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"COLD WEATHER HOLLOW"

Old residents of the sections about
Tallequah and Park Hill often referred to Cold
Weather Hollow. The hollow or valley between tree
covered ridges south of Park Hill did not derive
its name from weather conditions but from an
oldtime full-blood Cherokee whose home was
established there in an early period. This
individual seems to have been advanced in years
at the time of the Civil War, for in speaking
of him he was referred to as "old Coldweather".
Whether he lived until the end of the war,
there is no one who can now relate. But it is
known that Coldweather was one of the pioneers
of the hill region south of the Park Hill
neighborhood and was living in the hollow at
the time important developments were taking

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place in the Cherokee Nation. He was an adherent of the party of Chief John Ross, and probably was a veteran of the Cherokee regiment, which assisted Andrew Jackson in his contests with the hostile element of the Creeks in the war of 1812. The trouble with the Creeks occurred in 1813-14, in which latter year they were defeated largely through the aid of the Cherokees.

Coldweather built his home in the isolated hollow because he liked to live among the hills and timber and in vicinity of a spring of water and a stream. In the period when Coldweather lived in the hollow wild game was very abundant and he was successful in slaying deer and turkeys at no great distance from his log-walled domicile.