

# Trail of Tears

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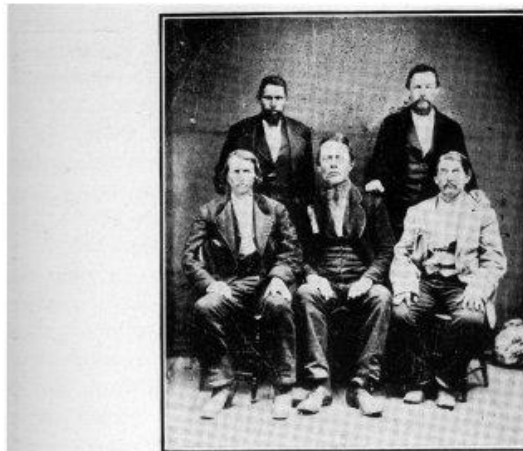
**Sarah (Brashears) Turnbull:** Referred to as: **Sarah, (English George's wife) - 23.50**

**John P. Turnbull:** Infant son of Sarah and George during the Trail of Tears is referred to as

either **English John - 70** or **Young Turkey - 23.50** \*\*  
or possibly **Little George - 24**

**George Turnbull\*\*\*:** Referred to as either **George English - 377.50** or **George - 238**. If just **George - 238**, it would be because he was so well known among the Indians and Whites, a last name was not necessary. If **George English - 377.50**, it would be because George was an educated Indian and could speak English. He was a signor of the Treaty of 1830 between the Chickasaw and Choctaw and was the only Indian that could sign his name. His brother, William Turnbull, also a signor of the treaty of 1820 between the Chickasaw and Choctaw was also the only Indian signor that could sign his own name.

\*\*The numbers appear to represent family bond among the tribe from the appearance of the numbers beginning with one and very few skipped (perhaps the dead along the journey were not counted on this list), and duplicate numbers appearing often in inconsistent numbers. The fraction in some numbers would indicate less than a brave, man or warrior. Young Turkey may have possibly been John P.'s Indian name, or even nickname that stuck more than his real name. Further research should unveil whether or not Young Turkey, which is my guess since only Sarah and Young Turkey shared these numbers in the complete list, is John P.



• THREE JUDGES OF CHOCTAW COURT CLERK AND ATTORNEY

## • **Dates and Terms served by John P. Turnbull**

**Posted 06 Sep 2010 by D4Davis**

National Secretary for the Choctaw Tribe - two terms beginning in 1868

Ordained Presbyterian Minister in 1877

Head master of Goodland Presbyterian Indian Boarding School - donated Great Assembly Bell still used today.

Supreme Court Judge - two terms

Elected Member of Choctaw Legislature in 1883

Superintendent of Choctaw Education beginning in 1884

Married Twice - Judith Turnbull (1852) - his cousin and Harriett Willard (1871) (from the well known Willard family).