



## Tellico Village Street Names and Meanings

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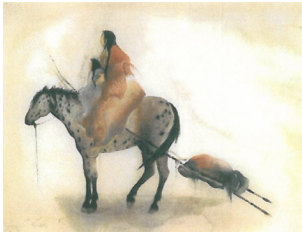
I have added some information to the list of existing street names. Please note that the town names for which no phonetic spellings were given were misidentified in English. The English offered for Chatuga, Chota and Toqua are suggested motifs consistent with the theme of the street names. For example, all the names in the Toqua community are related to water or water creatures. The Cherokee myth which is equivalent to the Jonah and the Whale story supposedly took place in the Little Tennessee River near Toqua.

Similarly other myths, motifs and themes are associated with the other communities (Chota-the Giant Hawks and Chatuga-the White Deer Spirit). The name Chatuga refers to a rock outcropping. Chatuga was an 18th century town near present day Tellico Plains. Chota, which was the capital between 1753-1788, is the anglicized version of li-tso-di-yil which means "Fire Place," in reference to the sacred fire maintained at the Chota Council House. Toqua is also a town name and the name of a legendary giant fish which lived in the river near the town site. In the translation of the Bible the word 'whale' is given as Toqua. The etymology of Sequoyah is from the words si-kwa "pig" and -yi "foot" perhaps in reference to a noticeable limp or club foot Sequoyah is said to have had. Although he devised the Cherokee writing system, he was not a chief.

The selection on the short list is a departure from the practice of using Cherokee names for streets and eliminates the uniqueness and distinction that Tellico Village has had for its communities and street names. Only two are recognizable as Cherokee. Inola is a Cherokee surname meaning "Black Fox." Tanasi is a town name and was the capital of the Cherokee Nation between 1721-1730. The word is probably of Muskhogean origin. Town names before have been reserved for communities at Tellico Village.

The following listing, originally provided by Dr. King, has been updated by the Tellico Village HomeOwners Association. Kahite street names meanings were researched by Bonnie Kuchaes.

\*Note: In the listing below, TSI pronounced more like "ch" or "j" in the Eastern Cherokee Band.



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Street Name	Neighborhood	Pronunciation	Origin
Agoli	Toqua Greens	a-go-li	Cherokee, meaning "sun perch"
Agowa	Chota Shores	a-ko-wa	Cherokee, meaning "sandpiper"
Alichanoska	Chota Hills	a-li-cha-no-ska	Cherokee, meaning "indigo bunting"
Ama	Tommotley Shores	ah-mah	salt or water
Amega	Toqua Coves	a-me-ka	Cherokee, meaning "creek"
Amohi	Toqua Coves	a-mo-hi	Cherokee, meaning "water place"
Atasi	Kahite	ah-tah-see	young girl
Atsila	Kahite	aht-ee-lah	fire
Atoka	Tanasi Hills		Derived from the Choctaw "hitoka," meaning "ball ground"
Awohili	Chota Hills	awa'-hi-li	Cherokee, meaning "eagle"
Bokoshe	Chatuga Point Courts		Choctaw, meaning "little creek"
Caddo	Tanasi Lagoon		
Canaly	Tommotley Shores		
Catoosa	Tanasi Point		
Cayuga	Tommotley Shores		
Chahyga	Chota Hills	cha-hy-ga	Cherokee, meaning "blue jay"
Chaloni	Chota Shores	tso-lo-ni	Cherokee, meaning "kingfisher"
Chanusi	Toqua Point	tso-nu-si	Cherokee, meaning "leech"
Chatuga	Chatuga Point	tso-tu-ga	Cherokee, meaning "rock outcrop"
Checotah	Chota View Courts		
Cheeskogili	Toqua Shores	chi-sko-gi-li	Cherokee, meaning "red crayfish"
Cheestana	Toqua Shores	chi-sta-na'	Cherokee, meaning "green crayfish"
Cheeyo	Chatuga Coves	chee-yo	Cherokee, meaning "otter"
Chickasaw	Tommotley Coves		
Chippewa	Tommotley Greens		
Chogi	Toqua Coves	cho-gi	Cherokee, meaning "upstream"
Choowa	Toqua Greens	choo-wa	Cherokee, meaning "mudpuppy"
Chota	Chota Hills	tso-tiyi	Cherokee, meaning "fire place"
	Chota Landing		
	Chota Shores		
	Chota View		
Chuniloti	Toqua Shores	chu-ni-lo-te	Cherokee, meaning "rainbow trout"
Cimmaron	Chota View Courts		
Coweta	Coyatee Shores		
Coyatee	Coyatee Shores		
	Coyatee Coves		
	Coyatee Point		
Daksi	Toqua Point	dak-si	Cherokee, meaning "terrapin"
Daleyuhski	Toqua Hills	da-le-yuh-ski	Cherokee, meaning "spotted salamander"
Daloga	Chota Shores	ta-lo-ka	Cherokee, meaning "rain raven"
Depew	Tanasi Shores		Surname, not Cherokee

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Didodi	Kahite	dee-doh-dee	spoon
Dilegwa	Chota View Courts		
Doostoo	Toqua Point	du-stu	Cherokee, meaning "spring frog"
Doya	Chatuga Coves	do-ya	Cherokee, meaning "beaver"
Dudala	Mialaquo Coves	du-dah-lah	Cherokee, meaning "mountains"
Dudi	Kahite	doo-dee	snowbird (chickadee)
Duya	Kahite	doo-yah	bean
Edata	Kahite	ae-dah-tah	father
Eladi	Kahite	ae-lah-dee	low down or by foot
Elohi	Mialaquo Point	e-lo-hi	Cherokee, meaning "earth"
Elokwa	Toqua Coves	e-lo-kwa	Cherokee, meaning "snail"
Erick	Tanasi Shores		Male given name, not Cherokee
Etsi*	Kahite	aet-ee	Mother.
Eufaula	Tommotley Greens		
Gado	Mialaquo Coves	ga-do	Cherokee, meaning "ground"
Gadusi	Mialaquo Coves	ga-du-si	Cherokee, meaning "hill"
Ganega	Kahite	gah-nay-gah	skin or pelt
Geya	Toqua Point	ge-ya	Cherokee, meaning "downstream"
Gigi	Chota Woods	ki-ki	Cherokee, meaning "sparrow hawk"
Gogeyi	Kahite	go-gay-yee	summer
Gohi	Kahite	go-hee	today
Golanvyi	Kahite	go-lan-uh-yee	raven cove
Goweli	Kahite	go-way-lee	paper or book
Gusti	Tommotley Shores		
Hanani	Kahite	hah-nah-nee	place, over there
Hiawassee	Chota Shores		
Higoliya	Kahite	hee-go-lee-yah	read
Hiwonihi	Kahite	hee-wo-nee-hee	talk
Huron	Tommotley Greens		
Igoti	Mialaquo Point	i-go-di	Cherokee, meaning "prairie"
Inagehi	Mialaquo Coves	in-na-ge-hi	Cherokee, meaning "wilderness"
Inata	Toqua Shores	i-na-ta	Cherokee, meaning "snake"
Inola	Tanasi Shores		Cherokee surname meaning "black fox:"
Iriquois	Tommotley Shores		
Itawa	Kahite	ee-tah-wah	hightower or traveler
Kahite	Kahite	KA-EE-TEE	Run them off
Kanati	Kahite	kah-nah-tee	first man or great hunter
Kanoonoo	Toqua Point	kha-nu-nu	Cherokee, meaning "bullfrog"
Kawatuska	Toqua Hills	kha-wa-do-ska	Cherokee, meaning "dripping water"
Kawga	Chota Hills	ka-ga'	Cherokee, meaning "crow"
Kawonu	Chota Shores	kha-wo-nu	Cherokee, meaning "duck"
Kenosha	Tanasi Greens	ku-nō'shu	Native American, but not Cherokee; pike
Keota	Tanasi Shores		Choctaw, meaning, "no kindling wood"
Kiowa	Tanasi Shores		Plains tribe, now in SW Oklahoma
Kiyuga	Chatuga Point	khi-yi-ga	Cherokee, meaning "chipmunk"
Kolana	Chota Hills	ko-la-nu	Cherokee, meaning "raven"
Konawa	Tanasi Shores		Seminole, meaning "string of beads"
Kuni	Kahite	koo-nee	turkey or plain

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Mialaquo	Mialaquo Coves	mee-a-la-kwa	Cherokee, meaning “big island”
Miami	Tommotley Coves		
Mingo	Tanasi Shores		Daniel Boone's sidekick in TV series, played by Ed Ames; also an 18th century term referring to mixed-Iroquois
Mohawk	Tommotley Shores		
Naduli	Kahite	nah-doo-lee	unaduli-they want nodali-valley or holler
Nicoma	Tanasi Shores		Choctaw
Niwodihi	Kahite	nee-wo-dee-hee	paint the town
Nowata	Tanasi Hills		Delaware, meaning “welcome”
Noya	Mialaquo Point	no-ya	Cherokee, meaning “sand”
Nuhya	Mialaquo Point	nu-ya	Cherokee, meaning “rock”
Nunnehi	Kahite	noo-nay-hee	little people
Nunyu	Kahite	noon-yah	potato
Odali	Mialaquo Point	o-dal-i	Cherokee, meaning “overhill”
Ogana	Chatuga Point	o-ga-na	Cherokee, meaning “groundhog”
Oglehili	Toqua Greens		
Okema	Coyatee Coves		
Okmulgee	Tanasi Point		
Oktana	Tanasi Lagoon		
Oligi	Toqua Hills	ol-li-gi	Cherokee, meaning “red horse (a fish)”
Oneida	Tommotley Coves		
Oogookoo	Chota	u-gu-kou	Cherokee, meaning “hoot owl”
Oohleeno	Toqua Point	uh-li-no	Cherokee, meaning “soft-shelled turtle”
Ookedailya	Mialaquo Point	u-khe-ta-li-ya	Cherokee, meaning “valley”
Ooligila	Mialaquo Point	u-lo-gi-la	Cherokee, meaning “cloud”
Oonoga	Toqua Coves	u-no-ga	Cherokee, meaning “big mouth bass”
Oonolehi	Mialaquo Point	u-no-le-hi	Cherokee, meaning “wind”
Oostagala	Mialaquo Point	u-sta-ga-la	Cherokee, meaning “cavern”
Oostanali	Toqua Hills	u-st a-na-li	Cherokee, meaning “shoals”
Ootsima	Chota Hills	oot-si-ma	Cherokee, meaning “catbird”
Osage	Coyatee Coves		
Ottawa	Tanasi Hills	/' dtəwə/	Capital of Canada, the name is from an Algonquian tribe
Owasso	Tanasi Greens		
Paoli	Toqua Greens		
Piute	Tanasi Coves		
Pocola	Tanasi Hills		Choctaw, meaning "ten miles to town"
Poteau	Chota View		
Quapaw	Tanasi Point		
Saligugi	Toqua Point	sa-li-gu-gi	Cherokee, meaning “mud turtle”
Saloli	Chatuga Coves	sa-lo-li	Cherokee, meaning “squirrel”
Santee	Tommotley Coves		
Sasa	Chota Woods	sah-sa	Cherokee, meaning “goose”
Seminole	Coyatee Coves		
Seneca	Tommotley Shores		
Sequoyah	Tanasi Shores	si-kwa-yi	Cherokee, meaning “pig's foot”

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Shawnee	Coyatee Coves		
Sikwa	Kahite	see-qua	pig
Sioux	Coyatee Coves		
Skiatook	Coyatee Hills		
Spavinaw	Tommotley Coves		
Sunali	Tanasi Shores		
Tahlequah	Tanasi Greens	TAL-ə-kwah	Cherokee, meaning "just two," or "two is enough"; also a city in Oklahoma, the capital of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation; see <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tahlequah,_Oklahoma">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tahlequah,_Oklahoma</a>
Talah	Toqua Greens	ta-la	Cherokee, meaning "rain frog"
Tanasi	Tanasi Coves		A town name, capital of the Cherokee Nation from 1721-1730; probably of Muskogean origin; "Tanasi" is also the word from which the name "Tennessee" was derived; see <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tanasi">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tanasi</a>
	Tanasi Lagoon		
	Tanasi Point		
Tecumseh	Tanasi Coves		
Tigitsi	Toqua Point	ti-gi-chi	Cherokee, meaning "tadpole"
Today	Tanasi Shores		
Tommotley	Tommotley Coves		
Tooweka	Toqua Shores	tu-we-kha	Cherokee, meaning "salamander"
Toqua	Toqua Point	to-kwa	Cherokee, meaning "fish"
	Toqua Greens		
Tsuhdatsi	Chatuga Point	tsu-da-tsi	Cherokee, meaning "mountain lion"
Tuhdegwa	Toqua Shores	tuh-deg-wa	Cherokee, meaning "eel"
Tuscarora	Tommotley Shores		
Uhdali	Toqua Greens	u-ta-li	Cherokee, meaning "pond"
Unole	Kahite	oo-no-lay	wind or storm
Utsesti	Kahite	u-tse-sti	Cherokee, meaning "opossum"
Vinita	Tanasi Greens		
Wadulisi	Kahite		
Wahuhu	Chota Woods	wa-hu-hu	Cherokee, meaning "screech owl"
Walela	Chota Hills	wa-le-la	Cherokee, meaning "hummingbird"
Walelu	Kahite		
Walosi	Toqua Point	wa-lo-si	Cherokee, meaning "toad"
Wapiti	Tanasi Hills		not Cherokee; a large light brown or grayish-brown North American deer
Washita	Tommotley Shores	wosh'i-tô"	A former North American Indian tribe
Wataga	Chota Hills	wa-ta-ga	Cherokee, meaning "gold finch"
Waynoka	Tanasi Coves		
Wesa	Kahite		
Wewoka	Tanasi Greens		Seminole, barking waters; a town in Oklahoma, formerly the capital of the Seminole Nation
Yona	Chatuga Coves	yo-na	Cherokee, meaning "black bear"