

Furs to FACTORIES

8. Nancy Ward Grave



Born as “Nanyehi” at Chota about 1738, she distinguished herself in battle against the Creeks in 1755, gaining the honored status of “Beloved Woman.” She played an important role in Cherokee governance, including participation in talks with John Sevier when she expressed surprise that the whites had no women negotiators. Her later objections to the sale of Cherokee lands to whites were largely ignored. Her second husband was South Carolina trader Bryan Ward. In later years she operated an inn on the Old Federal Road at the Ocoee River. She died there about 1822. Her grave sits atop a hill overlooking the Ocoee River. Her son, Fivekiller, is buried there too.

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