

Furs to FACTORIES

1. Sequoyah Birthplace Museum



Sequoyah, inventor of the Cherokee syllabary, was born here around 1776 in what was then the Overhill Cherokee town of Tuskegee. The area was a major Cherokee population center, with a number of prominent towns located on the adjacent river. Nearby towns of Chota and Tanasi both served as capitals of the Cherokee Nation. The State of Tennessee takes its name from Tanasi. This part of the southern mountains entered the global economy through the fur and hide trade. Over one million deerskins, beaver pelts, and other animal hides were shipped to Europe as part of this lucrative trade. The area became a hotbed of political intrigue as Britain and France vied for Cherokee trade and control of the continent. The museum exhibits focus on 12,000 years of Native American life along the Little Tennessee River as well as the accomplishments of Sequoyah. Memorials to Chota and Tanasi are located approximately 12 miles from the museum. The museum and memorials are owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Authentic Cherokee crafts are sold in the gift shop.

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