

prosperous--light mixed breek White person with some Indian blood going through his veins. There was the Rogers, whose sister married Sam Houston--had very little Cherokee blood in them. These were rich merchants of the merchant calss; but, also, these were remnants of the Chica--Chichominie--Chica-moquine (?) of the Cherokees through the most ferocious of all; and they were the hunters. So we have the leaders of this particular group of White Men; but they also represented the fiercest of all Cherokees when they came over here. They had been well settled and they were settling in areas and they started farming some and hunting some and they were doing quite well when 6 gentlemen, Stan Watie, Major Ridge, John Ridge, and a couple of others signed this treaty that we call the Nu-E-Cho-Ta or "False Treaty". It was so called--so called trickery. They signed this treaty for 5 million dollars to remove over here. Major Ridge, who was the speaker of the Cherokee Houses, had himself help compose in 1829 a document that said in Cherokee Constitution: "Anybody after this date that signs any treaty with the White Man or any one that will sell any Cherokee land must be executed." But Major Ridge himself sat down and signed this debt; and later, he said, "I knew I signed my own death when I signed this removal treaty." Well, let's set--let's set this--let's get this straight tonight. I have a studied Cherokee history all my life and been a scholar of it--let's--let's get some things straight about this treaty of Nu-E-Cho-Ta. All right, first of all, Georgia had said that no Cherokee could testify in a court against a White Man; and all Cherokee land was put up for lottery and every stitch of Cherokee land was given away to White Man. Everyone was pushed out of their original home in Georgia; and they fled to Tennessee--even John Ross's magnificent mansion and wherever John Ross lived--he lived in a mansion. And even John Ross's magnificent mansion was seized. They were thrown out of their churches and their Missions and everything. So, these White leaders or so called White leaders--Boudinot, Wadie, Ridge Faction, with some logic in their mind, realized the fact that it was fruitless to resist. And so after several negotiations and--bear in mind the same