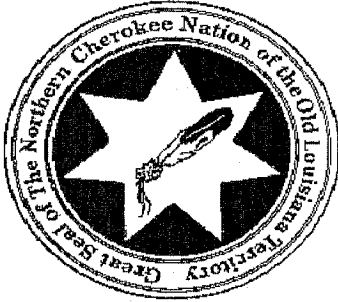


NORTHERN CHEROKEE NATION OF THE OLD LOUISIANA TERRITORY NEWS



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RECOGNITION UPDATE

Currently we are working on a project that was requested by the Branch of Acknowledgement. When this is completed, we will once again submit our roll information. So, if there are any out there who wish to be enrolled with us to be sent in with this first information, you need to get your applications in ASAP. However, we have been told that it is our right to enroll whomever we wish (as long as those applying meet criteria that have been established by our tribe and the BIA).

Due to lack of funds and volunteers, we had to close our office at Buttonwood. Please use the address below:

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Temporary Cards

Sometimes we get complaints and concerns from our members regarding their *temporary roll numbers*. Don't let this bother you – Except for those who enrolled at an earlier time, EVERYBODY has a temporary roll number. Temporary was added on by a person who at one time was our Enrollment Person. As soon as we possibly can, these cards will be replaced with those that show a permanent roll number.

FROM CHIEF BEVERLY BAKER

I am once again making an appeal to each of you to get involved and help us achieve our goal of federal recognition. I am going to be very open and honest about our situation and where we stand today.

For the past 30 years, we have worked toward the goal for federal recognition. Many who have participated in this cause are no longer with us. Others who continue to tirelessly work on this goal look forward to the time when we have accomplished what we set out to do. We also look forward to the time when others can come in to help run our government, making sure it continues on. Many who have continued in this effort are not as young as we once were and it is our hope to gain recognition while we are still able to hang in there. I truly believe that if we don't achieve this now, it will never happen. All that will be left is the enrollment of the Northern Cherokee people who existed for over 200 years. And, there will be a history book along with documents proving that we were here ---but never finished our goal.

We are a people who have suffered no less than those who remain in North Carolina and those who went to Oklahoma. The only difference is- our history has been kept a secret until we re-emerged and brought this to light. Until research was done, very few knew about the massacres that happened in Boone County, Missouri and elsewhere. Many didn't realize there were laws in Missouri against Indians being in the state, or the Indian Removal Act that took place in 1830, at which time all Native people were to be removed west and on to a reservation area set up by the US Government. Many didn't realize the history books we read in school about the Cherokee people were wrong and only told the white side of the story. When they talked about all the Cherokees going on to Oklahoma to the reservation, they failed to mention the fact that there were already Cherokees living in Missouri and Arkansas who were living on Public Lands set aside for them by the treaty of the Louisiana Purchase between the US, Spain and France. I could go on and on, but I hope I've given you enough to realize and understand that it's time to stand up now and work with your tribal government to regain what has been taken from us.

What do we want? I personally just want the right to stand up and boldly proclaim my Cherokee heritage without someone from a federally recognized tribe calling me, "You People." That is like a slap in the face. But, there are many advantages we are doing without that federally recognized people get. We are just as entitled to that as anybody else, but first we must prove this, which I believe we have adequately done. We just need to have our recognition re-instated.

How can you help? Every one of us has our financial burdens to deal with but I see recognition as one big hurdle to help overcome a large part of this. But, it's going to take every one of us to make this happen. Like every government and organization, we need money to operate on. Otherwise, we cannot keep going to achieve our goal.

Many of you have already donated and many of you continue to send in on a regular basis. Although the donations are often small, they add up and are very much appreciated. I say to each of you, **Thank You**. But, there are many others who are not donating. I realize there are many who cannot possibly give, while others can give but a little, and still others can give a little more. Whatever your situation, all contributions are appreciated and welcomed – even if it's one dollar. It is my belief that it is not fair for a few to carry hundreds of people who stand by and wait for somebody else to do the job.

We also need representatives for those districts which are not currently being represented at the Council Table. If anybody wishes to be considered for this, let us know.

Right now, we are in the process of updating our enrollments to make sure everybody is included when it goes to the Dept of Acknowledgment. This won't take much longer. We are also working on a way to make up new, permanent ID Cards, which we will tell you about when they become available.

So, here it is. Are we going to work as one people as our ancestors did? Or, are we going to say, "Too much work and money, why bother?"

I am only one person and your tribal government is a few. Our membership is in the thousands. With all of us working together as one, we are strong and we can reach the goal that we have worked hard for.

OUR CHEROKEE HISTORY

While we continually learn about our history, there is still much to learn and try to understand. During all my years of studying the Cherokee people, I have learned much but there is so much more I don't know. Who are these people who could slip in and out of their enemy's camps without the dogs barking? The US government called on our Cherokee ancestors to deal with the Osage Indians in the Old Louisiana Territory. No doubt we are the Ani-Yunwiya "The Principal People." Because of the hostilities between our ancestors and the Osage people, I was extremely pleased when our tribe and the Osage put this old past conflict to an end with the smoking of the peace pipe during a ceremony on September 27, 1997 at the Huron Cemetery, Kansas City, KS, between Assistant Chief Ed Red Eagle of the Osage Nation, Chief Janith English of the Kansas Wyandotte and Chief Beverly Baker of the Northern Cherokee Nation of the Old Louisiana Territory. All those who were in attendance took part in this ceremony.

The Cherokee people love their liberty. "It was their love for personal liberty along with social and political equality which made original Americans like the Cherokees exceptional." "In the history of world civilizations and nations that have come and gone, there is none that compares with the Cherokee. Their government, economy, social standards, educational system and religious life was second to none. Indeed, their culture was equal to any other civilization of their time." "In summarizing an old Spanish document of June 23, 1794, another author wrote, 'Cherokees plan to conclude a treaty of peace with the Americans without placing the tribe under American protection. Cherokees view themselves as a free people and will not be placed under anyone's protection.'" When the English colonists came to America they began caging our ancestors in the Southeast along with those of neighboring tribes. "They sold the Indians on the slave markets. In time, Europeans learned the 'American spirit within the Indians could not be caged; i.e., the Indians' deep love for liberty made them poor subjects for slavery.'" (Taken from *We Are Not Yet Conquered*)

Did you know that the US government was formed after that of the Native Americans? "Native Americans rarely have been recognized for our contribution to what has come to be called American Values." Think about it, American values could not have come from anyone else. Before the Europeans came among the Native people, they had no knowledge or understanding of the American concept of freedom from social hierarchies.

NORTHERN CHEROKEE PROMOTERS

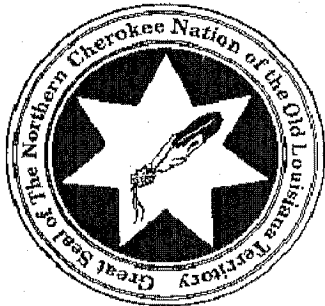
History is very interesting and informative. For example, the University of Missouri was started in 1839 and it took individuals donating their time, money and land to help make this university a reality. It is even more interesting when we learn that many of our Cherokee ancestors were among those that donated. The same holds true for our tribe. Without our Cherokee Promoters donating their time and money toward our mutual success, we could not survive. Therefore, please know that what you contribute is very important and your name will be preserved for future researchers to read about. Although all donations have been recorded, this goes back a few years and it would be almost impossible to list all of those who have contributed; however, from this time forward we will make every effort to list all of you in our newsletters. Remember, until federal recognition happens, we must rely solely on your donations – and please know it is very much appreciated. The list below is those who have recently donated. If your name is not listed and you would like to have it included, please let us know and we will include it in our next newsletter.

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