Following the Dahlonega gold rush, Cherokee County was formed on December 26, 1831 with 6900 square miles of territory. The first court was organized and held in present-day Pickens County at the Ambrose Harnage house near Tate, Georgia.

Almost immediately the state realized it had made a mistake creating a county so large and passed legislation that broke the original Cherokee County into 10 smaller counties with a land lottery. Since then, the county borders have changed many times, but today, the same area is divided into 22 counties.

Using a pencil, crayon, or pen, date Map A “1831”, Map B “1832”, and Map C “2005” in the numbered blanks provided.

On Map A, label the single county “Cherokee County”.

On Map B, shade Cobb County with a red crayon or pen, and shade Cherokee County with a blue crayon or pen.

On Map C, shade Cobb County with a red crayon or pen, and shade Cherokee County with a blue crayon or pen.