

Section 2:

Watauga

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Watauga Purchase

This Indenture made this nineteenth day of March in the
year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and seventy
five Between Oconistoto chief Warrior and first representative
of the Cherokee Nation or tribe of Indians & Alacullocally & Savan
near otherwise known for themselves and the rest of the whole
nation being the Aborigines and sole owners by occupancy from
the beginning of time of the Lands on the waters of Holston & Watauga
rivers & other Lands & Territories thereto belonging of the one part
and Charles Robertson of the Settlement of Watauga of the other
part Witnesseth that the said Oconistoto for himself and the
rest of the said Nation of Indians for and in consideration of three
thousand pounds of Lawful money of Great Britain to them in
hand paid by the said Charles Robertson the receipt whereof the
said Oconistoto and the whole nation do and for themselves and
their whole tribe of people have granted bargained and sold
aliened excepted released and confirmed and by their presents do
grant bargain sell alien except release and confirm unto him
the said Charles Robertson his heirs and assigns for ever all that
best territory or parcel of Land on the waters of Watauga River
and great Conaway or New River Beginning on the on the south
or south west side of Holston River six English Miles above
the long Island in said river thence a direct line near a
S. W. corner to the ridge which divides the waters of Watau-
ga from the waters of Nonachuskeke thence along the various
courses of said ridge nearly a south east corner to the blue ridge
or line dividing North Carolina from the Cherokee Lands thence
along the various courses of said ridge to the Virginia
line thence west along the Virginia line to Holston river

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thence down the Meanders of Holston river to the first station including all the waters of Watauga part of the waters of Holston and the head branches of new river or great Canaway agreeable to the bounds aforesaid, and also the reversion & reversions remainder and remainders, rents and Issues thereof and all the Estate right title Interest claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Conistoto and the aforesaid whole band or tribe of people in and to the same premises & of in and to the every part and parcel thereof To have and to hold the said mesuage and territory and all and singular the premises above mentioned with the appurtenances unto the said Charles Robertson his heirs and assigns in everatly and tenants in common and not as joint to the only proper use and behoof of the said Charles Robertson his heirs and assigns forever under the yearly rent of four pence to be holden of the chief Lord or Lords of the Fee of the premises by the rents and services thereon due and of right accustomed and the said Conistoto and the said Nation for themselves do covenant and grant to and with the said Charles Robertson his heirs and assigns that they the said Conistoto and the rest of the said Nation of people now are lawfully and rightfully seized in their own right of a good sure perfect and absolute and indisputable estate of Inheritance in fee simple of and in all and singular the said Mesuage territory and premises above mentioned and of all & every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances without any manner of condition mortgage limitation of use or uses or other matter cause or thing to alter change charge or

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determine the same and also that the Councils and the said Nation now have good right full power and lawful authority in their own right to grant bargain & sell and convey the said unpopulated territory and premises above mentioned with the appurtenances unto the said Charles Robertson his heirs and assigns according to the true intent and meaning of these presents and also the said Charles Robertson his heirs and assigns shall and may from time to time and at all times hereafter peaceably and quietly have hold possess and enjoy all and singular the said premises above mentioned to be hereby granted with the appurtenances, without the let trouble hindrance molestation interruption and denial of them the said Councils and their or any of the said Nation their heirs or assigns and of all and every other person and persons whatsoever claiming or to claim by from or under them or any of them, and lastly the said Councils Attenually & Lawfully otherwise Coronet for themselves and in behalf of the whole nation and their heirs and all and every other person and persons and his and their heirs anything having or claiming in the said Unpopulated territory and premises above mentioned or any part thereof by from or under them shall and will at all times hereafter at the request and costs of the said Charles Robertson his heirs or assigns make do and execute or cause or procure to be made done or executed all and every further and other lawful and reasonable grants acts and assurances in the law whatsoever for the further better and the more perfect granting conveying and assuring of the

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and premises hereby granted with the appurtenances unto
the said Charles Robertson his heirs and assigns to the use, pro-
fit and behoof of the said Charles Robertson his heirs and
assigns for ever according to the true intent and meaning of the
premises ratifying and confirming and allowing all and sundry
ever he shall do in the premises I do hereby witness the said
Benistota Allecullacully & Savanako their wife Governor for them-
selves and in behalf of the whole Nation hath hereunto set their
hands and affixed their seals the day and year first written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered

In presence of

John Lewis


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
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
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
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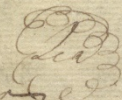
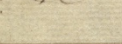
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Benistota & his Mark 

Allecullacully & his Mark 

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Teshua Haughton on the seventh day of May Anno domini
seventeen hundred and seventy five obtained a patent from this
Office of a tract of Land lying on the south side of Watauga river
adjoining the same about half a mile below the mouth of Doe
river bounded as follows To wit: Beginning at a log on the bank
of said river the dividing line between the said Haughton and
Henry Lyles running thence South eighteen degrees East three hun-
dred & twenty poles to two white oaks thence due East two hundred

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oaks on the south side of the creek thence S. 44° W. 140 poles to a
red oak and post oak growing together at the roots thence N. 79°
W. 240 poles to a post oak on the north side of the creek 60
poles from the creek thence N. 11° E. 240 poles to forked Chestnut
thence S. 79° E. 220 poles to the beginning containing 640 Acres more
or less which tract was entered by the said Repue the first day
of June 1775 who obtained a warrant for surveying the same
a plat of which was returned to this office by the hands of
Wm. Bailey Smith Surveyor

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William Bean on the Eighteenth day of November Anno Dom.
seventeen hundred and seventy five obtained a patent from this
Office for a tract of Land lying on the head branch of Sandy or
sinking creek beginning at three walnuts growing together at the
roots in Wm. Beans line thence North sixty five degrees West sixty
poles to a white oak and a post oak thence North twenty five
degrees East forty poles to a white oak thence North sixty five
degrees West Eighty poles to a white oak thence North twenty
five degrees East three hundred and sixty poles to a post oak
thence South sixty five degrees East one hundred and eighty
poles to a post oak thence North thirty degrees West to the begin-
ing 400 poles containing four hundred and twenty acres more or
less which tract was entered by the said Bean the third day
of April seventeen hundred and seventy five who obtained a
warrant for surveying the same a plat of which was return-
ed to this office by the hands of William Bailey Smith Surveyor

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William Bean on the eighteenth day of November Anno Domini
seventeen hundred & seventy five obtained a patent from this
Office for a tract of Land lying on Becons creek bounded as
follows to wit beginning at a hycory and Walnut on the south

The Watauga Purchase

Reading 1: Who, What, When...

- Underline the date of the document.
- Underline who the document references.
Who are these people (what groups do they represent)?

1. "This Indenture, made the 19th day of March, 1775, O-con-os-to-ta, Chief Warrior and
2. First Representative of the Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and Attaculleully and
3. Savanucah, otherwise Coronah, for themselves and the rest of the whole Nation, being
4. the Aborigines and sole owners by occupancy from the beginning of time of the lands of
5. the waters of Holston and Wataugah Rivers, and other lands thereunto belonging, of the
6. one part, and Charles Robertson of the settlement of Wataugah, of the other part,
7. Witnesseth, &c." The consideration was "the sum of two thousand pounds, lawful money
8. of Great Britain, in hand paid."

Reading 2: Where...

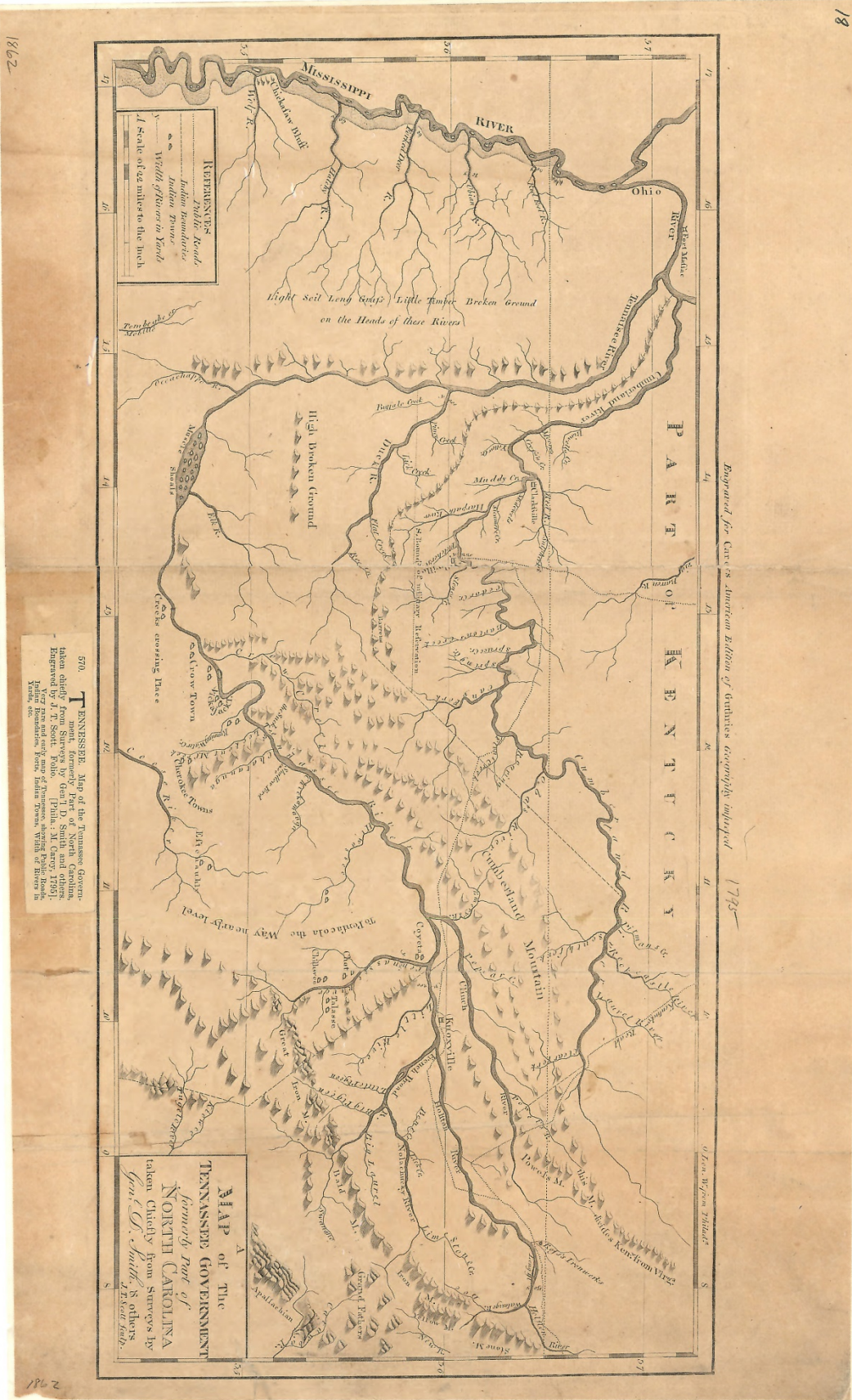
- Underline the rivers mentioned below
- Underline the river names on the map found on the back.

9. The deed embraced "all that tract, territory, or parcel of land, on the waters of the
10. Wataugah, Holston and Great Canaway or New River; beginning on the south or south-
11. west side of Holston River, Six English miles above Long Island, in said river; thence a
12. direct line near a south course to the ridge which divides the waters of Wataugah from the
13. waters of Nonachcukeh; thence along the various courses of said ridge nearly a southeast
14. course to the Blue Ridge or line dividing North Carolina along the Virginia line to Holston
15. River; thence down the meanders of the Holston River to the first station, including all the
16. waters of Wataugah, part of the Waters of Holston and the head-branches of New River or
17. Great Canaway, agreeable to the bounds aforesaid, to said Charles Robertson, his heirs,
18. and assigns."

"And also the said Charles Robertson, his heirs and assigns, shall and may, peaceably and quietly, have, hold, possess and enjoy said premises, without let, trouble, hindrance or molestation, interruption and denial, of them, the said Oconostota and the rest, or any of the said Nation."

"Signed in the Presence of

John Sevier	Oconostota, his X mark. (Seal)
Wm. Bailey Smith	Attacullecully, his X mark. (Seal)
Jesse Benton	Tennesy Warrior, his X mark (Seal)
Tillman Dixon	Willinawaugh, his X mark. (Seal)
William Blevins	
Thomas Price	
Jas. Vann, Linguister."	



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