The Trail Of Tears
Class 6 - May 3, 2016
The Indian Removal Act of 1830
Trail Of Tears
National Historic Trail
Trail Of Tears Routes In Tennessee
Trail Of Tears Route (?)
Murfreesboro
Trail Of Tears
National Historic Trail Marker /
Stones River National Battlefield
Toll House And Toll Gate On Nashville Pike “near forts”
Toll House Site At Stones River Battlefield
Trail Of Tears Marker
At Stones River Battlefield -
“Passing Through Murfreesboro”
Trail Of Tears Route as it splits into two trails in Eastern Rutherford County TN at Woodbury, TN
Enlargement of the 1832 Matthew Rhea Map & Trail of Tears routes
East Fork Recreation Area Entrance
Twin Forks Trail at Old Jefferson
Twin Forks Trail of Tears
Trail Head
Cherokee Diary accounts state that approximately 4000 Cherokee men, women, and children, passed through Jefferson during the last week of October, and the first week of November of 1838.
Old Jefferson 1804 - 1807
If the waters rise as planned Old Jefferson will shrink to a small island where wild fowl roost and snakes sun, and that will be the final chapter the river has written for a bustling town which rose in the wilderness, then became a ghost.

From “Old Jefferson, Ghost Town”, story by Ed Bell in *The Tennessean*, March 26, 1950

“Now covered by the waters of Percy Priest Lake, the town of Jefferson was the first county seat of Rutherford County…”

From “Moving County Seat Quieted Village” *The Tennessean*, June 20, 1984

"The route probably followed closely to the river passing Providence Church and followed the present course of Central Valley Road to the town of Old Jefferson, now inundated by the J. Percy Priest Lake."

From *The Trail of Tears In Tennessee*, Tennessee Division of Archaeology Report by Ben Nance, 2001
Old Jefferson On Google Earth
Trail Of Tears Route – Old Jefferson
Trail of Tears Original Alignment Route
Looking East Toward Central Pike
Trail of Tears Route
At Pumping Station
250 plus year old chestnut oak, at the site of the former Fairmont Plantation at Old Jefferson
Reed Tavern On Old Jefferson Square (1803 to 1902)
Trail Of Tears Ford
And Stone Wall
The west ford of the Stones river used by the Cherokee in 1838.
A well preserved Trail segment leading into Smyrna TN. from Jefferson
The 1807 Johns-King House on Old Jefferson Pike in Smyrna, TN. A rare Trail of Tears witness structure
The last original Trail of Tears segment in Davidson County at Four Corners Marina
The 1823 Nashville Toll Bridge: Image taken from the 1832 Matthew Rhea Survey Map of Tennessee
The 1823 Nashville Toll Bridge Abutment: The only certified Trail of Tears Interpretive location in Nashville next to Victory Memorial Bridge
Cedarwood, a Trail of Tears witness structure on Whites Creek Pike
The end of the Trail of Tears route at Coopertown Road & Old Frey Ford Road at the Robertson County Line