

The Voice of One Crying Out in the Wilderness: Preservation in the Anthropocene

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Notice the colonial recordkeeping language of "Land Unknown" and "Latest Discoveries"



Image: "An Accurate map of North America from the latest discoveries."

Date: 175[?]

Source: G3300 175- .A5, Library of Congress,

<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3300.ar000300>

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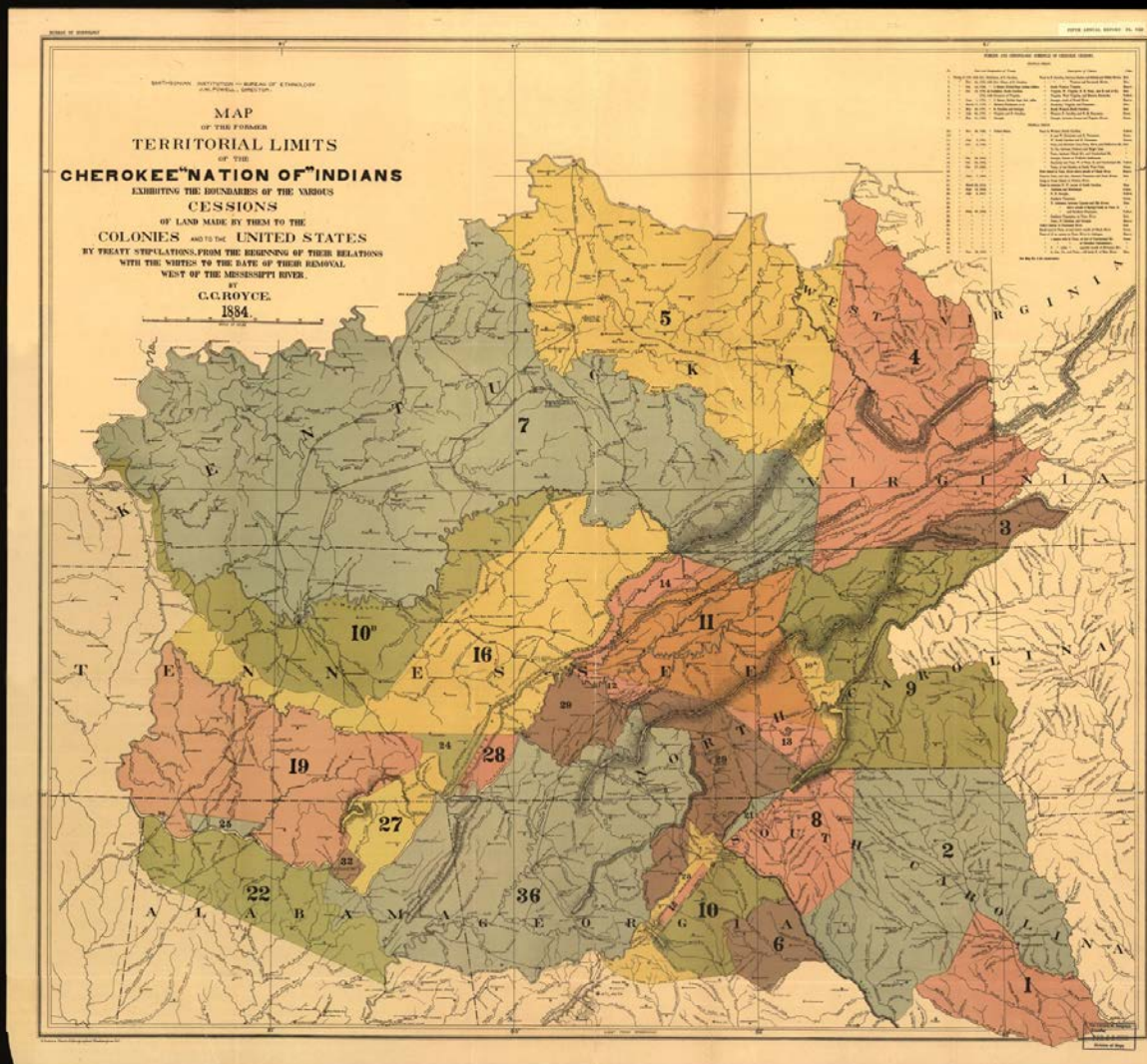
The upper-right corner lists the removals of Cherokee Nation lands between 1721-1835. The northern boundary depicted is the Ohio River, to the south is Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

Image: "Map showing the territory originally assigned Cherokee "Nation of" Indians." Map 1 depicted. Map 2 depicting tribal territory west of the Mississippi River not pictured.

Date: 1884

Source: G3861.E1 1884 .R6 TIL,
Library of Congress,

<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3861e.np00155>



“In the 1990s, mountaintop removal and reclamation became the mining method of choice for coal operators in central Appalachia. Mountaintop removal and reclamation entails blasting apart mountains in order to retrieve multiple seams of the low-sulphur bituminous coal, which came into greater demand following the passage of the 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act. Excess rock and rubble are then dumped into adjacent streams and hollows, forming what is known as “Valley Fill.””

Image: “Aerial view of the Samples Mountaintop Removal Project on Cabin Creek [W. VA],” 1995

Photographer: Eiler, Lyntha Scott
(Photographer)

Source: Coal River Folklife Collection (AFC 1999/008), Library of Congress,

<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/afccmns.lec05018>



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"If living in history means
that we cannot help
leaving marks on a fallen
world, then the dilemma
we face is to decide what
kinds of marks we wish to
leave." -- William Cronon
(*The Trouble with Wilderness*)
