

INDEX TO LAND GRANTS IN TENNESSEE

LAND IN TENNESSEE WAS GRANTED BY NORTH CAROLINA UNTIL 1800. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH NORTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE SET UP LAND OFFICES IN 1806, ONE FOR EAST TENNESSEE, AND ONE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE STATE. ABOUT 1824, THREE ADDITIONAL LAND OFFICES WERE ESTABLISHED: MOUNTAIN DISTRICT (WHICH COVERED THE CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN AREA), MIDDLE TENNESSEE, AND WEST TENNESSEE. A FEW GRANTS WERE MADE THROUGH THE ORIGINAL TENNESSEE GENERAL GRANTS SYSTEM SET UP IN 1806. THE HIWASSEE DISTRICT, AN AREA FORMERLY HELD BY THE CHEROKEE INDIANS AND COVERING McMINN AND MONROE COUNTIES AND PARTS OF HAMILTON AND RHEA COUNTIES, WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1819. THE LAST INDIAN AREA, THE OCOEE DISTRICT, COMPRISES POLK AND BRADLEY COUNTIES, AND WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1837. THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL SERIES, THE WATAUGA PURCHASE, AND THIS MAINLY COVERS WASHINGTON COUNTY IN THE 1770s.

THE ORIGINAL LAND INDEX WAS ARRANGED BY AREA OR OFFICE. IT HAS NOW BEEN PUT TOGETHER AS A SINGLE INDEX, WITH ALL CARDS OF ONE NAME APPEARING IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, WITHOUT REGARD FOR COUNTY. THE LAND OFFICE WHICH ISSUED THE GRANT IS INDICATED ON EACH CARD. IN REQUESTING MICROFILM OR COPIES OF GRANTS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE RESEARCHER IDENTIFY THE DISTRICT OR LAND OFFICE SINCE THERE ARE DUPLICATIONS OF BOOK NUMBERS AND LETTERS IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS.