

RED CLAY COUNCIL GROUNDS

1832 - 1838



HERE WAS THE CAPITAL AND LAST COUNCIL GROUND OF THE CHEROKEE NATION IN THE EAST. AT A FULL COUNCIL HELD IN OCTOBER, 1835, A PROPOSED TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL OF THE CHEROKEE TO THE INDIAN TERRITORY, NOW OKLAHOMA, WAS OVERWHELMINGLY REJECTED. JOHN HOWARD PAYNE AUTHOR OF "HOME, SWEET HOME" AND A CHAMPION OF INDIAN RIGHTS ATTENDED THE COUNCIL, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY A NUMBER OF PROMINENT UNITED STATES AND CHEROKEE OFFICIALS. THE COUNCIL HOUSE STOOD JUST EAST OF THE GREAT COUNCIL SPRING.

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN E. WOOL AND HIS DETACHMENT OF TROOPS CAMPED AT A LARGE SPRING ABOUT ONE-FOURTH MILE EAST WHILE OBSERVING MEETINGS OF THE CHEROKEES IN COUNCIL.

ONE-HALF MILE SOUTH NEAR THE TOWN OF RED CLAY, GEORGIA, STANDS A U.S. MARKER ERECTED IN HONOR OF SLEEPING RABBIT, A FAMOUS CHEROKEE VETERAN OF THE WAR OF 1812.

FOUR MILES NORTHEAST AT FLINT SPRINGS WAS THE LAST HOME IN THE EAST OF JOHN ROSS, PRINCIPAL CHIEF OF THE CHEROKEE NATION.

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Loc. historical marker

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Loc. View of spring looking

west ²

Council Spring
County, Tennessee
at

Red Clay Council Ground



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~~View of spring looking east.~~

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