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About North Carolina and Tennessee, Early Land Records, 1753-1931

The area we now know as the state of Tennessee was at one time the western part of North Carolina. In 1784, North Carolina ceded those lands back to the United States, setting aside a military reserve to be given as land grants to North Carolina Revolutionary War veterans and other individuals who had been involved in surveying the area.

In 1790, Tennessee became part of the “Territory South of the River Ohio.” With increased settlement in the area, in 1796 the population reached the threshold required to become the sixteenth state.

This collection includes land records relating to the settlement of the areas of Tennessee outside of the Military Reserve.

Related data collections

[U.S. War Bounty Land Warrants, 1789-1858](#)
This database contains bounty land warrants issued to veterans of the U.S. Revolutionary War between 1789 and 1833, and to veterans of the War of 1812 between 1815 and 1858. It also contains some related papers of the Revolutionary War warrants that date to as late as 1880. Bounty land warrants were certificates given to eligible veterans granting them rights to free land on the public domain.

[U.S. Southern Claims Commission, Disallowed and Barred Claims, 1871-1880](#)
This database contains an index to all claims Disallowed & Barred Claims, filed with the Southern Claims Commission. Information available in the claim files can vary from packet to packet, but many of the files are very rich in genealogical information.

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