

CHEROKEE DRENNEN ROLL OF 1851

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INTRODUCTION

The Drennen Roll which is a census roll of emigrant Cherokees was taken in 1851 with the per capita payment being made in 1852 at Fort Gibson. The payment was made to cover losses of property, expenses of removal, and subsistence costs incurred as a result of the removal.

The roll is a part of the records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Record Group 75, and has been reproduced on microfilm by the Federal Archives and Records Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

The Drennen Roll is arranged by the eight Cherokee districts existing at that time and thereunder by family groups. Also included is the Disputed Roll which lists individuals whose eligibility for payment had not been ascertained as to whether the person listed was an emigrant Cherokee or an Old Settler Cherokee.

The family groups are numbered successively within each district; however, there are some numbered groups which have been omitted in some of the districts. The reasoning behind the omission of these numbered groups is not quite clear at this time.

On the original roll are groups which are numbered with the same number, but are clearly a different family group. These groups are distinguished from the first group by the fact that the heads of the families signed for their own family group. In this book, I have designated these same-numbered groups with a double space between the groups.

Many individuals will be listed on the roll, but who are not included in the payment. These are usually white persons or Creek Indians. There will be some names listed which were literally marked through by the compiler of the roll.

The following additional information is given on the original roll: name of the head of the household, names of other members of the household, total number of individuals, amount due each, total amount due the family, amount of stoppages paid (these are claims against the Cherokees and for expenses), total amount receipted for, signatures, witnesses, and remarks.

S. M. Willard and William Wilson are the only persons who witnessed the signatures and payment.

If the individual who signed for the payment of his family group is the same person who is the head of the family, those names are not duplicated in this book. However, if the Cherokee signing for the family is not the head; then those signatures will be indicated under the signature column. Among these signatures will be guardians or relatives signing for orphans, minors, or deceased Cherokees.

665 We le Crazy	See C. Roll p. 2d	[Tahlequah District Groups 9-17]
666 Wor hoh te tle	See C. Roll p. 37	[Tahlequah District Groups 415-425]
668 Jin nie	See C. Roll p. 49	[Tahlequah District Groups 544-554]
669 Ave	See C. Roll p. 51	[Tahlequah District Groups 563-573]

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Please note that many of these signatures which appear to be identical, but the spelling is variant, are likely to be the same individual.

The notation of Transferred to new roll under the remarks column would indicate that the payee was not present at the time of payment, and was then placed on a new list or roll to be paid at a later time. We do not know where this roll is located, if it exists, at this particular time.

The notation of "B" appears periodically under the remarks column. I have consulted with some very knowledgeable researchers, and we have not determined the significance of this entry. If anyone can determine the explanation of this notation, please let me know.

Also, under the remarks column are several references to page numbers on the census or census roll. These entries refer to pages on the original Drennen Roll, and are not the page numbers in this book. Listed below are the group number, name and the entry under the remarks column along with the information from the original Drennen Roll. Researchers can then determine the significance of these notations.

Going Snake

733 Young bird	See p. 29 Census	[This is Tahlequah District Groups 325-335]
734 Sa hoy ah	See p. 35 Census	[Tahlequah District-Groups 390-402]
735 Fishing hawk	See p. 36 Census	[Tahlequah District-Groups 403-414]
737 Susanna Blossom	See p. 46 Census Roll	[Tahlequah District-Groups 511-521]

Saline

205 Lydia Oo ta le tah	See duplicate p. 80	[Flint District-Groups 257-271]
458 Emily Kell	See 867-Delaware	[Delaware District-Group 867-John Kell who is an orphan]
614 Aron Adam	See duplicate page 80	[Flint District-Groups 257-271]
618 Sun oo ge tse	See duplicate page 81	[Flint District-Groups 272-283]

ILLINOIS DISTRICT

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
32	Ave		
33	William McDaniel		
33	Joseph McDaniel		
33	John McDaniel		
34	Ake McDaniel		
34	Delila Johnson		
34	Che qua kee		
34	War le see		
34	Med		
34	Susanah		
35	Red Bird		
36	Lizzy Kee Kee		
36	Peggy		
36	E ta ker sker		
36	Betsey		
37	Annie Edwards		
37	Delilah		
37	Henry		
38	Betsey Moss		
39	John Ridge		
39	Quar la yur ke		
39	Sul a tees ke		
39	Rain Water		
39	White Killer		
40	Aetsey Otter		
40	Tick tees ky		
40	Judge Che yah		
40	Ta ner tle le		
41	Na kee		
41	Black haws Chicken		
42	Susan Chicken	Blackhaw Chicken	Dead
42	Nancy		
42	Squirrel		
42	Lueija or Louisa		
43	Louis Chicken		
44	Woods on fire		
44	Betsy		
44	Chee tah yer le tah		
44	Nake		
44	Thompson		
45	Ezekiel		
45	Susannah		
45	Jesse		
46	Jack Wind		

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DRENNEN ROLL, 1852*

Area: Cherokee Nation (Northeastern Oklahoma).

Arrangement: By Cherokee Nation district and thereunder by family group.

Information: Contains the names of 14,094 individuals. An additional section, known as the Disputed Roll, lists 102 family groups (273 individuals) who emigrated to the west prior to the Treaty of New Echota (1835) but returned to the east before the removal.

Many names have a number in parentheses next to them. That number, added later by Guion Miller, corresponds to a Miller application for a descendant of that Drennen enrollee.

Background: Suprisingly, this is the first roll taken of those Cherokees who came west as a result of the Treaty of New Echota. John Drennen, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, compiled this list as a receipt roll for a per capita payment of \$92.83 made to Cherokees living in the west who removed as a result of and after the Treaty of New Echota. Payment was made in accordance with Article 9 of the Treaty of 1846 with funds appropriated by acts of Congress of September 30, 1850 and February 27, 1851.

Availability: National Archives Microfilm Publication #M-685, roll 12.

CHAPMAN ROLL, 1852*

Area: East of the Mississippi River.

Arrangement: By enrollment number and thereunder by county and town.

Information: Name, age and relationship to head of household.

Background: This is a receipt roll prepared by Albert Chapman for a payment made to the Eastern Cherokees based on the census taken by D. W. Siler.

Availability: National Archives Microfilm Publication #M-685, roll 12.

TOMPKINS ROLL, 1867

Area: Cherokee Nation (Northeastern Oklahoma).

Arrangement: Individuals (approximately 13,566) are listed by Cherokee Nation district, however the method is inconsistent. Many of the districts give only the Cherokee name of an individual while other districts give the English name. Normally, individuals are listed by family group, but the Delaware District lists adult males first, then minor males and concludes with females.

Information: Name, age, sex and indication if the individual is White, Half-Breed or Colored.

Background: Article 12 of the Treaty of July 19, 1866 provided that a census roll of Cherokees residing in the Cherokee Nation be made.

Availability: Federal Records Center (Ft. Worth, Tx.) Microfilm #7RA-04.

TOMPKINS ROLL FREEDMEN INDICES, 1867

Area: Cherokee Nation (Northeastern Oklahoma).