



ROSS'S LANDING
HAMILTON COUNTY TN

A black and white photograph of a historical marker. The marker is a dark, arched sign on a white post. It features the name 'JOHN ROSS' in large letters, flanked by the years '1790' and '1866'. Below the name is a paragraph of text describing his life and role as a Cherokee chief. In the background, there is a statue of a Native American man, a building, and trees. An American flag is visible on the left side of the image.

1790 JOHN ROSS 1866

JOHN ROSS was the grandson of John McDonald and the son of Daniel Ross natives of Scotland and partners in a trading post established at Ross's Landing. He dedicated himself to the education of the Cherokee Nation. JOHN ROSS is called the greatest of the Cherokee chiefs, although only one-eighth Cherokee. He served as principal chief from 1828-1866.

He fought against the removal of the Cherokees from this region, ultimately leading them on the Trail of Tears journey to Oklahoma in 1838.

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CHATTANOOGA'S FIRST CITIZENS

In June, 1837 the fifty-three householders living on the two hundred forty acres bounded by Tennessee River, Georgia Avenue, Ninth Street and Cameron Hill elected commissioners to represent them in securing legal title to their individual parcels of land, thus becoming the first citizens of Chattanooga.

Residing in the Northeast Quarter Section were -

COMMISSIONERS
June F Long
Aaron M. Rawlings
George W. Williams

CITIZENS
Isaac Bailewin
George W. Cherry
Ashey Cope
Kassat H. Davis
William M. Davis
Thomas Gannaman
Joseph Ellis
Andrew Evans
Samuel Fitzgerald
Matthew Frazier
Charles Grigsby
George S. Gresham
Berry Jones
John Keeby
Thomas W. Muncay
Abram Perry
Ezekiel Price
Joseph Rice
Ellis Russell
James Woods Smit
Wiley Starling
Lewis Webb
Samuel Williams
Abner Witt

Residing in the Southeast Fractional Section were:

COMMISSIONERS
Allen Kennedy
Albert S. Lenoir
Reynolds A. Ramsey

CITIZENS
John C. Cathey
E. S. M. Donk
William S. Gilliland
Nathan Harris
Jesse Henderson
William Hill
Matthew Hillman
Benjamin S. Hodgins
Cary A. Jones
M. W. Legg
William Long
John T. Mathis
Thomas Antloss Moore
David G. Perry
John A. Porter
Wills - G. Sparks
William Threlkitt
William Thurman
James W. Tinnell
Jane White
Matthew Williams
Darlen A. Wilds

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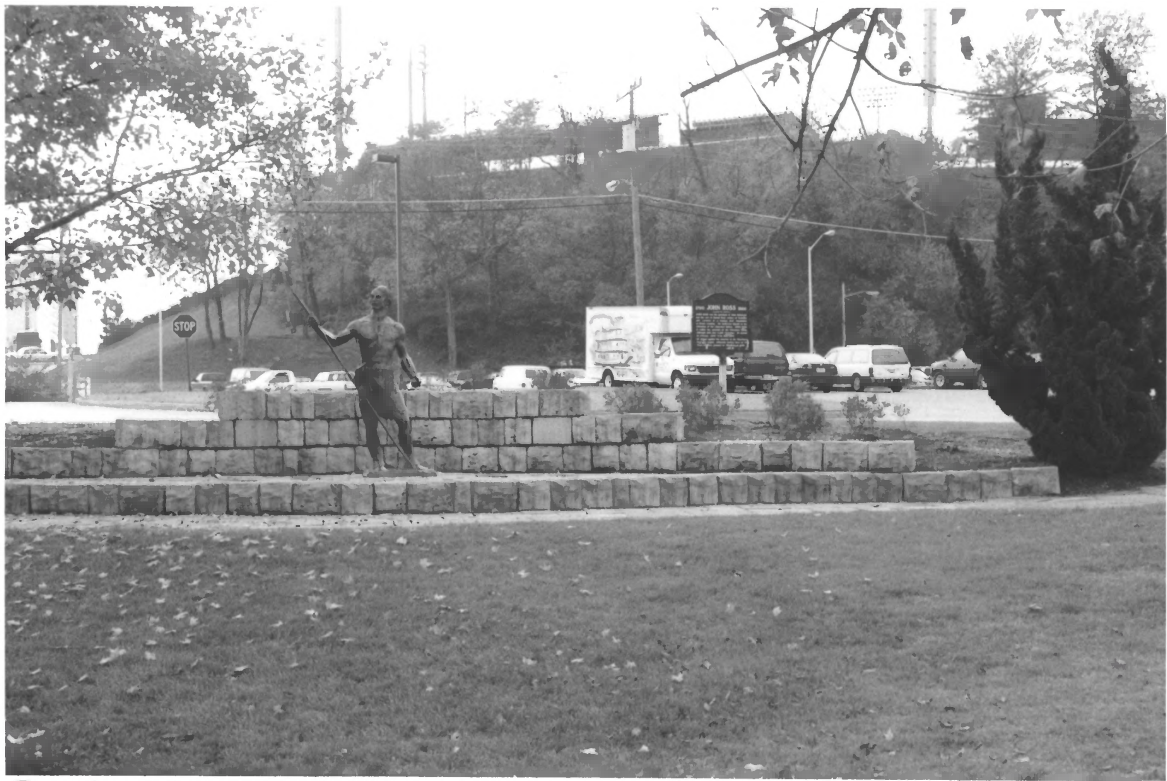


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TRAIL OF TEARS

In May 1838 soldiers, under the command of Gen. Winfield Scott, began rounding up Cherokee Indians in this area who had refused to move to Indian Territory (Oklahoma). About 15,000 Cherokees were placed in stockades in Tennessee and Alabama until their removal. Roughly 3,000 were sent by boat down the Tennessee River and the rest were marched overland in the fall and winter of 1838-39. This forced removal under harsh conditions resulted in the deaths of about 4,000 Cherokees.

In late June 1838 a party of 1,070 poorly equipped Indians was marched overland from Ross' Landing at Chattanooga, TN, to Waterloo, AL because of low water in the upper Tennessee River. Following the general route of present-day U.S. Hwy. 72, they camped at Bolivar, Bellefonte, and Woodville (Jackson County, AL). About 300 escaped along the way, and on June 26, the remainder refused to proceed from Bellefonte. The local militia, under the command of Army Capt. G.S. Drane, was called out to get the group started and escort it to Waterloo. Arriving in miserable condition on July 10, 1838, the Cherokees were placed on boats to continue their journey West.

The "Trail of Tears", which resulted from the Indian Removal Act passed by U.S. Congress in 1830, is one of the darkest chapters in American history.

This historical marker will forever mark the beginning of this "Trail of Tears".

THIS MARKER WAS MADE POSSIBLE FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE "TRAIL OF TEARS" COMMEMORATIVE MOTORCYCLE RIDE.

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1. NAME

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AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

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101 Market Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Chattanooga

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Tennessee

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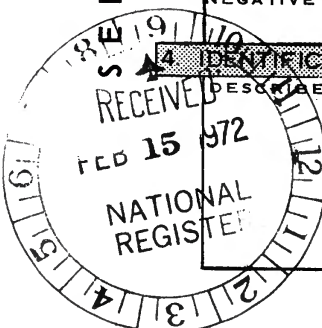
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View from north bank of Tennessee River, looking
across the river toward Ross's Landing





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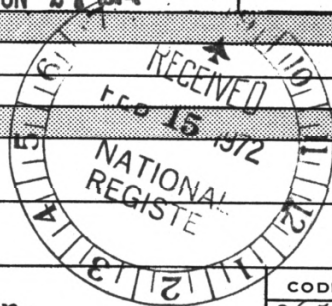
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Looking east across Tennessee River, with
Ross's Landing in the foreground.



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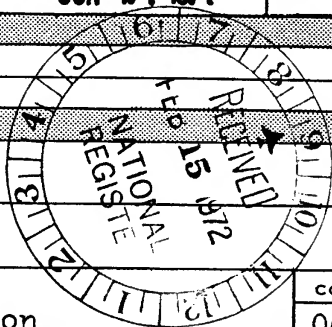
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Looking east from south bank of Tennessee River, showing highway construction at Ross's Landing site