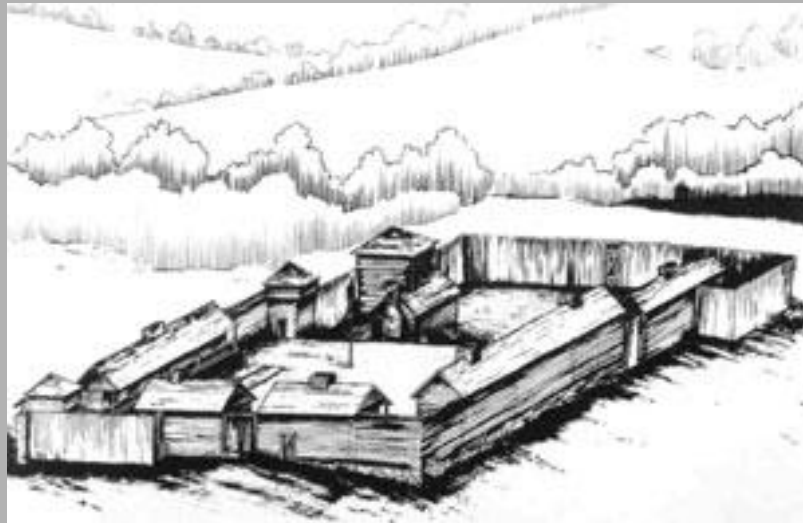


Furs to FACTORIES

3. Tellico Blockhouse



The Tellico Blockhouse was a US fort from 1794-1807, serving to control the border between U.S. and Cherokee lands near the Little Tennessee River. It was there that federal and territorial officials implemented the "Factory Act of 1785," a federal government plan to "civilize" Indians by maintaining "factories," or trading posts, where Indians would receive fair exchange for their furs as well as learn farming and mechanical skills. After 1807 only a few soldiers were stationed there, and the fort was abandoned in 1811 after most Cherokee had withdrawn further south. Interpretive exhibits situated among the ruins tell the story of the blockhouse. Visitors can walk among the ruins and look across the water at the old Cherokee Nation. The site is managed by Fort Loudoun State Historic Area and is a day use area.

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