

THE OVERHILL CHEROKEE TOWNS:

Henry Timberlake drew a map in 1761 showing the towns he visited during his travels in “Cherokee Country”. How accurate was his map? Let’s compare it to a modern map of archaeological sites!

1. Turn Timberlake’s map and the Map of Archeological Sites so that north is the same for both maps. (Better yet, lay them flat on a table so that north on the maps is actually pointing north!)
2. Using a different color for each town, “color-code” both maps to match the locations of the towns on Timberlake’s map with the archaeological sites. (Some spellings are different. On Timberlake’s map, a special letter called a “long S” is used for the first letter of every “ss”.)

Color	Timberlake Town	Archeological Site
	Mialaquo	
	Toskegee	
	Tommotley	
	Toqua	
	Tennessee	
	Chote	
	Settacoo	
	Halfway Town	
	Chilhowey	
	Tellassee	

3. Look in the lower right hand corner of the modern map. There is a scale and a sketch of the entire state to help you orient to what part of the state the map shows. Compare the scale of the two maps.

4. On Timberlake's map, the main river shown is labeled Tennessee River. What is its name on the modern map?

5. Timberlake saw the ruins of "Fort Loudon" (now spelled Loudoun) and marked the site on his map. Locate on the modern map where you would expect to find these ruins.

6. So how accurate is Timberlake's map?

7. Examine the photographs of artifacts found at the Citico site. What do these indicate about interactions between the Cherokees and the British?