Section 2:

Watauga
Watauga Purchase

This Indenture made the nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-four

Between James Watauga, chief warier and part representative of the Cherokee Nation or tribe of Indians, living on the South fork of the Holston river, and

Charles Robertson of the Settlement of Watauga, aforesaid,

Witneseth That the said Watauga for himself and the rest of the said Nation of Indians for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to them to be paid by the said Charles Robertson the receipt whereof the said Watauga and the whole nation do and for themselves and their whole body of people have granted bargained and sold alienated conveyed and confirmed and by this present great bargain and sale alienated conveyed and confirmed to the said Charles Robertson his heirs and assigns forever all that tract of land or parcel of land on the South fork of Watauga, being and described by beginning at the mouth of the Holston river and continuing eastward in a direct line to the South fork of Watauga, thence along the main course of said ridge northerly a south east corner to the Blue River dividing North Carolina from the Cherokee lands, then along the archean course of said ridge to the Virginia line. Then thence west along the Virginia line to North Carolina.
Cherokees for the Wetauga Purchase

Therein is the name and also that the Cherokee and the appren
cised Muscoy nay have good right full power and lawfull electr
ity in their right to grant bany and sell the said Mason for
according to the law intant and meaning of the same and also
the said Mason let when his time and age permitted in

from time to time and at all time after the said
quietly have held and enjoyed all and the same the said
premises above mentioned to be truly granted with the
satisfaction and that the said Mason have never morticated or
transferred and devoted them the said Cherokee and the
said Muscoy and the said nation their heirs in every and all and
for ever and every person and parcel whatsoever claiming or
being from or by under them or any of them, and that the said
indemnity shall absolutely release the other or others bound to them
and in behalf of the whole nation and their heirs and
sale and every other person and persons and the said Cherokee and
any thing having or belonging to the said Indians to and in
premises was mentioned or any part thereof that the said

there in shall be sold at all time hereafter.

and every part and at all time and never grants nor
and always in the law and equity for the enjoyment and
and the said Cherokee and every person and

Deed of land from the Indians

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the above instrument and agree to the terms for the sale and purchase of the land described herein. This agreement is witnessed by the following signatures:

[Signatures listed]

Ishua Haughton

[Signature]

W. Haughton

[Signature]

The above deed of land is on the seventh day of May, three hundred and sixty-five.

The boundaries of the land are as follows:

A line running from the point of beginning.

North twenty degrees east one hundred and twenty-five feet.

South eighty-two degrees west one hundred and twenty-five feet.

End of deed.
Land records of the Watauga Purchase

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William Bean, on the eighteenth day of November, 1762, seventeen hundred and twenty-five acres, obtained a patent from the State for a tract of land, lying on Brown's Creek, containing seven hundred and twenty acres more or less, which tract was entered by Mr. Bean. The said Bean, on the sixteenth day of November, seventeen hundred and twenty-five, obtained a warrant for surveying the same, a plat of which was returned to this office by the hands of Mr. Billy Smith, Surveyor.

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The Watauga Purchase

Reading 1: Who, What, When…

- Underline the date of the document.
- Underline who the document references.
  Who are these people (what groups do they represent)?

1. “This Indenture, made the 19th day of March, 1775, O-con-os-to-ta, Chief Warrior and
2. First Representative of the Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians, and Attaculleully and
3. Savanucah, otherwise Coronah, for themselves and the rest of the whole Nation, being
4. the Aborigines and sole owners by occupancy from the beginning of time of the lands of
5. the waters of Holston and Wataugah Rivers, and other lands thereunto belonging, of the
6. one part, and Charles Robertson of the settlement of Wataugah, of the other part,
7. Witnesseth, &c.” The consideration was “the sum of two thousand pounds, lawful money
8. of Great Britain, in hand paid.”

Reading 2: Where…

- Underline the rivers mentioned below
- Underline the river names on the map found on the back.

9. The deed embraced “all that tract, territory, or parcel of land, on the waters of the
10. Wataugah, Holston and Great Canaway or New River; beginning on the south or south-
11. west side of Holston River, Six English miles above Long Island, in said river; thence a
12. direct line near a south course to the ridge which divides the waters of Wataugah from the
13. waters of Nonachcukeh; thence along the various courses of said ridge nearly a southeast
14. course to the Blue Ridge or line dividing North Carolina along the Virginia line to Holston
15. River; thence down the meanders of the Holston River to the first station, including all the
16. waters of Wataugah, part of the Waters of Holston and the head-branches of New River or
17. Great Canaway, agreeable to the bounds aforesaid, to said Charles Robertson, his heirs,
18. and assigns.”

“And also the said Charles Robertson, his heirs and assigns, shall and may, peaceably and quietly,
have, hold, possess and enjoy said premises, without let, trouble, hindrance or molestation,
interruption and denial, of them, the said Oconostota and the rest, or any of the said Nation.”

“Signed in the Presence of
John Sevier Oconostota, his X mark. (Seal)
Wm. Bailey Smith Attaculleully, his X mark. (Seal)
Jesse Benton Tennesy Warrior, his X mark (Seal)
Tillman Dixon Willinawaugh, his X mark. (Seal)
William Blevins
Thomas Price
Jas. Vann, Linguister.”