
George Hallmark	..... (on fold)
David Horton	John Briar/Brian
William Smallwod	Wm Melton (?)
Alexr Meglalin Juner	John Moon
Joseph Tayeler	John Parker (?)
Flayl (?) Nichols	.....
William Galther?.	Robert (?).....
Jas Walker (?)	

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John Menis	John Houston
Joseph McReynolds	Robt Wilson
Enos Bowman	David Caldwell
Olin/Alin (?) Alexander	Thomas Dickison
John Alexander	John Kelley
El.....Alexander	Thomas Caldwell
John Dunkin	Alexander Ewing
James Maginly	James Beard
John Jackson	John Cloid
James Telford	Matthew Russell
..... Tedford	Ezekiel Cloyd
James McKenny	John Singeleton
John Tedford	John Thompson
Barclay McGhee	Robert Hanna

James .....  
.....  
.....w Jackson  
Joseph Tedford  
Samuel Jackson  
James Houston  
Matt Houston  
Samuel Henery (?)  
James Houston  
Patrick Young  
Alexander McEwen  
Samuel Houston

Joshea Hannah  
James Gillespie  
Thos Brown  
Calvin Johnson  
James McAlister (?)  
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.....  
Jas Gillespy  
John McCain  
John Coats

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To The Honourable the general assembly of the State of N. Carolina the petetion of Sundry inhabitants South of French Broad river humbly Sheweth

That Amongst the repeated depredation committed on us by the Chirakee Indians within these ..... there has been a great number of horses stole, It is the bereft prayer of your petitioners that if a Treaty is ..... With that nation and a purchase made of the lands we reside on that a deduction be made from the sum promised them for their lands to the amount of the value of the horses that they have taken from the white people and that each person may receive a certificate for the value of their horses thus lost which will be received by government in the purchase of lands yet to be entered in this state and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall ever pray

Saml Newell  
Wm Upton  
Wm Houston  
John Kerr  
Mathew Houston  
Jas Black  
Charles Logan  
Littlepage Sims  
Saml Newell (?) Snr  
Benjamin Tipton

William Reagan  
Charles Reagan  
John Reagan  
Jacob Thomas  
Henry Thomas  
George Erving  
William Lowry  
Wm McMurrey  
Samuel McMurrey Sn

Samuel McMurrey Jr  
Robert McMurry  
John Caldwell  
George Berry  
James Scott  
John Lowry  
George Caldwell  
Thomas Waller  
Samuel Weir  
Hugh Weir

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John Clack  
Wm Wallace  
Wm Henderson Senr  
Joseph Beavers  
John Henderson  
Thomas Henderson  
Jesee Wallace  
Wm Henderson Jnr  
Robert Henderson  
Meshick Tipton

T. Wallace Senr  
Robert Thompson  
James Thompson  
Thomas Wallace J  
Joel Wallace  
John Beavers  
Eliz (?) Rodgers  
James Bevers

James Magers  
David Emmens  
James Rodgers  
Henry Rodgers  
Robert Carr  
Ollipher Wallace  
John Wallace  
Samuel McClalan  
Saml Thompson  
Wm (?) Thompson

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To the honourable the general assembly of the State of N. Carolina the petition of Sundry inhabitants on the unappropriated Territory South of French Broad river humbly Sheweth

That your petitioners having seated themselves on the above territory with views to promote publick Deconomy equely with ..... advantage desire to submit to laws and conform to the requisitions of government, and to live in that orderly manner that would insure to us the countenance and protection of Just and Equitable laws formed only to ..... by virtue and surpress the reicious. And your petitioners being feelingly senceable how destructive the D..... that hav of late pervaded this district Has been to publick as well as private happiness and how much we are both as a community and individually exposed to the savages as well of internal as ..... external enemies, humbly implore the interpoletion of your honourable body that you would commiserate our present distress and grant us relief by extending to us the protection of government that we may with other citizens participate of those blessings common to all Christian and enlightened people under the influence of Just laws and the auspices of a well regulated commonwealth.

And whereas your petitioners has in the course of their settling and defending the territory

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.....(cut off) numberless hardships and dificultys Particularly in a..... Indian war by which they are much impoverished. It is their hunble petition to your honourable body that when you in your wisdom think proper to open a land office for the territory before mentioned that you would grant to each actual adventurer a pre-emption of the land on which he lives, on as moderate terms as you may Judge consistant with Justice and sound policy; Also reasonable time for each settler to raise the Severel Sums required of them by government for the purchase of their lands.

It is farther the earnest prayer of your petitioners that an Entritaker be appointed amongst us to take in the entrys of sd lands which will save to the poor inhabitants the enormous expence that will nasarily occur if they have to travil to the seat of government or some interior part to enter their lands as there is many who may prosobly be able to enter a small tract on which they Could mentain a helpless family would nevertheless fail in raising money to support them to and from the entritaker office if it was to be fixed in some distant part of the State.

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Saml Newell	Oliver Alexander	John Singeleton
Jos. Black	John Dunkin	James Gillespe
Saml Newell Senr		John Thompson
Benjamin Tipton	John Alexander	Thos Brown
Jos Bogle	Ebn Alexander	Calven Johnson
John McLain	James Maginly	James McAlister
Adam Dunlap	George Tedford	Robert hanna
John Kerr	James Cunningham	William Massey
James Dunlap	James Tilford	James Gillespy
John Dunlap	Barclay McGhee	John McCain
Page Sims	Andrew Jackson	John Coats
Mathew Houston	John Jackson	
John Culick (?)	James .....	

Wm Houston	Joseph Tedford
Charles Logan	Samuel Jackson
Charles Reagan	John Tedford
John Reagan	James Houston
Henry Reagan	Matt Houston
William Reagan	Samuel Henery
Jacob Thomas	Alexander McEwen
Henry Thomas	Patrick Young
George Ervng	Samuel Houston
John Caldwell	John Houston
William McMurrey	Robt Wilson
Samuel McMurrey Snr	David Caldwell
Samuel McMurrey Jnr	John Kelley
Robert McMurrey	Thomas Dickison
Thomas Waller	Thomas Caldwell
John Menis	James Beard
Joseph McReynolds	Alexander (?) .....ey
E..... Bowman	John Cloyd
Samuel Weir	Ezekiel Cloyd
Hugh Weir	William Russell
James Houston	
Matthew Russell	

To the Honourable The Commissioners appointed in behalf of the United States to Speak with the Cherokee Indians. The Memoreal of Sundrey inhabitants South of French Broad humbly representeth. That your memorealsts being induced by the laudable intention alone, of promoting publick as well as private interest & encouraged by the uniform liberal conduct of States (holding

vacant Teretorey) towards the first adventurers taking possession of the same, have emigrated from different quarters of the Empire & seated ourselves in the Teretorey above mentioned (as we believe) not only with the Countenance & protection but even on the solicitations of government so far as gives our settling here (to us) every appearance of being strictly Legal (the salutary consequences of which has been felt by us & observed by wayfarers) And as our settlements had the appearance of legality, so our conduct towards the Cherokees has been just & equitable We have had their consent for settling the land repeatedly. The price of purchase being by both parties referred to the future desesion of government. But, as events unforeseen by your Memorealists have taken place which hinders our lives & properties unsecure & government appears rather to frown than extend ..... in our districts such has given us great alarm as fully sencible of our precarious

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 line deviding the Citezens of the United States from the Cherokee.....  
 so as to include the settlements by which means we will again become orderly Citezens set in a Situation in which Government will take notice of us & give us the protection of those benign Laws, under whose influence & operations alone we expect to be secure & happy.  
 Your memorialists beg leave to inform you that from your humane & patriotick character we have the most flattering hopes of relief from our present distresses Well assured that no one action on your part will be wanting In our favour knowing that virtue is its own reward.

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....., & no action is more meritorious than the releaveing a .....titude of the human family from distress & ruan, the purity of whose intentions (whatever may be their mistakes) will ever plead for them. Your memorialists desire that you would do them the justice to rest assured that they ..... An unbounded confedence in your integrety & attachment to their interest & as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Jno Sharkey(?)

Soleman McCampbell  
 James Snodgrass  
 Joseph Shadon

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Petn of the Inhabitants So French Broad

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William Heckton	David Cloyd	Francies Casteel	Calvin Johnston
Joshua Hannah(?)	James Witherspoon	Morriss Mitchel	David Loveless
Robert Hanah	James Wetherspoon	Jacob Meek	William Cher(?) John
McAlister	John Whetherspoon	Philip Vanrll(?)	Micajah Carter
Jno Clark	Hugh Con/Coor(?)	Cunrode Hugson?	James Anderson Junr
H.C. Brown(?)	John McMahan	James Williss	James Anderson Senr
Jno Burden	Nicholas Bartlet	Patrick Statry?	Thos Anderson
William Gillespy	Robert Perl	James Perl	John Bayle
James Gillespy	Adam Peck	Benjamin Burden	William Sneed
Matthew Russell	James Mitchel	Leonard Mouts/Moriss	John Thomas

John Singleton	Benjaman Litle	John Casteel	Charles Thomas
John Cloyd	William Tipton	William Burden	Thomas Wray
Davis Stockton	John Wheler	Antony Buley	William Wray
James Stockn	Nichodemus Keeth	John Doyl	John Wray
Samuel Stockton	John Burden	John Lashly	John Hitchcock
Isaiah Hamilton	John Thirmon(?)	John Philips	William Hitchcock
Will.... Lee	Edmond Casteel(?)	John Dearmond Senr	Lammas McCarty
	William .....	John Dearmond Juner	John Gillespy(?) Senr
		Samuel Dearmond	John Gillespy Junr
		James Dearmond	William Cowan
		David Dearmond	Alexander Gillespy
		Paul Cuningham	John .....d
			Humphrey .....

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George Ewing	John Hook	David Caldwell	Jas. Gillespy Jur
Alex Ewing	John Clark	John McCuleth	John Walker
John Kelley	James Beard	Wm Beard	Jas Gillespy
Jas Gillespy	Andrew Giffin(?)	John Hooks	Robert Gillespy
Thos McCollack	David Caldwell	Joseph McReynold	John Ash(?)
Warner Martin	William St.....	Jas Ewing	John Carson Senr
Saml Glass	Alexander Hooks(?)	Jas Mc.....	John Carson Junr
John Gowan	Sal McCarter	James .....	Wm Henry
Thomas Caldwell	George Caldwell	David Caldwell Sen	John McComb
Ezel Cloyd	Thos Topson(?)	.....	Nicholas H...l(?)
John Caldwell	Wm Ewing	James Upton	David Eagleton
..... McMurry(?)	.....	John Mcain	Daniel Mckinzey
Charles Reagan Snd	John .....	Jas Bogle Snr	Jos Black
William Reagan	Adam Dunlap	John Williams	John Cussick(?)
James Ray	John Lesley	Jonothan Cunnanham	John Coats(?)
Page Sims	William Hutton	Jacob .....mann	Jos? Bogle Junr
Benjamin Tipton	David White	David Linsey	Wm Houston
Saml Newell Snr	Benjamin Allen	John Reagan	Henry Ragan(?)
Jerimiah McCarter	Andw Bogle	Saml? Bogle	Ibram? Horton(?)
James Dunlop	William Upton		Peter Avery?
	John Hyne(?)		Wm Johns(?)
			Richard Wiliams
			John Wiliams
			John Dunlap

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Robert Fergison	Jos Scott	James Mckenney	Wm Cavenieug(?)
Henry Fergison	Joseph McConnel(?)	Jas Tedford	David Craig
Hugh Fergeson	Saml Henry	Joseph Tedford	John Houston
Joseph McReynold	Bartley McGee	John Tedford	Jas Houston
John Hanna	Oliver Alexander	George Tedford	Robert Wilson
John Hanna Junr	John Duncan	John Lowrey	Saml Houston

Joseph Hart	Jas McGinley	Moses Cuningham	Matthew Houston
	John Alexander	John Perll(?)	Edward Eagins
208	Ebenezer Alexander	Henry Fergison	Archibd Sloan
<u>120</u>	John Craig	Robert Hamble	John Sloan
Total No-328	Jas Craig Senr	John Jackson	Alexr Sloan
	Jas Craig Junr	Andw Jackson	Jas Sloan
	Jas/Jos Roddey(?)	Saml Jackson	James Cuningham
	John Kinney?		

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To the honourable the commissioners appointed on behalf of the United States to trade with the Cherokee Indians

The Memorial of the Inhabitants So of french broad humbly sen...th that your memorialists Being Indu..... By the Laudable Intention alone of promoting publick as well as private intrest and encouraged By the Uniform liberal conduct of States holding vacant teretory toward the first adventurers taking possession of the same have Imigrated from Diferent quarters of the Empire and setteled ourselves in the territory above mentioned as we believe not only with the countinan... And protection But Even upon the Solicion of government so far as gives our settling here to us Every apearance of Being Strictly Legal this solutary Effects of which has been felt by us and observed By forenors and as our settelers have the apearance of Legality so our conduct toward this Cherokees has been Just and Equatable ..... have had their consent for settling this land Repeatedly the price and purchase Being By Both parties Referd to the future Determination of Government But as Events unforeseen By your memorilists have taken place Which ..... .. Lives and properties unsecure and government Rather seems to frown on us than to Extend protection In Distress which hase given us ..... Alarm as fully sencible Of our precarious situation over now Gentlemen turn our attention to your knowing you to Be vested with ample power to Reliev us from our present Dificulties and Dangers that is to have this line Dividing the citizens of the United States from the Cherokee Indians Extended so far as to take the settlements by which means we will again Become orderly citizens and be Set in asituation in which government will take Notice of us and give us the protection of those Bening laws Under whose Influence and atoration alone we Expect To Be sesure and hapy your Memorialists Beg Leave to Inform you that from your humane and patriot carecters We have the most flattering hops of Relief from our present Distrasses Well assured that no Entention on your part will be wanting in our favour knowing that Vertue is its own Rewarder and no action is more Meretores Than to Releive amultitude of the humane family from Distress and Ruin the purity of whose Intentions Whatever May be their mistakes will plead for Them Your memorilists Desire that you Would Do them

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Spencer Clack	Wm Addom
Jesse isbell	Samuel Addom
William Isbell	Sam S.....
Joseph Byrd	David (faded).
Jesse Byrd	J..... Ford?



John Blane  
John Byrd  
James Cameron  
Larken Rogers  
Alexander Reed  
James Cameron Senr  
(faded) Rogers  
James Beavers  
...on Hamilton  
Patrick Hamilton  
Patrick (faded)  
Joseph Woods  
James Woods  
John Woods  
Tobius Wilhelms (?)  
William Moon  
Jesse Moon  
Wm Pride?  
John  
Joseph Willson  
Adam Willson  
Alexander Anderson(?)  
James Willson  
Joseph Dickson  
Hugh Dickson  
(faded) Dickson (?)

Peter Addam  
Wm Melton/Mellor Jun  
Sam Bird  
James Bird  
(faded)  
Wm Millor  
Zacariah Ja (faded)  
Roger(?) Renfro(?) Jun  
Obadiah(?) Clack(?)  
Roland Clack  
Siles(?) Coor (?)  
James Tomson/Samson  
Abram Moon  
James Davis

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5 Mar, 30, 1789

Your Committee to whom, the case of the people residing South of French Broad River was..... Report

That previous to an Act of the General assembly passed in 1783, reserving certain lands to the use of the Indians, near an hundred families were settled on the Territory South of French broad. ----

That by the above recited act those families were left in that part reserved to the Indians for hunting grounds. ---- That as early as 1782, His Excellency Governer Martin did appoint John Sevier, Charles McDowell and Wrightstill Avery esquires, or any two of them commissioners to hold a Treaty with the Cherokee Indians.

That on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 1785, John Sevier did Treat with several of the headmen of the said nation in a fair and open manner for all lands below Browns line south of Holston and low as the dividing Ridge between Tennessee and

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and little River, for which lands, the Indians were to receive a compensation, which compensation from unavoidable accidents has not been yet paid your Committee therefore Report it adviseable that a law be passed to comply with The said Treaty (faded) and upon the whole Your Committee are of opinion it would be expedient for this assembly to pass an act for extending the boundary of

Greene County so as to include these settlers, and criet Them into a separate and distinct Battalion of Militia, the officers of which shall be appointed in the usual mode, and also so many Justices of the peace as may be necessary which Justices shall be considered as Members of the Court of Greene County -----

Your committee further recommend to this general assembly that some person be appointed to pay the said Indians agreeably to the said Treaty who shall be furnished with a sum of of money not exceeding L600, to be laid out in goods which shall be paid down to the Indians or so much thereof as he shall find necessary to satisfy them for the purchase

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purchase of said lands. ---- That an Entry taker be appointed by this General Assumbly for the District South of French Broad and the said Entry taker so appointed shall not enter upon the duties of his said office until the Treaty herein alluded to be complied with and after such compliance the said Entry Taker shall proceed to take Entrys for the lands aforesaid, and shall take and receive for the use of the State the sum of eight shillings in the Current money of this state and Ten pounds in specie Certificates for each and every hundred acres of land entered in his office – and that each and every person in the said district who have made any improvements be intitled to a right of preemption and shall be allowed twelve months to enter the same, --

Your Committee further report that upon the lowest calculation upon the quantity of land eight shillings per hundred will produce the sum of L1200 which will fully reimburse the Treasury all the cash advanced for goods and expenditures with interest

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all which is submitted

Wm Lenoir Chm

North Carolina

In Senate 30<sup>th</sup> Novem 1789

The foregoing report was read and concurred with. ---

Chas Johnson Sp

By order

J. Haywood Cl

In House 5th Decr 1789

Read and concurred with

By order

J Hunt CHC

S. Cabarr...SHC

(On side, if page folded) Report of the Com. On Petr of Inhabitants South French Broad

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North Carolina

In Senate 24 Nov. 1789

M Speaker & Gent

We consent that the petition (faded) A number of the people (torn)ving South of the French Broad River be referred us by you (torn), and have added (torn) to the Committee our (torn)  
Chas Johnson Sp.  
(torn)ood Cl

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(torn).....  
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Mr. Stuts? Letter is Gov. Do Ass ..... Ohi... .....- Seviars Mems & Instruction from Gov.  
Martin—North Carolina

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North Carolina  
..... 24 Novr 1789  
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen  
We herewith recd you The Petition of Sundry the Inhabitants South of French Broad River which we proper ..... to the Committee in Indian Affairs and have added to this Comte Mr. Davie, Mr Stephens(?) & Mr. McDowall  
S. Cabarrus S.H.C.  
By order ..... Use  
By order  
J Hunt CHC

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Message  
Petr from French Broad

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The said County, & subjects in every law to the Same Rules & Regulations--- provided always that the Inhabitants of this annexed Territory to Green County, shall form separate Battalions of Militia by the Name of the Western Battalions of Green County, which Battalions shall be c..mp..red or formed in the same manner as the Second Battalions of Rowan County; and the Said Battalions shall assemble together for a General Muster whenever called upon at (big space), any law or custom to the Contrary notwithstanding— DELE

Be it further enacted that Every Head of Family of the said annexed Territory shall be intituled to a preemption of Six hundred & forty acres of land which if not already entered, they shall enter with the Entry taker of Green County, paying for the Same, this purchase money to the State, the Sum of Eight Shillings Current Money & Sixty four pounds in Certificate of the State; besides the Entry taker's fees; and the Surveyor of the said County of Green is hereby directed to Survey all Such Entries in the manner prescribed by Law for all other public Surveys— DELE

Be it further enacted that (big space) shall be & are hereby appointed Commissioners to Grant to every Head of family a Certificate of his being intituled to a preemption right as above,

which Certificate shall be lodged by the party obtaining the Same in the Entry taker's office of the County of Green, who shall not admit of any Entry without such Certificate being produced; and provided that no other Entry of Land within the said Territory shall be received by the Entry taker, than Such which may be made in Conveyence of preemption Right

Be it further enacted that all Laws or part of Laws which may come within the preview of this act, are hereby repealed & made null and void to all intents & purposes, as if the same Land (All of page 26 and 27 have "Dele" written over the pages, which I assume means these pages are to be deleted from the document.)

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H.C. Dec. 12, 1789

Bill for the Relief of the Inhabitants on the South Side of French Broad River-DELE

Whereas it hath been represented to this General assembly that a number of Families did settle on the South Side of French Broad previous to the passing of the Act of assembly in 1783, which reserves for the Cherekee Indians certain Land therein described, and Whereas John Sevier Esquire One of the Commissioners appointed in the year 1782 by His Excellency Alexander Martin Esquire then Governor, to hold a Treaty with the said Indians, did in the year 1785 in Consequence of his said appointment (as circumstances prevented a Treaty to take place sooner) actually treat in a fair & open manner with the principal Head Men & Warriars of the said Indian Nation for all the Lands situate below the Line commonly named Brown's Line, South of Holston and as far as the dividing Ridge between Tennessee & Little Rivers, the Consideration of which purchase hath not yet been paid to the Indians by unavoidable accidents.

DELE Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina & it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same that (big space) Esq. shall be and is hereby empowered to draw from the State Treasurer on his Receipt the Sum of (big space) pounds to be by him applied to carry into Effect the above treaty entered into between John Sevier Esquire and the Cherokee Indians & to procure from the Said Nation, to the State of North Carolina, a Grant for the Territory bargained for by the said John Sevier.

Be it further enacted that all the above Territory situate below Brown's line South of Holston and as far as the Dividing Ridge between Tennessee & Little River shall be & is hereby annexed to the County of Green, & all the Inhabitants of the said Territory shall be & are hereby made part of the inhabitants of Green County, enjoying the same priviledges & advantages as the Inhabitants of

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A bill for the relief of the Inhabitants on the South Side of French Broad River—

In the House of Commons 12 December 1789 read the first time & passed

By order

JHunt CHC

Mr Beck & Mr. Lassiter

In Senate 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1789 read the first time & passed.

JHaywood

T.Blount

Genl Sevier

Genl McDowall

In the House of Commons 15 Dec. 1789 read the second time & rejected

By order JHunt CHC

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Up the Tennessee as far as the Virga Warford, thence a No East course to the Top of the Ridge which divides the waters of little River from Tennessee and with that Ridge continuing the general course to the So. Carolina line

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The line the Inhabitants So of French Broad prays to be Established between themselves & Indians

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H. Nov. 24, 1789

Petition of the Inhabitants South of French Broad River—

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H.C. Nov. 24, 1789

To the Honourable the genrl assembly of the State of No. Carolina the petition of Sundry inhabitants South of French Broad Humbly Sheweth that your petitioners hath for Some time past Experienced the utmost distress & greatest evils that a frontier can possibly be trusted With occationid by the want of the Regular administration of government us which gieves oportunity to the wicked and desining to invent & carry on schemes of the most Ruinous nature & attend with the most destructive consequences to the peace & happiness as well as the interest of our infant settlements likewise the duly depradations committed by the Cherokees is no less oppressive & unjust which difficulties & many others we are Endavouring to bear with all the fortitude and patience we are possessed of with ardent hopes that your Honourable body will take undar your wise consideration the distressed situation of your petitioners & grant us relief by extending to us those Social blessings which we only Expect to feel undar the influence & operation of your mild constitution & laws—your petitioners beg leave to inform your honourable body. The improvements on which we first claimd our lands was mad undar similar circumstances and at the same time with those for which pre-emptions was granted by the legisleture of Ncarolina for lands inhabited N of French Broad & also the laws of franklin which at that time we put full faith in not only countenanced us in setting our sd. Claims of land but was urged on us undar a Severe penalty for nege... with the most flatering promises of protection & security in possession of the same your petitioner also begs leave to mention th.. have not in a disorderly forcable manner taken possission of the before mentioned land from the Indians we have had thier consent for settling sd land (faded in fold)..... & has uniformly (faded in fold).....to culti(missing) Strictest friendship and if at any time we have appeared anything unjustifiable on the Side of the white people towards the Indians it has neither been countenanced

nor approved by a large majority of the inhabitants South of French Broad your petitioners further beg leave to mention to your Honourable body that the Cherokees have at all times been regardless of their Engagements to the State they have wantonly broke through the stipulations of treaties & violated the peace (in a manner) in the very instant of ratification in the first place it was stipulated by the articles of the treaty betwixt Virginia NC and the Cherokee indians in the year 1777 that the sd Indians Should return or make restitution for all the property taken in the war from the white the preceding year and continue to lieve in peace & friendship with the citizens of the United States which the have never complyd with but on the contrary the have not only detained the property taken during the war above mentioned but have ever since practiced the most inhuman unprovoked murders & oppressive roberies on the good citizens of this & the neighbouring states & ..... their most solemn Engagements to the commissioners of Congress at ..... In June last the have not dissisted in the least from their former practices but have continued their robberies in all Quarters within their reach on the western side of the mountain and Some of our citizens have fell sacrifice to their Savage cruelty also some of those unhappy people that have fell into the hands of the indians as captives are yet detained and can only be redeemed by Extravagant ransoms combinations of speculators have also formed with intentions to deprive us of those lands in the defence of which we have had so many sufferings & only at an immense expense of blod & treasure holds possion of them it is therefore the Humble prayer of your petitioners that your Honourable body would pass an act fixing a line betwixt us & the Cherokees

..... Tulley  
Zac (?) Gross  
Georg Adams  
Joseph White  
Jonathan Wood  
Nicholas Woodfin  
John Evins  
Henry Nave  
John Brickey  
Robert (?) ...menely  
William Dun  
Andrew Mclain/McCain  
William Clopton  
Joseph Freeney/Henry/Keeney  
Richard Fry (?)  
John Smith  
John Wood  
Daniel Laitrel (?)  
Elexander Ramey  
Elijah Wood  
Charls Ramey  
Thomas (faded)  
William Pryor  
francis Johnston

Jamiah Odaul  
?Mrs Thomas Stepens  
William Whitson  
Jesse Nelson  
David Job  
William Coleman  
Soloman Coleman  
Charles Denney  
John Coleman  
John Dendin (?)  
Thos Haney  
James Slater  
William Sims  
Dunken McKessick  
John Nicols  
Joseph Williams  
Thos Williams  
James Williams  
David Nicols  
Georg Gross jr  
Georg Gross Snr  
Peter Brickey  
Jams Drimen  
Calep Odle

Thomas Going  
Ezekel Ray  
Jossaway (?) Movels(?)  
Daniel Job  
Joseph Pryor  
Isaac Odell(?)  
(faded) Mann (?)  
William McCissick  
Laml Mackissac  
Larken Mackissac

Toms Odle  
Moses Mckay  
Thomas Woodfin  
Niklas (?) Woodfin  
William Heney (?)  
Henery Jones  
Georg Heney  
George (faded)  
Danl Nicols (out of order, follows  
David Nichols)

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William Cumpton  
Robt Taylor  
Danl Adams  
Wm Adams  
James Seduscus  
Jacob Seduscus  
Wm Allston (?)  
Hugh Doogan  
Andrew Horn  
Samuel Horn  
He.... Ward  
Alexr Rodgers  
Saml Wilson  
William Guinn  
Moses Ashbrook  
Thomas Moon  
John McFarland  
Bejamin Marland  
George Mcfarland  
John Gilliland  
R. Douglass  
Wm Allen  
John Maybery  
Mical yockim (?)  
Thomas Beavers  
John Beavers  
John More  
.....m.....Taylor  
Craven Duncan  
James Nickels  
Samul Litterl  
Joseph Hough  
Fredereck Mayberry (out of order, follows John Maybery)

Wesley White  
James White  
Alex Morrow  
John McRoberts  
Samuel McRoberts  
William Winton  
Zacceas Coplin  
John Peery  
Jno Sehorn  
Ambros J/Geare  
Robt Syfares  
Rickets Copland  
Jos. Copeland  
Jas Cunningham  
Wm Cunningham  
John Wintin  
Jas Wintin  
Evens Lewis  
Jas. Ruddell  
John Turnley  
Wm Cathey  
Jacob Dobkins  
Jos Davis  
Adam Lowrey  
Jas Lowrey  
Amos Lewis  
Geo Lewis  
Jn Fulfer?

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Saml Lowrey  
Wm Rusell  
John Haley  
Jos? Carlock  
Abrm Carlock  
Isaac Carlock  
Coorad(?) Good  
Jno Lewis  
Jacob Lewis  
Samuel Jack  
Geo McNutt  
Thos Rogers (?)  
Seth Rogers  
Isaac Rogers  
William Thrift  
Evin Morgan  
John Calfee  
Wm Morgan  
Henry Netherton  
John Shaver  
James Thurman (?)  
Jas Adams  
John Cato  
Tom Richeson  
Able Richison Senr  
Able Richison Junr  
Wm ..belk  
Zachria ...erll  
Wm Bell  
Mathew Bell  
Richard Vernal Senr  
Richard Vernal Junr

William Moon  
James Wilson  
Joseph Wilson  
Alexr Anderson  
Jno Dekson  
Adam Wilson  
Saml Kerr  
Jacob Boughman  
Jacob Dicson  
Saml Hamelton  
Saml Hendarson  
Jas Sims  
Stephan Tence (?)  
Thos Clerk  
Jas Creton  
Jos Turner (?)  
John Shields  
Geor Bush  
Jas Sturns  
Pat Hamelton  
Jas Smith  
Jesse Moon  
Esmand Dirge (?)  
Jno Nave  
Thos Doget  
Saml Tomkins  
Pat Woods  
Abram Manning  
Jos Moon  
Stephen Sims  
Jno Jamison  
Jas Weeks  
Jno Wilson  
A Duson Wilkins

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Spenser Clack  
David Cimmons(?)  
Rolley Clack  
James Bauvens(?)  
John Beauvers(?)  
John Clack  
Joseph Beavours  
James Beavors senr  
Samuel Thomson  
John Wallice

Clareancnce McLaughon(?)  
Fredreck Jee/Ice  
William Meller  
Oklayle(?) Vekele (?)  
John Wollece  
William Lacker?  
David Walden  
Joseph Tayler  
Anthony Lovon (?)  
John Dorker



Cornelies Archer  
John Fonsher  
James Bauvers Joner(Jun?)  
Jesse Isbel  
Josiah Rodgers  
James? Haney  
Jorge Halmark  
Richard Fonsher  
James Magonis (?)  
John Fonsher  
John Mahon  
Daniel(?) Rusel(?)  
Elaxr Mangamery

And. Thompson  
Thomas Wallace  
Edmund Vancil  
John Oमित (?)  
Robert Thompson  
James Thompson  
John Thompson  
Alaxeander McCormick  
Heanrey Rogers  
Eligha Rogers  
William Henderson Senr  
William Heanderson Jur  
Robert Heanderson  
John Heanderson

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Peter Every  
Samuel Paxton  
Barkley Magee  
Mathew Wallis  
Robert Hammel  
John Telford  
George Telford  
John Devil  
David Egleton  
Daniel McCinsey  
John Clark  
Alaxr Hooks  
John Hookes  
Robt Hooks  
James Guing/Ewing  
Wm Gering/Ewing  
Jacob(?) Shul(?)  
John Jamison  
Tobias Grimmit  
Philaman Higgan  
Thos Millar Senr  
Jas Millar  
Thos Millar  
..r..in Millar

Charles Regin  
Henry Regin  
Wm Regin  
John Regin  
Charles Regin  
Thos Waler  
Wm. Grahom  
William McMurry  
Robert McMurry  
Samuel McMurry  
James Paul  
Joseph Prossor(?)  
Henry Tarewater  
Lewis Tarewater  
Jacob Niman  
Thos Hardon  
William Stockden  
Michal Carter  
Peter Douser  
Isaac White

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Thos Caldwell  
Thos Dixon  
John McMahan  
Thos McColloch  
Wm Sneed

Alexr Kelley  
John Witherspoon  
David Caldwell  
Mathew Russell  
Robert Hanna (?)

Nicholas Bartlet  
 John Casteel  
 John Gillespy Senr  
 John Gillespy Junr  
 Wm Gillespie  
 Jos Witherspoon  
 David Craig  
 James Craig Senr  
 James Craig Jun  
 John Craig  
 James McKenney  
 James Scott  
 Henry Ferguson  
 Joshua Hanna  
 Nicholas Haril(?)  
 Wm Henry  
 )ohn ....ol (?)  
 John Caldwell  
 John Houston  
 Jas Houston  
 Saml Houston  
 Matthew Huston  
 Lammis(?) McCarty  
 Jacob Thomas  
 Jas Gillespie (out of order, follows Jos Witherspoon)

William Garet  
 John Byre  
 John McColloch  
 David Caldwell  
 John Hicklin  
 Firvins Conner  
 Humphrey Montgom(rest cut off)  
 William Gillespie  
 James Gillespie  
 Stephen Byre  
 Amos Byre Senr  
 Amos Byre Junr  
 John Kelley  
 John Ewing  
 Jas McColloch  
 Warren Martins(  
 Andw .....  
 Joseph Hart  
 Jas Gillespie(?) Jnr(?)  
 James Gillespy Senr  
 James Hollins/Willis(?)  
 James Ander  
 John Singleton  
 .....(?)

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Phelly(?) Thomas  
 Wm Overstreet  
 Adam Peck  
 Hugh Coor/Con  
 Saml Glass  
 Lenoard Mouts(?)  
 George Mouts (?)  
 Saml Newell  
 Benjamin Tipton  
 John Cussick  
 Jno Cussick  
 Joseph Cusick  
 John Main  
 John Wiliam  
 James Dunlop  
 Ambros Legg  
 Adam Dunlop  
 Samuel Henery  
 Samuel Barton  
 James Houston  
 George Moss

Robert Fergeson  
 William Sproul  
 Henry Fergeson  
 David Caldwell  
 Samuel McColloch  
 James pierce  
 John Cord(?)  
 Archabald Ilsan(?)  
 Wm Houston  
 John Finley  
 George Ewing  
 Stephen Graves  
 Jerimiah McCarter  
 Thomas Smith  
 Jas/Jos Black  
 John Johnston  
 Robert pierce (out of order, follows  
 James pierce)

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Saml Houston Snr  
Joseph Bogle Junr  
Samuel Newell Jnr  
John Coats  
William Hinks  
Alexander Sloan  
John Dunlop (out of order, follows James Dunlop)

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Know all men by these presents that I Rawleigh  
James Heanderson  
Mack Tipon  
Thomas Heanderson  
Mordecai Tipton  
Jesse Wallace  
Joel Wallas  
Zekal Willimes  
Oliver Wallass  
John Clack  
James Rodgers  
Gorge Vinens (?)  
John Clack

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(Sideways) Pets of the Inhabitants South of French Broad River

In the