

CHEROKEE REMOVAL, 1835 - 1839
(Population & Emigration Numbers)

1835 Census of Cherokees Residing East of the Mississippi River
(Taken Fall, 1835)

16,542 Cherokees
201 Whites (Adopted Citizens)
1592 Black Slaves

18,335 Members of Cherokee Nation

VOLUNTEERS AND PRO-TREATY EMIGRANTS

18,335
+ 391 Fugitive Creek Indians

18,726

- 60 Cherokee Emigrants before Jan. 1837

18,666

- 471 Young/Major Ridge Detachment, March, 1837

18,195

-365 Cannon/James Starr Detachment, Oct. 1837

17,830

-15 Deaths

17,815

-74 Cherokee Emigrants, Nov.1837

17,741

-133 Cherokee Emigrants, Dec.1837

17,608

ARMY ROUND-UP AND FORCED REMOVAL

17,608

-252 Deas Detachment, April, 1838

17,356

-2 deaths

17,354

-162 Cherokee Emigrants, May, 1838

17,192

-96 Cherokee Emigrants

17,096

-489 Deas Detachment, June, 1838

16,607

-164 Cherokee Emigrants, June, 1838

16,443

-667 Whitely Detachment, June, 1838

15,776

-70 deaths

15,706

-635 Drane Detachment, June, 1838

15,071

-146 deaths

14,925

+ 2 births

14,927

INTERNMENT CAMPS

14,927

-353 Cherokees who died in the Internment Camps, May - August

14,574

MAIN EMIGRATION

14,574

-654 Colston Detachment

13,920

-57 deaths

13,863

+9 births

13,872

-24 deserters

13,848

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-744 E. Hicks Detachment

13,104

-54 deaths

13,050

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-898 Bushyhead Detachment

12,152

-38 deaths

12,114

+6 births

12,120

-151 deserters

11,969

+171 additions

12,140

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-1132 Benge Detachment

11,008
-33 deaths

10,975
+3 births

10,978

10,978
-1033 Situwake Detachment

9,945
-71 deaths

9,874
+5 births

9,879

9,879
-898 Old Fields Detachment

8,981
-57 deaths

8,924
+19 births

8,943
-10 deserters

8,933
+6 additions

8,939

8,939
-924 Daniel Detachment

8,015
-48 deaths

7,967
+6 births

7,973

7,973
-970 Chuwaluka Detachment

7,003

7,003
-717 Brown Detachment

6,286
-34 deaths

6,252
+3 births

6,255

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-1,039 G. Hicks Detachment

5,216

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-942 Taylor Detachment

4,274
-55 deaths

4,219
+15 births

4,234

4,234
-1,311 Hildebrand Detachment

2,923

2,923
-219 Drew Detachment

2,704

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-64 Hog Detachment

2,640

2,640
-650 Deas/Bell Detachment

1,990

Thus, there were ca.1,990 Cherokees unaccounted for, and who presumeably remained in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

HOW MANY CHEROKEES DISAPPEARED DURING THE REMOVAL?
(Dead or Deserted)

2,133 Cherokees remaining east of Mississippi River (1851 Chapman Roll)
+14,098 Cherokees who emigrated West (1851 Drennan Roll)

16,231

18,335 Cherokees (1835 Census)
-16,231 Cherokees (1851 Drennan plus Chapman Rolls)

2,104 missing Cherokees
-1,990

114 unaccounted for

KNOWN DEATHS

1835-1837: 15 deaths (in B.B. Cannon's detachment)

15 SUBTOTAL

1838 (Spring) 2 (in Deas' 1st detachment)
70 (in Whitely's detachment)
146 (in Drane's detachment)

233 SUBTOTAL

1838 (camps) 353

586 SUBTOTAL

1838-1839 447 (in the 12 wagon train detachments)

1033 TOTAL DEATHS (for which numbers are available)