The Cherokee During The Revolutionary War
1770 – 1780
Class # 2
A Cherokee Warrior
The Cherokee become totally dependent on the British because of the trade in Deer hides.
Cherokee Town Divisions by the mid to late 1700’s
Fort Loudoun State Historic Area in Vonore, Tennessee (1756 – 1760)

Fort Loudoun played a significant role in helping Great Britain secure the trans-Appalachian region from France during the Seven Years War, or as it is known in America, the French and Indian War. As the first planned British fort in the “Overhill” country, Fort Loudoun, for a while helped ally the powerful Cherokee Nation to the English cause and block further French penetration of the area from the west.

Hours of Operation 8:00am to Sunset
Visitor Center 8:00am to 4:30pm
General James Robertson

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- Led first group of pioneers to East Tennessee in 1771
- Settled the community known as the Watauga Association
- Helped write the Watauga Compact, the state’s first constitution
- In 1779 traveled to Middle Tennessee
- Helped settle Ft. Nashborough
Fort Watauga – Tennessee’s first permanent settlement founded in 1772

Here, March 19, 1775, at the Sycamore Shoals, the Watauga Association, Charles Robertson, Trustee, bought from the Cherokee, with Oconostota as chief, lands along the Watauga, Holston and Great Canaway (now New) Rivers. The consideration for the purchase was 2000 Pounds Sterling.
The Watauga Settlement of 1772

WATAUGA OLD FIELDS
WHERE THE WATAUGA ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED IN 1772, BEING
THE FIRST PLACE WEST OF THE ALLEGHENIES WHERE MEN JOINED
TOGETHER IN A WRITTEN COMPACT FOR CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND
FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THEIR IDEALS OF LIBERTY.

THE THIRTEEN COMMISSIONERS ELECTED WERE
CHARLES ROBERTSON  JAMES SMITH  GEORGE RUSSELL
JAMES ROBERTSON  JACOB BROWN  JACOB WORAK
ZACH. ISBELL  WILLIAM BEAN  ROBERT LUCAS
JOHN SEVIER  JOHN JONES  WILLIAM TAYLOR
JOHN CARTER

ERECTED BY THE TENNESSEE
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
OCTOBER 1923.
Cherokee Chief - Standing Turkey, or Oconastota, negotiated the Watauga Purchase in 1775, and the Treaty of Sycamore Shoals.
Richard Henderson’s Purchase or the Treaty of Sycamore Shoals - 1775
Chickamauga Cherokee Chief – “Dragging Canoe”
Henderson’s Purchase also known as the Transylvania Purchase as well.
Henderson’s Purchase, or the Treaty of Sycamore Shoals, would have granted approximately 20,000,000 acres of land to Richard Henderson’s Transylvania Company.
Frontiersman Daniel Boone, hired by Richard Henderson to explore and establish a route into the Kentucky wilderness beyond the Cumberland Gap later known as the Wilderness Road.
A Tennessee State Historical Marker in modern day Carter County, the site of the Transylvania Purchase.
No less than 27 Forts & Block Houses occupy middle Tennessee by the mid 1790’s
North Carolina Military Reservation in the Southwest Territory 1795
The Southwest Territory of the United States
South of the Ohio River