

CHEROKEE REMOVAL

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This paper will examine the broken treaties between the Cherokee people and the governing bodies of both the United States and Georgia. John Ross, the recognized leader of the Cherokee Nation, fought to maintain the Cherokee's legal rights to their ancestral lands. He was joined by other Native Americans in the struggle to establish and clarify the rights of the Cherokee people. This paper will document the attempts to maintain their land using legal channels and the results of forced removal, when these channels failed. Finally, the paper will discuss the hardships faced by the Cherokee people during the forced removal on what has become known as the Trail of Tears.